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It's Easy Being Green

June, 2009

Director's Message

CONGRATULATIONS to our Man and Woman of the Year...Jerry Thirloway and Evalyn Rogers. Both stepped up to take on a variety of responsibilities when it was most needed and that is the measure of a true volunteer. Thank you!

Can you believe it's June already? Although this club year is coming to a close it will soon be time to start thinking about next year...and to paraphrase that credit card commercial, "What's happening in your district?"

There are two "happenings" that should be on your club calendar by now:

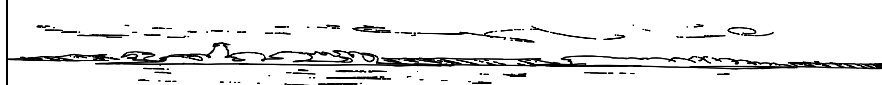
--**Wednesday, September 16, 10am-2pm, at the Ecke Building, Quail Gardens: District Leadership Workshop.** The idea came from suggestions and requests for assistance/training in how to be a more effective club officer. The discussion will include everything from general leadership skills and basic parliamentary procedures (agendas, minutes, bylaws) to what it means to be affiliated with the District, CGCI and NGC. There will be plenty of time for Q&A. The workshop is open to any club member but we would especially encourage presidents (whether new or experienced), secretaries and treasurers to attend. Think about inviting that newer member who may be considering taking an office.

--**January 8-10, 2010: CGCI Winter Board Meeting, The Dana on Mission Bay.** Palomar District is the host for this meeting and we will need help from all of the clubs...everything from raffle prizes to volunteers to staff the registration tables. Stay tuned for details.

And now I'm off to do some garden recycling...transplanting those that are willing and shovel pruning those that aren't.

Garden Thought for the Day: *A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.*

Jane





Palomar District June Organizational Meeting, June 22, 2009

Where: Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Library, Room 104

Time: 9:30 AM

Program: District Organizational assembly to discuss up-coming meeting dates, places and speakers; plus, each club's date of participation. All members are encouraged to attend, chiefly past and new presidents, treasurers, editors and district delegates. This will be a very informative meeting, so please do come and participate. There will also be a report from our new Director about the CGCI convention and Awards presentation. Everyone works hard to attain these awards and it is fun to duly honor these recipients in our District.

Please welcome our in-coming Executive Board for Palomar District. Their pictures are below along with the Installing Officer, our soon-to-be CGCI President, Maryanne Lucas. District Director, Jane McKee and her excellent staff will be here to assist all club members for the next two years.



One of the first events planned for this administration is the **NEW** District Leadership Workshop slated to be held on September 16th 2009, from 10AM to 2PM at the Paul Ecke Building at Quail Botanical Gardens. Many have made known their interest in such a session to assist in the transition from one presidency to another. Others who would benefit from this workshop would also be your treasurer and secretaries. It is open to all club members who wish to attend. More knowledge is always helpful.

Another **BIG EVENT** is the District's hosting of the **CGCI Winter Board Meeting** here in San Diego on January 7-10, 2010. We all voted on doing this over a year and a half ago and the time is fast approaching. The main chairmen are in place, the perfect venue has been selected and now it will be time for all members in the District clubs to step up and offer their assistance. We have many opportunities for everyone to become involved in. Meeting other gardeners from all over the state is truly a FUN happening. We will need members to assist at the Registration table during various hours over that period of time; the same with help to man the Sales and Raffle tables. Volunteers are needed to just join us for a meal and be a hostess at one of the tables. There will be lots more mentioned about this in the coming months, but only two meetings to prepare for it. We will be having wonderful speakers at the evening meals, a tour, and possibly a workshop or two to whet your appetites. The actual meeting will be held at The Dana on Mission Bay. A prettier place is hard to imagine --- even in January. We are blessed with where we live and many will be eager to come and visit us for that reason. So, put on your volunteer hat and join us. Any questions about this may be directed to me, Joan Blankenship, Chair at 858-488-5618 or jblankenship@san.rr.com.



CCGCI is having its gala Convention in June, 4-9, 2009. Our wonderful out-going President, Robin Pokorski will now become the Recording Secretary for the National Garden Clubs and Maryanne Lucas will begin her first year as CGCI President. These ladies have spent enormous energy and time committed to CGCI causes and has earned our ultimate trust and respect for their years of service. Each administration brings its own sense of vitality and we look forward to our two years with Maryanne at the helm.



Our President, Robin Pokorski hands the CDF and USFS Rangers a check for \$5800 to begin the Restoration and Reforestation of a needy section of land in our Cleveland NF. The parcel is located near Buckman Springs and is at the confluence of the Cottonwood and La Posta creeks. The area is clogged with



Tamarisk, a non-native plant that eventually takes over the site and uses water like a sponge, usually killing the native plants around it. This project will take time

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to fully benefit from our (and other donations), but work will begin this fall when it is the optimum time to do so. A site archaeologist will also be advising so as not to disturb ancient indigenous sites. We will keep you posted in upcoming issues about its welfare. If you wish to donate to this wonderful adjunct to Penny Pines, please send your donation to the Restoration and Reforestation Project; c/o Art Loesch, 54 Cariage Dr., Foothill Ranch, 92610-2418 or 949-830-7130 for more information.



The Pacific Region begins its new regime this year with their convention held in Las Vegas at the end of March. The Pacific Region consists of 8 western states: Washington, Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Hawaii and Alaska.



The National Convention was held in Houston this May. The NGC awards we in CGCI won will be announced on our CGCI Awards Night at the Convention. Our soon-to-be ex-CGCI President, Robin Pokorski was installed as the next NGC Recording Secretary. She is a vital, energetic gal and we all wish her the very, very best.



June, 2009

- 4-9 **CGCI 78th Convention** - Host: Bay Ocean & Santa Clara Valley Districts; Chairman: Shane Looper. Special Guest – Pacific Region Director Jeanette Pruin.
Special Workshop on Floral Design by Tony Todesco. For more: Shane Looper at 650-871-0172 or slooper@sbcglobal.net
- 6 San Diego Rose Society's Annual Rose Show, Barona Casino Convention Center.
- 13 San Dieguito Garden Club's *Tea in the Garden*. \$25 at the door. Limited seating. For more: Geri Thirloway, 858-755-3284.
- 16 San Diego Floral Association presents *Tour of Historic Gardens*. 10-4. \$15 in advance or \$20 day of event. Purchase tickets at Walter Andersen Nursery, Poway or San Diego, Kniffings Nursery El Cajon, Weidners Gardens in Encinitas, Cedros Gardens, Solana Beach, Mission Hills Nursery, Mission Hills. SD Floral Assoc., Room 105 El Prado, San Diego 92101 Ph. 619-232-5762. www.sdfloreal.org
- 20 Master Gardener's Annual Plant Sale. 10A -2P. Casa del Prado, room 101.
- 22 Palomar District Organizational meeting, Room 104 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park.

July, 2009

- 24-26 Flower Show Symposium, Doubletree Hotel, Bakersfield.
- 31- Gardening Studies School, Series 20, Course IV
- Aug 1 Soka University of America, Alisa Viejo. Sponsor: Orange County District

August , 2009

- 20 Flower Show School, Course III, Encinitas with Julia Clevett and Dottie Howatt as our instructors. Sponsor: Palomar District Co-chairmen Laura Crenshaw, rock1221@sbcglobal.net is the registrar.

*. . . The dew falls on the wind-milled
Dust of the apple tree and . . . the winged
Apple seed glides, and falls, and flowers.*

Dylan Thomas

September, 2009

- 10-13 **CGCI Fall Board Meeting**, Hilton, Concord. Host: Diablo Foothills District, Co-Chairman: Ruth Angevine and Jane Berger
- 16 District leadership training session at the Ecke Bldg, Quail Gardens. 10-2.
- 18-20 Fall Home/Garden Show, Del Mar
- 29- **NGC Fall Board Meeting**, St Louis, MO.
- Oct 3

October, 2009

- 3-4 Sustainable Gardening symposium organized by the Pacific Horticultural Foundation. It'll be held on Oct. 3-4 in Santa Barbara, and be a fabulous weekend.
- 26 Fall District meeting.

January 2010

- 7-9 **CGCI Winter Board Meeting**, The Dana, San Diego. Joan Blankenship, Chairman jblankenship@san.rr.com
- 25 Winter District meeting.

February, 2010

- 18-20 Flower Show School IV with Gina Jogan and Tina Tuttle at Quail Gardens, Encinitas. Laura Crenshaw, rock1221@sbcglobal.net is the registrar.
- 26-28 Spring Home/Garden Show, Del Mar

April, 2010

- 22-24 Pacific Region Convention, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs hosts the convention in Spokane, Washington at the **Red** Lion Hotel right on the **river**!
- 26 Spring District meeting.

May, 2010

- 14-16 **NGC** Convention, Atlanta, Georgia.

June, 2010

- 4-7 **CGCI** convention
- TBA District org meeting