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*Director's Theme:*

## It's Easy Being Green

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Website:

[http://californiagardenclubs.com/  
palomardistrict](http://californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict)

Please note simplified URL

## Winter 2010-2011

### *From the Director's Desk....*



*"It's beginning to look a lot like...."*

The holidays are upon us along with the normal rush to get it all done...but it's also time to reflect on the wonderful things that this year has brought – family times, the joy of new friends, the comfort of old ones, successful projects and programs, a little unexpected rain in the fall and more...

In this abbreviated issue you will find announcement of the slate of officers for 2011-13 and the Leadership Workshop as well as reminders of the upcoming Winter Board and Annual meeting and deadlines for Awards and Blue Ribbon score sheets.

Amidst all the normal chaos...take time to **STOP** and smell the cookies baking, the cinnamon candles burning and the fresh aroma of the trees and wreaths. Enjoy your holidays and my personal best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year...

*Jane*

## **Floral Design Forum**

*Carlsbad Woman's Club, 3320 Monroe St, Carlsbad*

### **Monday, December 6**

**"Flower Power"**

**3 NGC Designers**

creating with "surprise" containers/plant materials

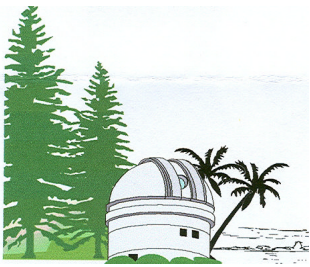
### **Monday, January 3**

**"Glass with Class"**

**GEORGE SPEER**

\$12 – CGCI Affiliated club member...\$15 non-member

Contact *Marcia Townsend*, 760-749-4976 ([marciadeane@vcweb.org](mailto:marciadeane@vcweb.org))  
to register or for further details.



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## PALOMAR DISTRICT

**Winter Board & Annual Meeting**  
Monday, January 31, 2011

**Where:** Wilson Creek Winery  
35960 Rancho California Rd  
Temecula, CA

**Time:** 10:00 AM (Board)  
11:00 AM (Annual General Meeting)

**Agenda:** General business, club reports,  
**Election & Installation of Officers**

**Lunch:** \$30.00 (Options: Vinyard salad w/grilled  
chicken OR Portobello sandwich on herb  
focaccia bread)

**Program:** Bert Kersey – “Birds of San Diego”  
**Theme:** *“Hearts & Flowers”*  
**Guest:** Maryanne Lucas, President CGCI  
**Clubs:** Please bring a Valentine-themed  
table decoration to be raffled

### **Who should attend:**

District officers, committee chairmen, club  
presidents and delegates.

**All club members** are welcome.

Valentine’s Day is coming...  
wear that **red** hat or dress

**Reservation deadline: January 21**

## CLUB CORNER...

### **Bernardo Gardeners GC:**

Has a new garden therapy project at the Gateway  
Gardens retirement home; will soon be providing a  
“makeover” for the Rancho Bernardo Library indoor  
garden.

### **Carlsbad GC:**

Continues their volunteer work at the Agua Hedionda  
Lagoon...weeding as needed before special events.

### **Dos Valles GC:**

*How’s this for an incentive to increase club  
membership? “...the club member who introduces  
the most new members to the club earns a free  
membership for the coming year. ”*

### **La Jolla GC:**

Has a new club e-mail address:

[lajollagardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:lajollagardenclub@gmail.com)

### **Mira Costa Horticulture Club:**

There nursery tour fundraiser netted over \$600!

### **Mission Hills GC:**

Holds “Coffee/Wine in the Garden” informal  
gatherings for members

### **Poway Valley GC:**

Welcomed Ramona GC members for their annual  
joint meeting...*(another great way to share)*. The  
club nametags include the member’s office,  
chairmanship and/or volunteer role within the club.

### **Village GC of La Jolla:**

Has a video library of DVD’s of past programs  
available for loan to members...*if you couldn’t  
attend you can still enjoy the speaker*; begins their  
6<sup>th</sup> year volunteering at the native plant restoration  
project at the Torrey Pines Reserve.

### **Vista GC:**

Will continue the club tradition of making small  
holiday dish gardens to give to a local senior care  
facility to brighten the holidays of those shut-in.

## Are you a BLUE RIBBON CLUB?

Your Blue Ribbon score sheet is due  
January 1, 2011 to the District Director.  
Don’t miss out...and then proudly display  
your “blue ribbon” in your yearbook, your  
newsletter and/or your website.



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## PALOMAR DISTRICT

### District Projects:

**Floral Design Forum:** Bringing the best in floral art and artistry to San Diego County. Contact Marcia Townsend ([marciadeane@vweb.org](mailto:marciadeane@vweb.org)) for details.

**Petals for Patriots:** Distributing flower arrangements monthly to Balboa Naval Hospital and the Camp Pendleton Wounded Warriors Center. Want to join in or know more? Contact Meridith French ([frenchfoto@cox.net](mailto:frenchfoto@cox.net)) south county, or Ellen McGrath-Thorpe ([emcthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:emcthorpe@gmail.com)) north county

**Speaker/Tour listing:** Need a program or tour idea? The listing has been distributed to all clubs and is also available on request. To obtain a copy or submit an entry contact Ellen McGrath-Thorpe ([emcthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:emcthorpe@gmail.com))

**Blue Star Memorials:** Is there a suitable location in your area for a Blue Star Memorial or Marker? A public park or garden or cemetery with military section? Go to the CGCI website, [www.californiagardenclubs.com](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com) under "Programs/Projects" to find the procedure for participating.

### Did you know?

The number of **Blue Star Memorials & Markers** nationwide is now 2123!!

Be proud...

### REMINDER

The Palomar Pruner is now electronic distribution ONLY. It is available at no charge to any member of a Palomar District Club or Affiliate.

Pass the word ... to be added to the mailing list send your e-mail address to [palomardirector@aol.com](mailto:palomardirector@aol.com).

**Check the Palomar District website**  
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict>  
for details and updates

### Slate of officers 2010-2013:

Director:	<b>GEORGE SPEER</b> Dos Valles GC
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst Director:	<b>LYNNE BATCHELOR</b> Bonita Valley GC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst Director:	<b>GERI MAE THIRLOWAY</b> San Dieguito GC
Recording Sec:	<b>BARBARA WEILER</b> Vista GC
Treasurer:	<b>JOAN PATTEN</b> Dos Valles GC

Election AND installation will take place at the January 31 meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor with prior consent of the nominee.

### THANK YOU!

To the awesome members of the 2010 Nominating Committee...  
And all who volunteered to serve  
Ellen McGrath-Thorpe, Carlsbad GC  
Georgie Sutor, Ramona GC,  
Emily Troxell, Poway Valley GC,  
Starr Rausch, Temecula Valley GC,  
Lynn Paine, Vista GC,  
Alternate: Suzanne Michel, Point Loma GC

Mark your calendars!

**Thursday, March 3, 2011**  
**"LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP"**

with

**Robin Pokorski**

NGC Recording Secretary 2011-13, CGCI President 2009-11

Ecke Bldg at the San Diego Botanic Garden

Encinitas 10am – 2pm

BYOL (Bring your own lunch)

*How to be an effective leader, parliamentary procedure and more...*



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## CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC



### CGCI Winter Board

**February 3-6, 2011**

Ayres Hotel & Suites

225 Bristol St, Costa Mesa, CA

(Complimentary breakfast buffet, parking, internet access...)

**Tour:** Casa Romantica Cultural Center & Gardens

**Speakers/workshops:** Landscape design, behind the scenes of Monrovia nursery, table settings and more...

Come see what CGCI is all about...



### **AWARDS ...It's that time again!**

#### **December 1** - deadline for the following:

- Club yearbooks
- Club newsletters,
- Publications other than yearbook or newsletter, (cookbooks, membership brochures, educational pamphlets etc)
- Youth Poetry Contest,
- High School Essay Contest,
- Books of evidence for:
  - National Garden Week,
  - Video,
  - Website,
  - Wildflower Award,
  - CGCI Community Impact Award
  - NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards

**January 10, 2011** – All other entries

Questions? Check the Awards page on the website

CGCI Website: [www.californiagardenclubs.com](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com)

Publication: *Golden Gardens*

## PACIFIC REGION

Washington, Alaska, California,  
Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, Hawaii



### **Ever wondered what clubs, districts and states in our region do? Here's a sample...**

**Arizona:** is again sponsoring a "Dilly of a Daffodil Photo Contest." Featured are the many uses of the daffodil in arrangements, containers, private and public places, as well as with children and pets.

**Hawaii:** completed a native plant garden in the atrium of the public library in Mililani with the help of a Boy Scout troop earning an Eagle Scout badge. It was dedicated and blessed by a Hawaiian priest in November.

**Idaho:** 15 Girl Scouts from three cities earned their Native Plant Badge.

**Nevada:** held a state flower show, "At the Movies" in October. Show. Chairman Barbara Appel sold popcorn to go along with the theme and made a little money to help with future flower shows.

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Calendar Note:

April 14-16, 2011 – 69<sup>th</sup> Pacific Region Convention  
Scottsdale, AZ

**Debbie Hinchey, Alaska**  
will be installed Pacific Region Director

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*Do you subscribe to WACONIAH,  
the Pacific Region newsletter?*  
See [www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org) for details.

From "Catmas Carols" by Laurie Loughlin... (to the tune of "Deck the Halls")

Wreck the halls with two cats running...  
 Fa-la-la-la-la. . . la-la-la-la  
 Fur goes flying, lamps get done in  
 Fa-la-la-la-la. . . la-la-la-la  
 Tumbling swiftly down the stairway  
 Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la  
 Woe to those who get in their way  
 Fa-la-la-la-la. . . la-la-la-la

**Have a very "Meow-y Christmas"**



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## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.



### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT...

#### NGC Youth Sculpture Contest

Purpose: To encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving our planet

##### Contest Rules:

- Children 4th grade through 8th grade
- Width of the sculpture can be no more than 8 1/2" x 11"; Height should be proportional to width
- Download entry form from NGC website
- Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form but 2-4x6 photographs are recommended
- Deadlines: to the State Chairman by January 1, 2011, state winners to the Region Chairman by March 1, 2011 and Region winners to the National Chairman by May 1, 2011



#### NGC Native Plants Patch for Girl Scouts

Nurture the Earth - Plant Natives

To earn the Patch:

**Discover native plants.** learn what plants are native to their area and how to preserve and protect those native plants as well as what invasive species are in their area; learn about resources and partnerships offered by their local NGC affiliated clubs.

**Connect** by working with their local National Garden Club members who will serve as project sponsor. In addition, girls are encouraged to make contact with native plant societies, horticultural professionals, and county extension services to help in completing project requirements.

**Take action** by doing the following:

- o Interviewing someone about native plants in their area.
- o Establishing a native beauty spot in a public garden, school, church, park, town or community.
- o Spreading the word about native plants by sharing information learned with other troops and community groups, newspaper articles, radio and TV spots, or posters, fliers, and booklets.

For details on all NGC projects go to [www.gardenclubs.org](http://www.gardenclubs.org)

## CALENDAR 2010-2011

### 2010

#### December

- 3-4 December Nights – Balboa Park  
San Diego Floral Association
- 6 **Palomar District Floral Design Forum "Flower Power"** - Three NGC designers using "surprise" containers and plant material plus their signature designs

### 2011

#### January

- 3 **Palomar District Floral Design Forum George Speer, award winning designer and Flower Show Judge. "Glass with Class"**
- 27-28 **Landscape Design Study Program, Series 24, Course 2.** Sponsor: Costa Verde District
- 31 **Palomar District Winter Meeting**  
Wilson Creek Winery, Temecula, CA  
Election/Installation of Officers for 2011-13  
Program: "Birds of San Diego", Bert Kersey  
**Guest: Maryanne Lucas, President, CGCI**  
Theme: "**Hearts & Flowers**"

#### February

- 3-6 **CGCI Winter Board Meeting**  
Ayres Hotel, Newport Beach, CA  
Host: Orange County District
- 7 **Palomar District Floral Design Forum Susan Butler, Instructor of Floral Design, Cuyamaca College**

#### March

- 3 **Palomar District Leadership Workshop Robin Pokorski**  
Ecke Bldg at San Diego Botanic Garden  
10am – 2pm
- 7 **Palomar District Floral Design Forum Palomar District designers create designs from the NGC Flower Show Handbook...just in time for flower show season!**
- 17-18 **Landscape Design Study Program, Series 24, Course 3.** Sponsor: Costa Verde District
- 23-27 **San Francisco Flower & Garden Show**  
San Mateo Event Center, San Mateo, CA
- 26-27 **Bonita Valley GC Flower Show**  
Bonita-Sunnyside Library/Museum  
Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-4