

California Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Awards

Flower Show Awards

If you have not already mailed your Flower Show Awards applications/books of evidence (FS-1A (California Flower Show Achievement Award Standard Show); FS-1B (California Flower Show Achievement Award Small Standard Show); FS-5 (Designer's Choice Award); FS-7 (Flower Show Staging Award); FS-14 (Flower Show Table Setting Award); and CGCI Flower Arranger of the Year Award) which were due January 10, you can now postmark them by **February 1** per the Flower Show Awards Chairman Gudy Kimmel. Any questions, contact Gudy Kimmel and see *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster*, pages 104-106, for more information about these awards.

CGCI IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption

New Deadline for Renewal is February 1

Chuck Goodwin, IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption Chairman, reminds all clubs and districts that want to retain nonprofit status in the CGCI IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption must return the renewal forms by **February 1** to Chuck Goodwin, along with a processing fee of \$15 payable to CGCI. See CGCI website for more information.

CGCI advises that clubs and districts may wish to review the dissolution clause in their bylaws to name a specific nonprofit beneficiary in the event of dissolution. If no specific 501(c)(3) nonprofit(s) is/are named by the club/district to receive proceeds in dissolution, most club bylaws state: "Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the club is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes." For more information, contact Chuck Goodwin.

Floral Diversity in Greece - July 12-22, 2010

Sponsored by CGCI. Tour Directors: George Perko and Dr. Phillip Stanley

Want to go to Greece (Athens and the Islands of Paros and Aegina) with CGCI this summer for ten days of fun and learning? Floral Diversity in Greece will include tours to many historic places (including The Acropolis, The National Gardens, Athenian Agora, Agora Museum, Vorres Museum, Temple of Poseidon, Corinthian Canal, Nemea, Mycenae Site and Museum, Epidaurus Healing Sanctuary and Theatre, Nauplion Museum, Butterfly Valley on Paros, Temple of Aegina, Temple of Aphaia, Monastery Gardens of Nektarios, plus two wine tastings, five private gardens, and much more! A \$250 deposit is required to hold your space -- space is limited to 10 to 15 people. For more information, contact George Perko or Dr. Phil Stanley or click Floral Diversity in Greece.

California Arbor Day is March 7

And National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April

Arbor Day Chairman, Lorraine Ornelas, reminds you that California Arbor Day is March 7 -- Luther Burbank's birthday. Lorraine wants to know about your Arbor Day plans -- What is your garden club/district doing to celebrate Arbor Day this year? Lorraine can supply Arbor Day information and suggest special ceremonies. Contact Lorraine at 310-833-9723 or write to her at 2731 S. Kerckhoff Ave., San Pedro, CA 90731.

Membership News

New Brochure



California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Back To School!
Educational opportunities offered through California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Gardeners never stop learning! From childhood through retirement years, CGCI offers many opportunities to continue the learning process.

The four schools which NGC offers are:

- Gardening Study Schools
- Landscape Design Study Programs
- Environmental Studies Schools
- Flower Show Schools

The schools consists of four ten-hour courses (except for Flower Show School, which hours vary according to the courses). Garden club members and the public are welcome to attend.

Garden club members who successfully complete all four courses of Gardening Study, Landscape Design Study and/or Environmental Studies become accredited consultants; however, members who successfully complete all four courses of Flower Show School have additional requirements to fulfill before becoming accredited flower show judges. For more information, contact the individual CGCI schools chairmen.

President Maryanne Lucas has created yet another brochure for your club/district to use. This membership tool is complimentary as a benefit of membership in CGCI. Download the new order form to obtain this and the other promotional materials from your district director (to be obtained at CGCI's convention in June) or order directly from CGCI Membership Chairman, Rita Desilets, if items are to be shipped to you.

New Pamphlet

Second Vice President Pat Clayes has created a new pamphlet for your club/district to use called Back to School. It describes the four NGC schools which CGCI



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facilitates for NGC throughout California -- Gardening Study Schools, Landscape Design Study Program, Flower Show School and Environmental Studies School. ***Back to School*** can be downloaded from the CGCI website or obtain a copy of it from your district director. Copies were given to the district directors at the CGCI Winter Board Meeting in January. If you have questions about the schools, contact [Greg Pokorski](#) for Gardening Study Schools, [Alexis Slafer](#) for Landscape Design Study Program, [Dolores Moffat](#) for Flower Show Schools, and [Shane Loooper](#) for Environmental Studies School.

Publicity Handout Available

In case you were unable to attend the Winter Board Meeting, you missed the *Powerful Publicity Secrets* and *Secrets to Effective Press Releases* Program by Second Vice President [Pat Clayes](#). If you would like a copy of the handouts, please email Pat, and she will send these to you via email attachment. The press is an excellent way to get your club known in the community, obtain more members, advertise your events, give advice to the community, etc.

Yearbook Update

Update Handout

If you were unable to attend the CGCI Winter Board Meeting and would like the yearbook update handout which was distributed, contact the [Yearbook Team Chairman](#) to obtain a copy or ask your district director for a copy. The name of your club and district must be included in the email message to the Yearbook Team Chairman to receive this update.

Flower Show News

Register Your Flower Shows!

Flower Show Award Chairman, [Gudy Kimmel](#), received several registrations for Small Standard Flower Shows this past year. Gudy is looking forward to more clubs and district registering for Small Standard Flower Shows. Gudy reminds all clubs/districts which will be holding a Small Standard or Standard Flower Show to register the show in well in advance of the show. Any questions about this process, see the *Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2007*, which can be obtained from [NGC Member Services](#) or contact [Gudy Kimmel](#). Finally, Gudy asks that clubs and districts send their registrations to her via U.S. mail, if at all possible. Gudy's mailing address is: 22074 Elm Avenue, Torrance, CA 90505.



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where excitement is growing!"

2009-2010 YEARBOOK, MANUAL & ROSTER



Submit Your Schedules!

Three copies of your flower show schedule should be sent to one of the Flower Show Awards Schedules Co-Chairmen, Kathy Bramhall or Lorna Bonham, three weeks before your show. Remember that there is Award FS-6 - Flower Show Schedule Award which your club or district could win. [In addition, did you know that you can send a draft schedule to Kathy or Lorna for review before your show? They may be able to spot some items which may need to be revised. Or, you can ask an NGC flower show judge to review your draft schedule. The names and addresses of all NGC flower show judges in California are listed in the CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*, which your club president has and can make available to you.]

CGCI History Books

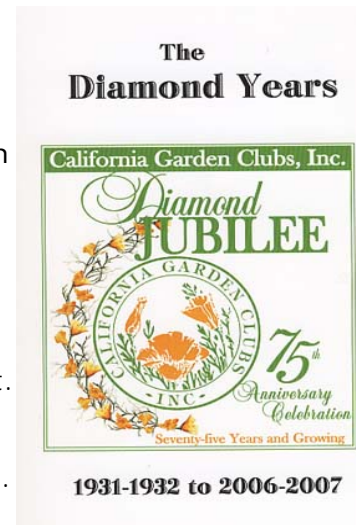
Only A Few Left

Contact CGCI First Vice President Julie West if you want to purchase a copy of the CGCI History Book - *The Diamond Years*. The book is a limited edition and a bargain at only **\$10!** Get your copy now before the supply runs out and the books are no longer available.

President's Project

Kids Growing Strong

Kids Growing Strong is CGCI President Maryanne Lucas's President's Project. Kids Growing Strong promotes strong minds, strong bodies and a healthy lifestyle through garden-based education. Check out the website at <http://kidsgrowingstrong.net> and see what *Kids Growing Strong* is all about.



News from National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Plant It Pink for Susan G. Komen for the Cure®

NGC and Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, the largest breast cancer organization, announce Plant It Pink, a multi-faceted initiative designed to support Susan G. Komen for the Cure's mission to save lives and end breast cancer forever. Every donor to Plant It Pink receives a complimentary packet of pink dianthus seeds donated by W. Atlee Burpee & Co. Each seed packet features a \$5 coupon toward any \$30 Internet purchase. The seed packet is

mailed in a unique Plant It Pink card specially designed and donated by St. Louis artist Linda Solovic.

One-hundred percent of all monies received will be forwarded to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Download [Plant It Pink donation form](#) from the NGC website.

Native Plants Patch for Girl Scouts

The [Native Plants Patch for Girl Scouts program](#) encourages partnerships between Girl Scouts and local NGC clubs to teach Girl Scouts about native plants in their area. Girls will 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. Girls will learn about resources and partnerships offered by their local NGC clubs. Learn more about this program by contacting [Patrice Lineberger](#), Girl Scout Liaison for NGC. Also, download the Native Plants Patch information sheet from the [NGC website](#). To order patches, call the National Garden Clubs Headquarters at 1-800-550-6007. Patches are \$1.75 each, this includes shipping and handling. You can also contact CGCI Girl Scout Liaison, [Pat Tjosaas](#) about CGCI Girl Scout information.

Order 'Wyoming Wildfire' Before the April 20, 2010 Deadline

[This Canna was named by Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., winner of the 2008-2009 NGC Membership Contest and available to garden club members and their friends.] ['Wyoming Wildfire'](#), grown by American Daylily & Perennial Company, is a beautiful disease resistant plant with red to red/orange blooms with dark purple/black foliage and a height of 3 ½ feet. Be the first to grow this gorgeous Canna in your area. It will be a welcome addition to your garden! You may want to purchase these new Cannas to be shipped as gifts. The cost of each 'Wyoming Wildfire' is \$14.00, including shipping and handling. Send your order now and it will be shipped with instructions at the appropriate time for spring planting. After April 20, shipping and handling, if any plants remain, will be extra. See order form on [NGC website](#).

Back to School

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

- **February 18-20, 2010** Flower Show School, Course 4, Encinitas. Sponsor: Palomar District. Chairman: [Laura Crenshaw](#). Click here for the [registration form](#).
- **April 7-9, 2010** Flower Show Symposium, Sacramento. Sponsor: CGCI. Chairman: [Gloria Aminian](#). Click here for the [registration form](#).
- **April 20-21, 2010** Gardening Study School, Series 21, Course II, Loomis. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District. Chairman: [Patsy Jeffery](#). Click here for the [registration form](#).
- **October 12-14, 2010** Flower Show School, Course 1. Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District. Chairman: [Mary Arakelian](#). Brochure will be on the CGCI website in the next few



weeks.

Website Links

[California Garden Clubs, Inc.](#)
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[Visit Our Website](#) or call us toll free at 888-702-2075.

Any questions or comments about the CGCI eNewsletter, please contact the eNewsletter Chairman, [Pat Clayes](#). If you are having trouble printing the eNewsletter, try printing in "landscape mode" and use legal size paper. If that doesn't work, simply "cut" the information which you want to pass along and "paste" it into a Word document. If your eNewsletter is going into your spam folder, add cagardenclubs@aol.com to your address book.

New Circle of Poppies Member

At the final business meeting of the Winter Board Meeting, [Wilma Parker](#) of Ramona, San Diego County, was inducted into the CGCI "Circle of Poppies."

This is a special honor bestowed on those who have given extraordinary length of service to CGCI and confers a permanent position on the Board of Directors. Nominees to the Circle must be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board at any CGCI

meeting. Jane McKee, Palomar District Director, said, "Wilma becomes the seventh member of this esteemed group, and it is a well-deserved recognition."

**CONGRATULATIONS
WILMA!**

***Request from
"Golden Gardens"
Circulation
Chairman***

If you subscribe to *Golden Gardens*, please check the label on your next issue and notify Joan Patten if there are any changes or if any of the information is incorrect. The use of an accurate USPS address will result in more efficient bulk mailing. If you do not subscribe to *Golden Gardens* and would like to do so, click here for the [subscription form](#).

It's only \$6.00 per year and \$5.00 per year for individuals who belong to 100% *Golden Gardens* clubs.

Honor a Private Garden

Gardening Consultants Council Chairman, Myrtle Findley, reminds us to submit applications for the Outstanding Private Garden Award which will be given at CGCI Convention in June. Find the application form on the CGCI website. Myrtle wants you to look around and find a private, outstanding, beautiful garden for the Gardening Consultants Council to honor. Myrtle says, "We are gardening clubs; see if you can find a private garden which the Gardening Consultants Council can honor!"

Upcoming Special Events

Check the calendar on the website for special events which are open to the public. The Ruth Bancroft Garden has three garden author events in February and

March. "Meet the Masters" will take place in La Jolla on March 4 and will feature Nancy K. Clarke, Former White House Chief Floral Designer. The National Daffodil Show will be in Murphys, March 12-14. And the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show will be held in San Mateo, March 24-28. NGC Master Flower Show Judge Shane Looper reports that CGCI will have a floral exhibit at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show and approximately 25 to 30 designers will participate. Contact Gwen Nansen at 408-266-2694 if you would like to have the privilege of helping or participating. Discount tickets to the show are available for CGCI clubs and districts.

***For District
Directors & Club
Presidents -
Program/Speaker***

Registry

Denise Davis &
Rosalie Hooper,
Program & Speaker
Registry Co-Chairmen,
remind you that the
deadline for submitting
the CGCI Program &
Speaker Registry form
from clubs was

November 10. Please
ask your clubs to fill out
this form and return it
to Denise Davis, 1437
Corona Place, Walnut
Creek, CA 94597. Any
questions, contact
Denise Davis.

Instructions and the
form can be found on
the CGCI website.

For Officers and Chairmen -

Procedure Books

March 1, 2010 is the
deadline to get your
"procedure books" to
the CGCI

Corresponding
Secretary/Procedure
Book Chairman,
Carolyn Johnson.

Please email or
mail a procedure for
each job which you
hold to Carolyn. These

will be posted on the CGCI website and kept in a binder for distribution to future chairmen. Contact Carolyn with any questions.

eNewsletter Information

Your district directors were given a flyer at Winter Board for you to give to your club members with instructions on how to subscribe to the free eNewsletter. If you do not receive this, contact the eNewsletter chairman, Pat Clayes, and she will send it to you via email attachment for distribution to your club members.

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