

# California Garden Clubs, Inc.

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## **CGCI Convention News for Chairmen & District Directors**

### **Oral Reporting at Convention**

First Vice President Julie West reminds all chairmen that they should have notified her by May 15 if they wish to present an oral report at convention. If you haven't already done so, please notify Julie ASAP.

### **Written Reports at Convention**

Recording Secretary, Greg Pokorski, reminds you that all Standing and Special Committee Chairman are requested to prepare and file three written reports as outlined in Julie West's April 14, 2010 email regarding convention reports. Reporting provides resource information, creates interest in the focus of the chairmanship and promotes the objectives of the chairmanship. In addition, each chairman's written report filed with the Recording Secretary preserves the history of your chairmanship and activities. District Directors are also invited to submit condensed written reports to the Recording Secretary for distribution with the minutes. These condensed reports (100 words maximum) can be submitted at convention, but submission by email is preferred. Submit to the Recording Secretary, Greg Pokorski from now until June 14, one week after the conclusion of convention.

### **Proper Protocol**

Please remember to write to President Maryanne Lucas and ask to be excused if you are unable to attend the convention.



## **It's Flower Show, Garden Tour & Plant Sale Season!**

### **List of Events from the CGCI website for June 2010**

Here is your opportunity to visit flower shows, garden tours and plant sales this month. Look for these in your area or plan a day trip to see these fantastic events in California.

**June 5** - San Clemente Garden Club's 2010 Garden Tour, 10:00 am – 4 pm. Ticket order forms are available on the club's website. For information, please contact Mary Mohr at 949-498-2818.

**June 5-6** - Culver City Garden Club's 57th Annual Show & Plant Sale. Saturday, Noon – 4:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Culver City Veteran's Museum, 4117 Overland Avenue at Culver Blvd., Culver City.

[Photo on left is of Nancy Colvin's design at the California State Flower & Garden Show in Sacramento, April 2010. Photographer: Jill Coleman.]

## ***How to List Special Events on the Website Calendar***

Want to list an special event which is open to the public on the CGCI Calendar: If so, just answer the questions below and send to the CGCI Webmaster, Lynne Hansen:

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Event Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates & Times: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Website (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Title & Contact Information of Person Submitting Event Listing:  
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## ***Membership Matters***

According to Doris Jackson, NGC New Club Chairman, "organizing a new club in your area can be a good project for clubs and can renew enthusiasm among the club members. Think of creating ways to start a new club by using the NGC website information for educational programs, schools and bylaws." Doris also suggests recruiting unaffiliated garden clubs in your area for NGC membership: 1) Offer ideas for organizing an NGC garden club; 2) Exchange some exciting ideas for programs, plant sales, horticulture or flower arranging; 3) Include ideas that prospective club members want to learn; 4) Borrow some program books from other gardens clubs for ideas." You can also contact newcomer groups or gardeners in subdivisions near your community. You can try recruiting friends of your children or grandchildren and form a junior garden club for these young people.

Doris suggests the following for new clubs: 1. Keep meetings short, as people have a limited amount of time. 2. Meetings should be meaningful and interesting. 3. Meet in the evening to accommodate the working members." Finally, Doris says that "having a neighborhood club in your area can provide opportunity for shared programs, speakers and shared perspectives." For more information on membership, contact CGCI Membership Chairman, Rita Desilets.

## ***Want more members?***

To help people interested in finding a garden club in their area, CGCI offers a locator page on its website to help people find clubs by using zip codes. If you want your club to be included in the zip code finder, please submit the form which can be found on the CGCI website. Click here for the form. Any questions, contact the CGCI Zip Code Services Chairman (Mr. Zippy), George Speer.

## Penny Pines

Pat York, Penny Pines Chairman, reports that "as usual, our clubs throughout the state are busy sending me their year-end donations to the Penny Pines Program to help refurnish our beautiful forests throughout the Golden State." Pat reminds you that awards to clubs donating to the program will be given at the CGCI Youth Luncheon in Westlake Village at the annual convention. Pat says, "I am very proud of our clubs which are helping to keep our Golden State green and beautiful for all to enjoy. Keep those pennies - dollars really - rolling in for this worthwhile project. Read *Golden Gardens* for your listing, but remember that it does take a while for your name to appear." To learn more about the Penny Pines Program, go to the [CGCI website](#).



## Landscape Design Council Awards

According to [Mary Lou Goodwin](#), Chairman of the Landscape Design Council, Landscape Design Council Awards will be given at the CGCI Convention.

**June 4:** [Campo de Caheunga Historical Memorial Association](#) for the historical building at 3919 Landershim Blvd., North Hollywood, CA, San Fernando Valley District at the CGCI Convention, Westlake Village. Recommended by San Fernando Valley District Director Mary Waddington-Merritt and Landscape Design Master Consultants [Robin](#) and [Greg Pokorski](#).

**June 4:** [Matt Randolph](#), ASLA of [Kornrandolph Landscape Architects](#) for [The Getty Villa Malibu](#), 17985 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades, CA in the Channel Island District. Recommended by Landscape Design Master Consultants [Alexis Slafer](#), ASLA and [Beverly Brune](#).

**June 5:** [Leland Walmsley](#) ASLA of [everGREEN Landscape Architects](#) in Yucca Lane, Carpinteria, CA 93013 for practicing cutting edge, organic, environmentally responsible and green design. Presented at the Tri-Refresher Event, Channel Island District. Recommended by Landscape Design Master Consultant [Alexis Slafer](#), ASLA.

## Save Used Postage Stamps

### *Message from Doris Nagy, Stamps Chairman*

Our project to save used stamps from the U.S. or other counties will be most welcome to the Seaman's Lutheran Church of San Pedro. The church people mail the stamps to their sister church in Norway as a money-making project for the church. This is community service and is much appreciated as well as conservation of useful material. If you wish to cut them in squares from your letters or bills received, please send them to [Doris Nagy](#), 1954 Upland St., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, or bring them to convention or to any board meeting. Any questions, please send an email message to me.

## *Message from the Home Grown Chairman*

[Myrtle Findley](#), CGCI Home Grown Chairman, has found that many do not understand what 'Home Grown "Green" Recipes' are. Therefore, this chairman is submitting an "almost" green recipe to help in the interpretation:

### **Almost Home Grown "Green" Breakfast Crepe**

*[I have a home stone mill, but do not grow my own grains; this can be made using a heavy duty blender and purchased grains.]*

Ingredients:

1 C old-fashioned rolled oats  
1/4 C rice flour or ground rice in blender  
1/4 C fresh cornmeal  
1/4 C other grain (millet, wheat, flour -- can use a boxed breakfast cereal)  
Handful of cashew nuts  
Handful of almonds or other nut  
1 T flax meal or other seeds  
Dash salt

Mix in machine and add 3-4-5 eggs for binding and enough hot water to make rather thin batter. If crepe does not hold together, add an egg. Note that the ingredients need NOT be accurate to above measurements. Mix until blended and pourable. Several whizzes. Can be used at once. Better if left in refrigerator overnight and thinned again before using. Will keep up to a week in cold refrigeration. Bake crepe in Teflon coated pan. Turn the pan upside down to eliminate extra batter while baking. Use a spray medium to coat the pan for easy release. May be made in advance and frozen.

Myrtle is awaiting your "green recipes" for the HT-3 "Green" Recipe Award with an extended deadline to convention. Myrtle needs you to submit your recipe to her ASAP. The award is for the best recipe using fresh ingredients (vegetables, fruits, nuts, eggs, soft cheese/farmer's style), etc. either from applicant's garden or farmer's market. Submit a recipe for side dish, salad or main dish for any meal. No highly-processed item to be included, i.e., fats, sugars, flours, canned or imitations. Send your recipe to Myrtle Findley via email or mail to Myrtle at P.O. Box 1480, Colfax, CA 95713. Don't forget to include an application form and an evaluation form -- these can be found on the CGCI website.



## Official Calendar of Upcoming Events

**June 3-7, 2010** - CGCI 79th Convention, Westlake Village, CA. Host: Channel Islands District. Chairmen: Jean Reiley & Beverly Brune. Click here for the convention information.

**September 15-17, 2010** - CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Palm Springs. Host: Palms to Pines District. Chairman: Pat Clayes.

**September 23-26, 2010** - NGC Fall Board Meeting, Great Falls, Montana.

Please note the following change under the Pacific Region of NGC: CGCI First Vice President Julie West reports that the Pacific Region's 2011 Convention will be held in Scottsdale, AZ, **April 14-16, 2011**.

## Back to School

### ***Upcoming Educational Opportunities***

**October 12-14, 2010** Flower Show School, Course 1. Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District. Chairman: Mary Arakelian. Click here for all of the forms, information, etc.

**November 4-5, 2010** Landscape Design Study Program, Course 1. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Classroom B, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA. School Chairman: Alexis Slafer. For future planning: Course 2 — January 27-28, 2011; Course 3 — March 17-18, 2011; Course 4 — September 22-23, 2011. Forms will be on the CGCI website shortly.



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## **Reminder for Club Presidents**

According to the "Guidelines for Club Presidents," found on Page 37 of the 2009-2010 CGCI Yearbook, "the club president shall, **by May 1**, provide the district director with the names and addresses of new or continuing president, officers, Youth Activity Coordinator and dates for the regular meetings and the annual meeting. This is because the district director must inform the CGCI 3rd Vice President & Membership Chairman, [Rita Desilets](#), of this information by **June 1** for the CGCI Yearbook.

## **Reminder for Chairmen & District Directors RE: JUNE 1 deadline to remit expenses**

Standing Rule 37 was amended at Fall Board to read: *Bills for the current fiscal year shall be presented to the financial secretary for authorization*

*of payment on or before JUNE 1.* If any Chairmen or District Directors have receipts for expenses, please complete the Request for Payment or Reimbursement Form that you can download from the CGCI website.

The procedure on how to complete the form is also posted on the website. Send your form and copies of your receipts ASAP to the Financial Secretary, Joelle Holford, or bring them to convention.



***There is Still  
Room on the CGCI  
Tour - Floral  
Diversity in Greece***

*Athens and the Islands of Paros and Aegina, July 12-22, 2010 with Directors, George Perko and Dr. Phillip Stanley*

Who wants to go to Greece with CGCI this summer for ten days of fun, education 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! Get your \$250 deposit in now to hold your space, as space is limited. For more information, contact [George Perko](#) or [Dr. Phil Stanley](#) or click on [Floral Diversity in Greece.](#)

### **Personnel & Recommendation Forms**

[Dolores Moffat](#), Nominating Committee Chairman, reminds you that [Personnel Forms](#) and [Recommendation Forms](#) are on the CGCI website. Have you filled out your personnel form or recommended someone to the Nominating Committee yet? Questions, contact [Dolores Moffat](#).

### **Attn: All Chairmen**

Procedure Books were due on March 1, 2010. If you have not already done so, please send your to the Procedure Book Chairman, [Carolyn Johnson](#).

### **Attn: Chairman & Teams - Reporting Guidelines for Convention**

**By Julie West, CGCI 1st Vice President**

CGCI President, Maryanne Lucas, has requested that Julie West, 1st Vice President, coordinate the reporting for both chairmen and team reports at convention. **May 15, 2010** was the deadline for you to inform Julie of your intention to give an oral report so sufficient time can be allotted on the agenda by the CGCI President.

Please remember that the primary goal of chairmen is to serve as a resource and educate members and the public about CGCI, the objectives of CGCI and the objectives of your chairmanship. Please use correct titles and write your report in third person rather than first person. Any question, contact Julie West via email or phone (707-829-9342). Complete reporting guidelines can be found on the website.

Convention information can be found on the CGCI website. Click here.



***Golden Gardens***

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