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Message from the President [Julie A. West](#)

The summer issue of *Golden Gardens* is in the mail, the 2011-2012 yearbook is at the printer and Fall Board is just around the corner.

National Garden Clubs, Inc.'s "Growing our World, Greening our Communities" will premiere during the round table discussions scheduled for Thursday, September 15. This is a professionally-produced new video designed to educate existing members and attract new members. It can be shown at district meetings, flower shows, fairs and other events. A limited

quantity of DVDs will be available for purchase from the State Pins & Misc. Sales table for \$5 at Fall Board. It can be used to demonstrate the quality projects carried out by members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (of which we are members) throughout the country. This video will make you proud to be a part of it!

Minutes from Convention

[Click here](#) to view or print the minutes from the 80th CGCI Convention, May 2011.



Call to Fall Board Meeting

[Click here](#) for all of the information relating to the CGCI Fall Board Meeting which will take place September 15-18, 2011 in Stockton.



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Highlights:

Workshops

- "Awards" by [Pat Clayes](#), CGCI 3rd VP/Awards Chairman - Pat will review the substantial changes for NGC and Pacific Region awards that affect some CGCI awards including the new G-2 club yearbook evaluation form which was updated to comply with NGC's new requirements for club yearbooks. Don't miss this informative workshop that will encourage recognition for outstanding accomplishments.
- "Learn About Herbs" by Kay Kiriara, owner of [Kiriara Farms](#).
- "Taste the Many Flavors" by owners Donna Nicolas & Anna Vieira from Classic Wine Vinegar Company, Inc. in Ceres. The company processes and packages more than 50 different labels of olive oil and vinegar.
- "Uses of Photos for Garden Club" by Mary Lou Rice & Judy Spencer from [Modesto Garden Club, Inc.](#) They will provide information regarding garden photography, ideas for publicity and their secrets for success.

Meals - Programs/Speakers

- Sept. 16 - Dinner & "Gardens of Scotland" program by [John Gray](#), Landscape Designer. John has been a landscape designer for over 30

- years. He presents a beautiful slide show of Scottish gardens.
- Sept. 17 - Lunch & "Purposeful Unusual Plants" program by [Suzanne Breshears](#), Master Gardener. Suzanne has been the owner of The Plant Peddler, an interior plant leasing and care business for 37 years.
 - Sept. 17 - Dinner & "Water Pollution Prevention" program by [Annie Joseph](#), a "less toxic" pest management expert who works with many water pollution prevention agencies in California.

Membership Blooms in California



Last June, CGCI was thrilled to learn that it had won NGC's Membership Contest with the greatest number of new clubs and earned the honor of naming a magnificent new variety of African Violet. "California Victory" may be ordered through the NGC website, and the order form can be found on the CGCI website by [clicking here](#).

This African violet, grown by Lyndon-Lyon Greenhouses, is a semi-miniature variety with single/semi double pansy-shaped blooms of white with a distinct wavy green edge and light purple highlights randomly scattered about the flower face. Wavy medium green foliage enhances the striking blooms.

Environmental, Gardening & Landscape Design Consultants News

Sign Up for the New Consultants eNewsletter

[Click here](#) to subscribe. Remember to check the box which indicates "Consultant." Already over 75 have signed-up. Anyone can subscribe. All NGC Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants are encouraged to subscribe. Newsletter will be sent approximately three times per year (before CGCI Fall & Winter Board Meetings and Conventions).

Awards to be Given at Council Meetings

The following Awards will be given on Sunday, September 18 in Stockton and recipients will talk about their projects. All are welcome to attend. Meetings start at 9:00 am in Yosemite Room of the Hilton Stockton Hotel.

From Gardening Consultants Council:

- Outstanding Private Garden Award - Lee Miller, LD Consultant

From Landscape Design Council:

- Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture - [Jeffrey F. Gamboni](#), Landscape Architect, for Victory Park Rose Garden
- Landscape Design Commendation - [Stockton Beautiful](#) for Victory Park Rose Garden
- Landscape Design Commendation - Harry Dedini, LD Consultant, for [Victory Park Rose Garden](#)



Revised Forms for Landscape Council's Awards

The Council has created "new and improved" forms for submission of applications for the Council's awards. All consultants are urged to nominate recipients for these awards to the Council for consideration; however, others may recommend - see information below.

- **Landscape Design Commendation*** - Awarded to individuals and groups by the CGCI Landscape Design Council for good land use.
- **Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture*** - Awarded to landscape architects by the CGCI Landscape Design Council in recognition of excellence in land use on a commercial, public or residential project.
- **Certificate of Appreciation, Recognition and/or Achievement** - May be given to an individual or group who is neither a landscape design consultant nor landscape architect but has demonstrated outstanding skill in managing land use or has enthusiastically supported the Landscape Design Program of CGCI/NGC. These certificates may be given at the discretion of the [LDC Chairman](#) or upon the written recommendation of any consultant.

All forms are available on the CGCI website. [Click here](#).

*Award may be given at any CGCI, club or district meeting (allow at least one month for processing). A council member must recommend nominee, but others may propose candidates to council members.



Awards Update

[Click here](#) to see the new evaluation forms for the 2011-2012 awards year. [Click here](#) to see the updated Awards Manual.

Youth Awards

A few youth awards were not applied for last term. Why let these awards go to waste! Contact [Linda Riddle](#), Youth Awards Chairman, for more information on the youth awards program.

Need Extra 2011–2012 CGCI Yearbooks? It's not too Late to Order!

Contact [Carmen Black](#), CGCI Yearbook Chairman, for extra yearbooks. Forms are posted on the CGCI website for district directors, chairman and anyone else not ordering through the district directors. [Click here](#) for the forms (look for CGCI Yearbook forms halfway down the page). Carmen will bring extra yearbooks to the Fall Board Meeting for sale; but save some time and trouble and order your extra yearbooks now.

CGCI Tour to Holland

By [Bob Gordon](#), CGCI Tour Chairman

CGCI is offering an eight day river cruise that will include both [Keukenhoff](#) for tulips and the [Floriade](#). Dates are April 12 to April 20, 2012. This is an opportunity that comes once every ten years. The Floriade is a horticulture show in a park setting put on by Holland in ten year intervals. [Click here](#) for the flyer. [Click here](#) for the current press release from Expedia Cruise Ship Centers. Contact [Chris Merkel](#) at 877-651-7447 to reserve your spot.



Flower Show School Fundraiser

DVD from WAFA's World Flower Show in Boston

Featuring over 600 fabulous designs from the World Association of Floral Arrangers' World Flower Show last June in Boston. DVD was created by Jill Coleman, NGC Master Flower Show Judge

and Chairman of the Judges Council of Southern California.

Buy the DVD for yourself or use the DVD as a raffle prize, club or district program or as a gift to a floral designer. Cost is only \$10 (plus \$2 for shipping). Place orders with [Jill Coleman](#), 5512 Malvern Way, Riverside, CA 92506. Question, [click here](#) to contact Jill. Make checks payable to "Judges Council of Southern California."



A Cost-Effective Rooftop Make-Over Using Container Plants & Trees

By [Bonnie Wagner](#), NGC Flower Show Judge & Landscape Design Consultant

One morning last May, I was looking at the third story rooftop of my son's home, a 35' x 11' deck, bare except for two very large empty ceramic pots, his old patio table and chairs and a hose and WATER. I remembered the talk given by well-known horticulturist and President of [Orange County Nurserymen's Association](#), Larry

Baumgartner, at Huntington View Garden Club about dwarf fruit trees, and I decided it would be fun to try them in the pots. My son said he would pay for the trees, but I would have to take care of them. Perfect!

I found Larry and the Home Depot in Lake Forest and bought two trees from him with his assurance that they would do well in the pots and not outgrow them. These dwarf trees grow to about 6' - 8', their rootball stays small, but the fruit is normal size. I bought a grapefruit and Navel orange at \$24.00 each. I planted them in a mixture of [SuperSoil](#) and cactus mix with a 4" layer of mulch. Now in the pots for six weeks, the orange tree continues to put out many blossoms and new growth; the grapefruit not as much, but it is growing!

I also planted containers with some veggies and several pots of sun-loving flowers and succulents. A bonus is my nine-year-old grandson, Ben, who is enjoying watching everything grow, and he keeps the plants watered too. My son mentioned that a little shade would be nice for the family to enjoy the plants and the great view and breezes coming off of the ocean. Total cost was under \$100.00. Perfect!

The Great Bee Count

By [Carole Lung](#), CGCI Bees, Butterflies & Insects Chairman

If you haven't heard of the [Great Bee Count](#), read on. And [click here](#) to see information from the [Great Sunflower Project](#). You might be led to plant sunflowers or other plants attractive to the honey bee and participate in the count. You can subscribe to the newsletter and keep up-to-date on the activities.



I planted sunflowers seeds which I received from the Great Sunflower Project two years in a row. However, the seeds did not germinate in my garden. Historically, I had lots of cosmos that were a great attraction for the honey bees as well as the California bees. If you are serious about developing a garden which will attract all kinds of bees, [click here](#) to go to a UC Berkeley site where you will learn how to develop an urban bee garden.

Did you know that California has many different types of bees depending on where you live? Did you know that mulching prevents ground nesting bees, mostly native, from making a home? Contact [Carole Lung](#) to share your bee, butterfly and insect stories.



Now is a GREAT time to start thinking about your holiday greeting in the next issue of *Golden Gardens*. [Click here](#) for the form.

Deadline is October 15 - don't miss out! Questions? Contact [Carol Mayo](#), CGCI Season's Greetings/Angels Chairman.



National Garden Clubs, Inc. News

Free Publications

[Click here](#) to go to NGC's website to see what free publications are available.

Scholarships - A Gift for a Lifetime!



WHO -- Junior, senior or graduate colleges students pursuing a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture.

WHAT -- NGC scholarships

WHERE -- An accredited college/university

WHEN -- Donations are funded by NGC Life Memberships for college juniors, seniors & graduate students

HOW TO APPLY -- With an application form found on the [CGCI Website](#).

You give a "Gift that Lasts a Lifetime" when you give a NGC Life Membership to an outgoing officer, a garden club member, husband, wife or to a person who has contributed much to the goals and projects of NGC. You can also treat yourself to a gift of a Life Membership. The donation of \$200 for a Life Membership is shared equally by the Scholarship Fund and the Permanent Home and Endowment Fund. The donor can be so proud that he/she has helped send a student to college, while also helping NGC remain financially secure. The recipient of an NGC Life Membership receives *The National Gardener* magazine for a lifetime. It is truly an honor to receive an NGC Life Membership.

[Click here](#) to see how to apply and for the form. Any questions, contact [Carlotta Wixon](#), CGCI Life Membership Chairman. **CGCI and Pacific Region Life Memberships are also available.**



Pacific Region News

Flickr

By [Robin Pokorski](#), NGC Flickr Chairman

Reprinted from the August 2011 Issue of *WACONIAH*

Share your garden club pictures with the world! Send pictures of your Blue Star Memorial plantings and dedications; your flower shows; your daffodil plantings; your civic beautification projects; your aquatic eco-systems projects; your Arbor Day plantings; the list is long. Be sure to identify the club, district or state and the location.

We'd love to feature a garden club's project every month (and being from the Pacific Region - I want the site to feature all of the Pacific Region states) - so send in a series of 6-10 pictures of your club's project.

Mostly, we want all of our Pacific Region states represented. Our NGC Flickr site has only four of our region states and the region itself featured -- that's half. Send pictures to [Robin Pokorski](#). Then visit the site ([click here](#)) and find ideas for projects and plantings and staging and, and, and -- it's all there for you.

[Editor's Note: [Click here](#) to see photos from California! Where are your photos?]



WANTED: Your Installation Ideas

by [Robin Pokorski](#), Ways & Means

Pacific Region will be publishing an installation booklet as a ways and means project in time for the NGC Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis.

Please share two or three installations -- club, district, council or state -- with Pacific Region. We have an offer to have the booklet published free-of-charge, but we must take advantage of the offer this summer. Send to [Robin Pokorski](#) by August 31.



Back to School

Upcoming NGC Schools & CGCI Flower Show Judges Symposia in California

Check CGCI [Calendar of Events](#) for links to brochures, flyers, registration forms, etc.

Environmental, Flower Show, Gardening & Landscape Design

- **September 10-11, 2011** (Course 1), **October 8-9, 2011**(Course 2), **October 15-16, 2011** (Course 3), **October 22-23, 2011** (Course 4) - Landscape Design Study Program, Series 25, Colfax Garden Club, Chairman: [Myrtle Findley](#).
- **September 22-23, 2011** - Landscape Design Study School, Course IV, Costa Verde District, South Coast Botanic Gardens, Palos Verdes. Contact [Alexis Slafer](#) for more information.
- **September 27-28, 2011** - Gardening Study School, Course IV, Golden Foothills District. Location: Auburn. [Sue Bennett](#), Chairman.
- **October 18-20, 2011** - Flower Show School, Course 3, Shepard Garden & Arts Center, Sacramento. [Carolyn Flynn](#), Registrar, [Mary Arakelian](#), Chairman. Instructors: Dottie Howatt (Horticulture), Julia Clevett (Design).

- **October 28-29, 2011** - Bi-Refresher (Gardening & Landscape Design), Valley Center Library, Valley Center. Sponsor: Dos Valles Garden Club of Palomar District. Chairman: [Barbara Watzke](#). Co-Chairman: [Nancy Abernethy](#).
- **November 7-8, 2011** - Environmental Studies School, Course 4, Bay Ocean District, San Mateo, Chairman: [Shane Looper](#).
- **February 12-14, 2012** - CGCI Flower Show Judges Symposium, Handlery Hotel, San Diego. Contact [Laura Crenshaw](#) for more information.
- **April 17-19, 2012** - Flower Show School, Course 4, Shepard Garden & Arts Center, Sacramento. [Carolyn Flynn](#), Registrar, [Mary Arakelian](#), Chairman. Instructors: Sandra Joyce (Horticulture), Char Mutschler (Design).

Upcoming CGCI Official Events

(other than schools)

See [CGCI Calendar](#) for club, affiliate, associate plant society and district "special" events.

- **September 15-18, 2011** - CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Stockton Hilton. Host: Valley Lode District, Chairman: [Chelsea Wilson](#).
- **September 21-24, 2011** - NGC Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- **February 6-9, 2012** - Winter Board Meeting, The Cliffs Resort, Pismo Beach. Host: Montana de Oro District.
- **March 21-25, 2012** - San Francisco Flower & Garden Show - CGCI is a sponsor.
- **April 4-6, 2012** - Wildflower Conference, Holiday Inn, Palmdale.
- **April 12-20, 2012** - River Cruise - The Netherlands (CGCI Fundraiser).
- **May 16-19, 2012** - NGC Convention, Buffalo, NY.
- **June 3-7, 2012** - CGCI Convention, Cal Expo Sacramento DoubleTree, Host: Sacramento River Valley District.
- **June 3-9, 2012** - National Garden Week.
- **July 26-28, 2012** - Pacific Region Convention. Host: Alaska State Federation of Garden Clubs.
- **September 2012** - Fall Board Meeting. More information to follow.
- **September 26-29, 2012** - NGC Fall Board Meeting, Little Rock, AR.
- **February 2013** - CGCI Winter Board Meeting. Host: Golden Foothills District.
- **April 2013** - Pacific Region Convention. Host: CGCI.
- **May 21-27, 2013** - NGC Convention, Seattle, WA.
- **June 2013** - CGCI Convention. Host: Palomar District.