



## eNewsletter of California Garden Clubs, Inc.

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[Julie A. West](#), President

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

CGCI's Fall Board meeting in Stockton was a "good time" (on 100% of evaluation forms turned in) for all who attended thanks to the hard work of Chairman, Chelsea Wilson, and the Valley Lode District members who worked together to make it a success. The comradery was felt throughout the meetings, meals, workshops, etc., and the hotel was thrilled to have CGCI's business. Great memories were created for those who were there.

NGC's Fall Board in St. Louis, Missouri was the first visit for this CGCI President to NGC headquarters adjacent to the Missouri Botanical Gardens. The rain did not deter us from tours of the grounds that included the Memorial Garden created in memory of the victims of September 11, 2001 and the Presidential Tree Collection planted to commemorate the presidents depicted on Mount Rushmore. Leadership workshops were held for the 49 state presidents in attendance in the morning followed by afternoon tea served by NGC President Shirley Nicolai for the 270+ people registered including NGC officers, committee chairmen, regional directors and staff. NGC Member Services was a flurry of activity as we all shopped during the breaks. The CGCI Board of Directors approved sponsoring the NGC Award #20 Roadside Beautification in Stockton in the amount of \$100, and it was ratified by the NGC Board of Directors in St. Louis. Remember, every club and associate plant society member of CGCI is also

a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

## Ode to Our President, Julie West

By Arlene L. Mandell of the Santa Rosa Garden Club

With husband David  
at her side  
In a butterfly-filled garden  
they abide

While high in the redwoods  
birds in their nests  
and deep in the forest  
deer take up the quest

Searching north, south  
east and west  
Who will lead us?  
Who's the best?

From Fort Bragg  
to Half Moon Bay  
Sherman Oaks to San Jose  
the Garden Clubs  
have had to say:

Julie West, Julie West  
She will lead us  
She's the best!

## Do you have Uncashed CGCI Award Checks from the 2011 Convention?

By [Joan Patten](#), CGCI Treasurer

All checks that are dated April 27, 2011 will no longer be valid as of October 27, 2011. Four clubs have not cashed their checks, and five youth award winners have not cashed their checks. Any questions, contact [Joan Patten](#).



## CGCI is now on Facebook!

Go to CGCI's home page (upper left) and click the "like" button. Also see recent Facebook postings at bottom left on home page. [Click here](#) to see the latest postings. The CGCI Facebook Administrator is still working on the project.



## Project Mission Blue

Project Mission Blue is CGCI and the [Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's](#) project to increase lupine diversity by propagating and planting pathogen-resistant summer lupine and varied lupine. It is the hope to stabilize the Mission Blue Butterfly community during years of fungal outbreak and allow these populations to increase over the long term. Tax deductible donations for the Project Mission Blue should be made payable to "CGCI" and sent to Chairman [Shane Looper](#), 213 Carmelo Lane, South San Francisco, CA 94080. For more information, [click here](#).

Discovered in San Francisco in 1937, the mission blue was one of the first insects added to the federal endangered species list in 1976. Today, it fights for survival in remaining fragments of its native Bay Area grasslands.

### Facts About the Mission Blue Butterfly - Part 2

#### First Impressions

The wings of these quarter-sized butterflies are light iridescent blue (males) or brown with blue towards the base (females), with narrow black and white margins. Their grey/silvery underside is characterized by two rows of black dots enclosed in white halos.

#### Common Impersonators

Don't be fooled! Pipevine swallowtails, echo blues and acmon blues can all appear a lot like mission blues if you don't look closely. Notice that pipevine swallowtails are much larger and darker, echo blues have faded dark spots without white halos and acmon blues have telltale orange spots on the base of their hind wings.

#### Known Hangouts

Although they probably once fluttered through grasslands between Marin and San Mateo Counties, mission blues now exist only in parts of the Marin Headlands, Twin Peaks, San Bruno Mountain, San Francisco Peninsula Watershed and Milagra and Sweeney Ridges. Look for them in grassland or scrub containing silver, summer or varied lupines - the only plants mission blue caterpillars can eat.

#### Favorite Foods

Picky mission blue caterpillars eat only parts of lupine leaves, but adults have more varied tastes. Many favorite nectar flowers are members of the sunflower family.

To be continued in November eNewsletter.

# The 10 Most Wanted Bugs in Your Garden



Most insects found in your garden do not harm plants. In fact, 97% of the insects you see fall into this category! Such insects are called "beneficials" because they benefit the garden by pollinating plants, improving soil and eating the pests that really harm plants. These hard-working beneficials can be a gardener's best friend by keeping problem pests under control naturally, without the use of harmful chemicals. Below is a list of ten beneficial bugs that consume large numbers of pests or pollinate plants. Do not attempt to apprehend them...just let them serve time in your garden!

1. **The Green Lacewing** (Aliases: aphid wolf, aphid lion). Wanted for aggressively devouring aphids, thrips, mealybugs, scale, spider mites, leafhoppers and insect eggs.
2. **Soldier Beetle** (Alias: leatherwings). Wanted for attacking and feeding on aphids and other soft-bodied insects.
3. **Dragonfly** (Aliases: mosquito hawk, darner). Wanted for preying on unsuspecting fly insects like mosquitoes, flies and midges.
4. **Bee** (Aliases: European honeybee, bumblebee. Also includes hundreds of native bee species including leafcutter and orchard bees). Wanted for pollinating the flowers of many of our ornamental, fruit and vegetable plants.
5. **Syrphid Fly** (Aliases: hoverfly, flower fly). Wanted for hunting down aphids, mealybugs and other pests, and for pollinating plants.
6. **Ground Beetle** (Aliases: predacious ground beetle, and carabids, among others). Wanted for conspiring to eat many soil-dwelling pests like slugs, snails, cutworms and root maggots.
7. **Parasitic Wasp** (Aliases: trichogramma, braconid, hyposoter and ichneumon, among others). Wanted for parasitizing the eggs of cutworms, cabbage loopers, codling moths, tomato hornworms, aphids, whiteflies, scales and other pests.
8. **Spider** (Aliases: funnel weavers, crab spiders and golden orb spiders, among others). Wanted for trapping and bugnapping a wide variety of insect pests.
9. **Ladybeetle** (Aliases: ladybug, ladybird beetle, seven-spotted ladybeetle). Wanted for gorging on soft-bodied insects like aphids, scale, thrips, mealybugs and spider mites.
10. **Tachinid Fly** (Alias: diptera). Wanted for attacking unsuspecting caterpillars and beetles.

Before you stomp on or spray any unfamiliar bugs in your garden, make sure you know the good guys from the bad guys. Remember that most insects go through several changes during their life cycle, so the young (larva or nymph) may look totally different from the adult. And, keep in mind, it is often the "young" of the insect that eats the most pests.

Reprinted from brochure distributed at CGCI 2011 Fall Board Meeting entitled "The 10 "Most Wanted" Bugs in Your Garden" by Debi Tidd, consulting with Gina Purin from Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (415-499-3202). [Click here](#) to view/print the entire brochure.

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.

## The Jack-O-Lantern

Reprinted with permission from the October 2011 issue of *Redlandscape*, newsletter of Redlands Horticultural & Improvement Society.

The Jack-O-Lantern has been such a part our life for what seems so long that it seems as American as apple pie. However, it was actually the Irish who brought what we know as the Jack-O-Lantern to America.

But, why name a carved squash after a person named Jack? Who was this Jack anyway? According to legend and lore, Jack was a legendary, stingy drunkard. Jack tricked the devil into climbing an apple tree to get a juicy apple for him, and then Jack quickly cut the sign of the cross into the tree trunk, preventing the devil from coming down. Jack made the devil swear that he would not come after his soul in any way. The devil promised. However, this did not prevent Jack from dying - on All Hallows' Eve. When he arrived at the gates of heaven, he was turned away because he was a stingy, mean drunk. Desperate for a resting place, he had the nerve to go to the devil. The devil, true to his word, turned him down. "But where can I go?" pleaded Jack. "Back where you came from," spoke the devil. The night was dark and the way was long, and the devil tossed him a lighted coal from the fire of hell. Jack, who was eating a turnip at the time, placed the coal inside and used it to light his way.

Since that day, he has traveled the world over with his Jack-O-Lantern in search of a place to rest. Irish children carved out turnips and potatoes to light the night on Halloween. However, when the Irish came to America in great numbers in the 1840s, they found that a pumpkin made an even better lantern, and so this "American" tradition was born.

Despite the colorful tales and legends, the term "jack-o'-lantern" originally meant a night watchman or man with a lantern, with the earliest known use in the mid-17th century; and later, meaning an *ighnis fatuus* or will-o-the-wisp.

Pumpkins are believed to have originated in North America. Seeds from related plants have been found in Mexico dating back to 7000 to 5500 B.C. References to pumpkins date back many centuries. The name pumpkin originated from the Greek word for "large melon" which is "*pepon*." "*Pepo*n" was changed by the French into "*pompon*."

Native American Indians used pumpkin as a staple in their diets centuries before the pilgrims landed. They also dried strips of pumpkin and wove them into mats. Indians would also roast long strips of pumpkin on the open fire



and eat them. When white settlers arrived, they saw the pumpkins grown by the Indians and pumpkin soon became a staple in their diets.

As we do today, early settlers used pumpkins in a wide variety of recipes from desserts to stews and soups. The origin of pumpkin pie is thought to have occurred when the colonists sliced off the pumpkin top, removed the seeds, and then filled it with milk, spices and honey. The pumpkin was then baked in the hot ashes of a dying fire.



Members

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By [Sue Bennett](#), 2nd Vice President - Membership

### GOT IDEAS? GOT MEMBERS?

Your CGCI Membership Chairman is currently seeking information on how clubs handle day and night meetings. Is your club one of those that has both or is interested in starting a day and night meeting? If so, please let Sue Bennett know what has worked well and what some areas of improvement might be. There are club presidents who are interested in venturing out and, rather than reinvent the wheel, let's share the information.

At CGCI's fall board meeting last month, Sue heard that one club has business meetings during the day and presenters at night. Any other ideas? Call Sue at 916-791-9459 to discuss.

## Awards

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

[Click here](#) to see the updated Awards Manual.

Remember the two deadlines:  
December 1 & January 10

If you have any questions at all about awards, please contact [Pat Clayes](#), Awards Chairman.

### Awards Due December 1:

- Flower Show Judge of the Year Award
- CGCI Community Impact Award
- B-2 Civic Development Award
- C-7 Operation Wildflower Award
- PR-2, Sections 1 & 2, Newsletters
- PR-2, Section 4, Publication other than a Yearbook or Newsletter
- PR-4 National Garden Week
- PR-5 Website Award
- PR-6 Video Award



- G-1 Council Yearbook Award
- G-2 Club Yearbook Award
- G-3 District Yearbook Award
- NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards (NGC #5 Standard Flower Show; NGC #30 District Standard Flower Show; NGC #57 Standard Flower Show Stages in a Public Building)
- J-5 Youth Poetry Contest
- J-14 Youth Sculpture Contest
- HS-6 High School Essay Contest

All National Garden Clubs, Inc. award applications must be postmarked by **December 1** and mailed to CGCI Yearbook Chairman, [Pat Clayes](#). Note the new NGC award changes on pages 91-93 of the 2011-2012 *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster* and in the Awards Manual which is on line. [Click here](#) for the Awards Manual.

See pages 93-94 of the 2011-2012 *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster* for a list of awards and where to send them, or [click here](#) to see the list.

## Youth Awards



(Photo above is the 2010–2011 NGC 1st Place Winner from California!)

The theme for Smokey Bear has changed. It is **ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!** Contact [Linda Riddle](#), Youth Awards Chairman, or [Denise Davis](#), Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chairman, if you have any questions.

# Remember the Shut-Ins

By [Bonnie Wagner](#), Garden Therapy Chairman

An easy way to get involved with the handicapped is to make tray favors for the meals that are delivered on Thanksgiving and Christmas by [Meals on Wheels](#) or through a senior center. It's as simple as wrapping some corn candy and tying it with raffia or making a pilgrim hat and attaching it to a paper candy dish with the wrapped candy in it. Be sure to make a tag with the name of your garden club along with a small message. There are many ideas, and your members will no doubt have items that may be used to make favors.

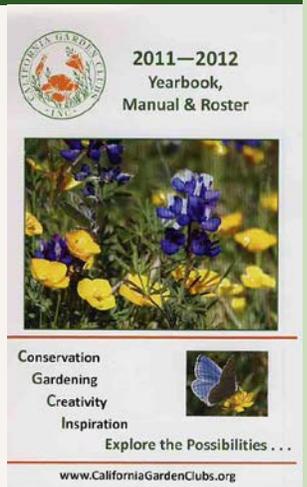


The first thing to do is to contact the director to find out if there is a need. Next get your club approval and a commitment to help. Decide on what to make and gather the supplies necessary. You're on your way to cheering up a person who will most likely be eating alone on these special days. Call me (714-374-3092) for any help you may need to get started. Be sure to ask for feedback from the clients and let me know how your project turns out.

*Please Note:* See G-18 Garden Therapy in the 2011-2012 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*, page 63 & Garden Therapy Award, pages 104-5.

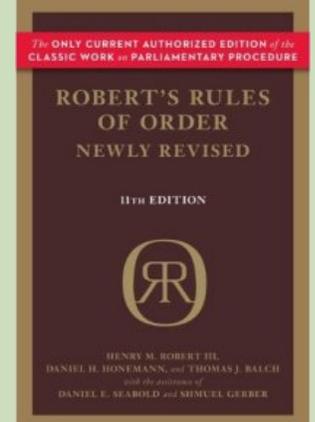
## Need Extra 2011–2012 CGCI Yearbooks? Only a few remain for sale.

Contact [Carmen Black](#), CGCI Yearbook Chairman, if you or your club members need extra CGCI Yearbooks. Cost is \$8.00 (plus \$2.50 each if mailed). Make checks payable to "CGCI" and mail to Carmen Black, 3495 Ridgeview Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. The name of your club is required.



## New *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*

The new 11th Edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is now available through the National Association of Parliamentarians Online Bookstore. [Click here](#) to go to the site or call 888-627-2929.



## *The World Around Us*

### Standard Flower Show to be Held in Conjunction with the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show

[Click here](#) for *The World Around Us* Standard Flower Show which is sponsored by Founders Council of Judges. The show will be held in Redwood Hall at [San Francisco Flower & Garden Show](#), March 21-25, 2012. [Click here](#) for club/district discount ticket sales information.



## News from National Garden Clubs, Inc.

### NGC's New Membership Video "Our World, Greening Our Communities"

[Click here](#) to preview National Garden Clubs, membership video online. Note that many in the video are from California!

NGC's new professionally produced video is service to clubs nationwide. Designed to members and attract new members, this tool can be shown at club, district and state meetings, flower shows, fairs and other events. The video can also be used to demonstrate to potential funders the quality projects carried out by NGC throughout the country as NGC proudly serves its communities. The cost is only \$5, including postage and handling, for this 12 minute sampling of what makes NGC so special. [Click here](#) for NGC's Member Services page on its website. Look for item #9117.



### "Growing

Inc.'s new photos included

offered as a educate existing

# Bloomin' Bucks

with Brent and Becky's Bulbs

Bloomin'

## Bucks With Brent and Becky's Bulbs

Your support is a beautiful thing! Support the NGC President's Project "Plantings for Public & Special Places" and support NGC - NGC will receive 25% of each sale, includes bulbs, books & tools!

Here's How! [Click here](#) to go the Bloomin' Bucks page on the website. Click on the pull down menu and click on National Garden Clubs, Inc. - and start shopping!

Brent & Becky created a special group of bulbs specifically for container gardening for NGC. When you get on the site, type in National (in the search tab) and four collections will come up. Don't forget to beautify your own home - inside and out!

## Minutes – Not Hours!

### Part 2 of 3

(from handout distributed at 2011 NGC Convention by Joan H. Corbisiero, PRP)

#### What Should Not Be In Minutes

Name of seconder; motions that were withdrawn; discussion; opinions of recorder of minutes; content of committee reports unless ordered by assembly; guest speaker's remarks.



#### Recording Votes

- If by voice, only fact that motion was adopted or defeated.
- If by roll call, the names of those voting on each side, as well as names of those abstaining to indicate a quorum was present.
- If by ballot, the complete tellers' report which should include: number of votes cast; number of votes required for passage.

#### When Approved

- Regular meeting minutes are approved at next regular meeting.
- Special meeting minutes are approved at next regular meeting.
- Adjourned meeting minutes are approved at next adjourned meeting or regular meeting, whichever is first.
- Minutes are approved in chronological order.
- Minutes of meetings held in executive session must be approved at a meeting held in executive session.

#### How Approved

- Proposed minutes are only a draft and do not become the minutes until approved (although actions are effective IMMEDIATELY).

- To dispense with reading of minutes only postpones the time for consideration.
- Must be approved by assembly or a Minutes Approval Committee.
- Minutes are approved by assembly as read, distributed, corrected.
- Usually minutes are adopted by unanimous consent - "Are there any corrections to the minutes?" (No correction) "If there is no objection, the minutes will stand approved as read/distributed." "Are there any corrections to the minutes?" (Correction proposed) "If there is no objection, the proposed correction will be made." (If there is objection, vote on inclusion of correction.) "If there is no objection, the minutes will stand approved as corrected."
- Minutes can be approved by assembly by adopted motion: Member: "Madam President, I move that the minutes be approved as read/distributed/corrected." Chair: "Is there a second? Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, say no. The ayes are in the majority. The minutes are approved as read/distributed/corrected."
- Minutes can be approved by Minutes Approval Committee but are subject to correction by assembly: Any two (or more) in attendance review and attest to the accuracy before distribution. "If there is no objection, the Chair appoints Barbara Bates and Cathy Collins as the Committee to Approve the Minutes." At next meeting: "Barbara Bates will report for the Committee appointed to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting (or for the 2011 Annual Meeting)." "Madam President, the minutes of the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting were approved as circulated." Advantages: 1) Only approved minutes are distributed. Drafts are not in circulation. 2) Efficient. Eliminated a lot of debate about minutes. Attention of meeting is on current agenda. 3) Allows for approval and timely distribution of minutes of meetings with long intervals in between (as Annual Meetings).

To be continued in November eNewsletter.

## Back to School

*Upcoming Schools/Refreshers & Flower Show Judges Symposia in California*

*Environmental, Flower Show, Gardening & Landscape Design*



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

flyers, registration

- **October 15-16, 2011** (Course 3), **October 22-23, 2011** (Course 4), Landscape Design School, Series 25, Colfax. Chairman: [Myrtle Findley](#). [Click here](#) for brochures - look under the dates.
- **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). [Click here](#) for brochure.
- **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](#). [Click here](#) for brochure.
- **November 7-8, 2011** - Environmental Studies School, Course 4, Bay Ocean District, San Mateo, Chairman: [Shane Looper](#). [Click here](#) for brochure.
- **February 12-14, 2012** - CGCI Flower Show Judges Symposium, Handlery Hotel, San Diego.

Contact [Laura Crenshaw](#) if you have any questions. [Click here](#) for the registration form.

- **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).
- **August 20-22, 2012** - Flower Show School, Course 1. Sponsor: Judges Council of Southern California. Chairmen: [Martha Hunt](#) & [Linda Lang](#).
- **January 7-9, 2013** - Flower Show School, Course 2. Sponsor: Judges Council of Southern California. Chairmen: [Martha Hunt](#) & [Linda Lang](#).
- **August 12-14, 2013** - Flower Show School, Course 3. Sponsor: Judges Council of Southern California. Chairmen: [Martha Hunt](#) & [Linda Lang](#).
- **January 6-8, 2014** - Flower Show School, Course 4. Sponsor: Judges Council of Southern California. Chairmen: [Martha Hunt](#) & [Linda Lang](#).

## Upcoming CGCI Official Events

(other than schools)

See [CGCI Calendar](#) for club, affiliate, associate plant society and district "special" events which are open to the public.

- **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. [Click here](#) for discount ticket information for CGCI members. [Click here](#) for the schedule of the standard flower show, *The World Around Us*, which will be held in conjunction with the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show.
- **April 4-6, 2012** - Wildflower Conference, Holiday Inn, Palmdale. Chairmen: [Merrilee Ray](#) & Wanda Hewett. May become a bi-refresher for Gardening Study and Environmental Studies! More information to follow.
- **April 12-20, 2012** - River Cruise - The Netherlands (CGCI Fundraiser). Chairman: [Bob Gordon](#).
- **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 6-9, 2012** - Fall Board Meeting, San Mateo. Host: Executive Committee. Chairman: [Julie West](#).
- **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. Chairman: [David West](#).
- **May 21-27, 2013** - NGC Convention, Seattle, WA.
- **June 3-7, 2013** - CGCI Convention, San Diego. Host: Palomar District. Chairman: [Jane McKee](#).
- **June 5-9, 2014** - CGCI Convention, Glendale. Host: San Fernando Valley District.