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Message from the President

In preparation for the transition from the printed magazine, *Golden Gardens*, to the electronic publication, *Golden Gardens eNews*, we are trying a new format beginning with this issue. The reason for the change is our endeavor to make *Golden Gardens eNews* printer friendly for those who wish to print the monthly electronic newsletter to share with those who are unable to receive it electronically.

While attending NGC's Fall Board Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas in September, I discovered how much fellow states enjoy receiving CGCI's *Golden Gardens eNews*. A few states plan to use our publication as a model when presenting an electronic publication to their state for consideration. The second popular comment that I heard was how much people like CGCI's website and the ease of navigation. Many states use CGCI's website as a resource to research how CGCI handles the liability insurance and group tax exemption programs. At the meeting of State Presidents, some of the wealth of information found in CGCI's *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* was shared, including the garden club structure chart on page 28, Guidelines for Club Presidents, District Directors and State Chairmen, etc. NGC meetings are similar to CGCI, district and club meetings in that they offer opportunities to network with fellow gardeners and share ideas that are invaluable.

Working together as a team pursuing similar goals and objectives at all levels is how we make the difference! Thank you for the privilege to serve as your representative and the rewarding experiences that accompany the position.

President's Travel Schedule

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| * October 24 - Humboldt District | * November 8 - Chicago Park Garden Club |
| * October 28 - Dedication of CGCI Past Presidents 2000-2010 Tree at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Santa Cruz | * November 9 - Buttes District |
| * October 29 - Santa Clara Valley District | * November 11 - Meadow Vista Garden Club & Colfax Garden Club Blue Star Memorial Re-Dedication |



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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

San Francisco Flower & Garden Show Announces 2013 Fundraising Opportunity for CGCI Members



As announced at CGCI's 2012 Fall Board Meeting in San Mateo, the [San Francisco Flower & Garden Show](#) is offering all CGCI clubs and districts an opportunity to raise money. **Clubs earn \$2.00 for each advanced purchase discount ticket they sell for \$16** (\$20 at the door). Pass on the discount to your club members and friends plus earn money for your club or district! In addition, San Francisco Flower & Garden Show will again this year **donate \$1.00 per ticket sold by your club or district to the [CGCI President's Project](#)**. This raised \$552 last year for the permanent signage project underway at the Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden of Sonoma State University, and clubs/districts that participated earned \$1,104. Show dates are **March 20-24, 2013** at the San Mateo Event Center.

[Click here](#) for program details and CGCI Ticket Sales Form (see attachment after you click). Please take advantage of this generous fundraising opportunity being offered by Show. [Click here](#) for more information.

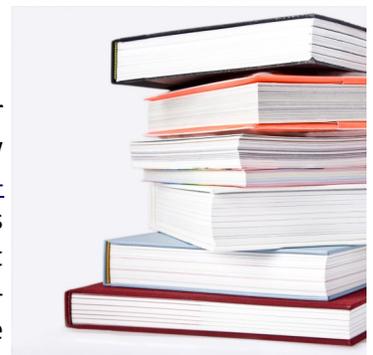


[Click here](#) to read all about the CGCI cruise aboard the Sapphire Princess, May 11-18, 2013.

Gently Used Books Fundraiser

Date: February 6-7 at 2013 Winter Board Meeting

District Directors may collect donations from their members and bring them to Winter Board in Auburn. Past events of this nature have been fun! Most people find new treasures for their libraries. All donated proceeds benefit the [2011-2013 CGCI President's Project](#) to fund permanent educational signage at Sonoma State University's Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden. We hope you'll join us! Questions, contact CGCI President [Julie West](#). Suggested book topics to donate: Gardening; Floral Design; Landscaping; Herbs/Edibles; Horticulture; and Garden Crafts. New books are also welcome.





From CGCI Fall Board Meeting

Compiled by Robin Pokorski, Chairmen Coordinator

The following recaps highlights of the reports presented at the CGCI Fall Board Meeting in San Mateo in September from CGCI officers and chairmen.

President Julie West noted that the highlight of her term so far was the honor of representing CGCI at the Pacific Region Convention in July in Anchorage, Alaska. NGC President Shirley S. Nicolai was the special guest. The region is spend-

ing more than it is taking in and while dues were not increased, *WACONIAH* subscriptions were raised from \$10 to \$15 (per two-year term) and Boosters were raised from \$20 to \$30. Our President visited one club and three districts in June with another six districts scheduled for October into early November. Five districts remain to be scheduled. The Nursery at Emerisa Gardens underwrote the expense of printing CGCI's 20,000 membership cards as well as offering a 10% discount upon presentation of our card. Julie outlined the examples of the support received for the CGCI President's Project - permanent signage at Sonoma State University's Native Plant Garden; Project Mission Blue to help save the federally endangered mission blue butterfly by increasing lupine diversity; and helping Anza-Borrego Desert State Park replace the irrigation system and specimen plants in the visitors center garden.

President Julie West said, "I believe CGCI presents possibility and hope when working together pursuing similar goals and objectives as well as for CGCI as an organization. Just look at what CGCI accomplished this past year because you helped make it happen! I am humbled to be a part of this team effort and great organization. Exploring the possibilities in conservation, gardening, creativity and inspiration together is how we do make the difference! Thank you for your trust and the honor bestowed upon me to serve as your representative."

President-Elect Rita Desilets reported that a Planning Questionnaire was distributed at the 2012 organizational meeting in June. Those not in attendance were sent a copy. For those chairmen who have not yet communicated their plans for 2013-2015, please do so as soon as possible. This will enable generating a list of positions that need to be filled. If you know of someone in your district or club who could/should be part of the board of directors, please include their contact information.

2nd Vice President Sue Bennett (via written report) reported that as of September 1, **194 clubs** with **11,154** members; **34 associate plant societies** with **1902** members and **13 affiliates** have paid their 2012-2013 dues. A total of **\$28,460** was received. This leaves 85 clubs, 19 associate plant societies and five affiliates in danger of being delinquent if dues are not paid by October 1. Each District Director received a list of clubs and affiliates in their district whose dues are not paid as of September 1.

3rd Vice President Pat Claves reported that *Golden Gardens eNews* has 1,644 subscribers; the Consultants eNewsletter has 283 subscribers – 1,927 total subscribers. Pat wants all of us to encourage fellow club members to subscribe. Both newsletters are filled with important information. All award descriptions and evaluation forms have been updated for the 2012 awards year which runs from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The Youth Awards Year now runs from June 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 – please note this change. Everyone is encouraged to "like" CGCI on Facebook – valuable information is posted daily – check us out! And while you're on the CGCI website home page subscribe to *Golden Gardens eNews* (it's FREE!).

CGCI currently gets approximately 600 visits on its Facebook page each week.

2012 Convention Chairman [Ron Byrd](#) reported total registration of 301. Fifty percent of the remaining balance after all expenses were paid, a total of \$2,938.78, was presented to CGCI. The remaining fifty percent was presented to Sacramento River Valley District.

Garden Therapy Chairman [Bonnie Wagner](#) confirmed what gardeners have known for a long time: gardens promote healing – physically and mentally. Bonnie suggests a Garden Therapy table at the 2013 convention in San Diego, demonstrating successful projects the clubs have used in their garden therapy programs. Bonnie says, “Garden Therapy is for everyone.”

Studies show that patients who have windows looking out on leafy trees or a large picture of a forest scene on the wall were less anxious, needed fewer doses of strong pain medication and healed quicker than those who looked at abstract art or no art at all.

Gardening Study Schools Chairman [Greg Pokorski](#) reported three schools in planning or in progress – Encino in the south and Eureka and Nevada City in the north. Gardening Consultants are encouraged to attend to refresh and to support the schools.

Golden Gardens Angels Chairman [Carol Mayo](#) reminds everyone to look for the angels among us who deserve recognition.

Honor Book Chairman [Joelle Holford](#) reported receiving three donations since convention – two from one garden club, and one from an individual.

IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption Chairman [Mary-Jo Noth](#) announced the revocation of tax-exempt status of two CGCI clubs and urged clubs to remain in compliance with IRS regulations.

Landscape Design Council Chairman [Pat Claves](#) noted that the Council has 91 members, all receiving the Consultants eNewsletter either via email or by the postal service.

State Parks Chairman [Janet Eyre](#) invited members to the first presentation of \$1,000 to Anza-Borrego State Park in October for our project to help Anza-Borrego Desert State Park replace the irrigation system and specimen plants in the visitor's center garden.

Landscape Design Schools Chairman [Alexis Slafer](#) noted that CGCI has more than 125 Landscape Design Consultants representing 20 districts.

President's Project Chairmen [Linda Simonds](#) and [Ruth Browning](#) happily announced that \$11,227.05 has been donated for the permanent educational signage at the Native Plant Garden at Sonoma State University. A gently-used book sale will be held at Winter Board Meeting in Auburn with all proceeds benefitting the Project.

Legislation/Government Chairman [Chuck Goodwin](#) reviewed the statewide measures that will be on the ballot in November's election.

Life Membership Chairman [Carlotta Wixon](#) welcomed six new CGCI Life Members and two NGC Life Members since Convention.

Scholarship Co-Chairman [Albert Chang](#) requested district directors and club presidents to return their completed survey to identify all garden club scholarships given in California.

***“Gardening adds years
to your life
and life to your years.”
(Author Unknown)***

HORTICULTURE



The Persimmon Tree (*Diospyros virginiana*)

By Lois Brayton of [Southern California Garden Club](#)

The persimmon is primarily a southern tree and produces a smooth round orange-colored edible fruit. It takes a touch of cold weather to ripen the fruit and if you "jump the season" you run the risk of setting your teeth on edge. Persimmons contain tannin, the astringent component that makes your mouth pucker - and as the fruit ripens the acid is transformed by an enzyme.

The persimmon tree is an easy tree for beginning gardeners to grow. It is a small to medium-size tree usually 25-50' with a trunk up to 1' in diameter and a somewhat rounded crown. It

can sprout from a root, and the dark wood is related to ebony. The bark of older trees is ruggedly corrugated and looks like alligator hide. A feature of the tree is that the fruit clings to the tree long after the leaves have fallen.

The wood of the tree is useful. It does not shatter so shuttles for weaving, golf club heads, billiard cues, mallets, flooring and veneer are some of the many uses. The tree is a good source of food for birds and small animals and is sometimes called "the possum tree."

American persimmons aren't eaten as much now by humans; but if they are not eaten until they drop or are shaken off the tree, they are a treat. The botanical name is *Diospyros* meaning "Divine Grain."

Sources: *Lives of the Trees* by Diana Wells; *The Illustrated Book of Trees* by William Carey Grimm; *An Introduction to Trees* by John Kieran



Invasive Plants - Part 7 of 10

The Terrible 10 Invasive Plants of Southern California: fountaingrass; castorbean; tree of heaven; cape-ivy; vinca; ivy; arundo; fennel; iceplant; and pampasgrass

Terrible Invasive Plant #7 of 10 - Arundo, *Arundo donax*

Arundo is a large bamboo-like grass ranging from ten to thirty feet tall. It spreads to form large impenetrable stands. Arundo grows in river and stream channels as well as upland slopes with access to water. Dense stands reduce nesting sites and food supplies for several species of endangered birds. Arundo infestations pose a great fire hazard. Its ability to re-sprout immediately after a fire results in further infestations. Uprooted plants clog storm channels, damage bridges and wash up on area beaches costing hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual clean-up costs.

Editor's Note: Article from [Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council](#); Photo from [Wikipedia](#).





Salvia 'Indigo Spires'
Photo by David Cavagnaro from
www.finegardening.com

Sage Advice

By [Kathy Bramhall](#), Red Bluff Garden Club

I have several *Salvias* in my garden here in Red Bluff's Sunset Zone 9. I have clumps of *Salvia officinalis*, common garden sage, which we eat in the stuffing of our Thanksgiving turkey; and I have several other "native" salvias which have interesting shaped leaves, colorful flowers and grow nicely in borders. The most important appeal to me is that sages are generally easy to grow and do well without much care. I occasionally do some light pruning to keep them looking their best.

Sage is the largest genus in the *Lamiaceae* family. Sunset says there are "... some 900 species from throughout the world." U.S. nurseries carry hundreds of species with magical names like Indigo Sage, Pineapple Sage, Mexican Sage, Prairie Sage and Hummingbird Sage. That being said, focus on sages designated for your climate zone—many are—or you'll be disappointed.

There are annuals and perennials and annuals which act like perennials in the warmer climate zones. My *Salvia* 'Indigo Spires' just barely survived the freezes last winter; however my 'Navajo Red,' which was planted at the same time in the same border, is really showing off its tiny, but showy, red and white flowers this year. Most sages like hot climates, are somewhat drought tolerant and must have well-draining soil. Caution: Many sages spread with underground runners and can "move about" in your garden—shovel prune as needed.

The major visual distinction of sages is that they have square stems. The leaves come in many shapes and sizes—oval, lance-like, wrinkled, heart-shaped, scalloped—from one inch to eight inches. Leaves are most often grey-green—but newer species are listed as medium green, dark green, "flushed" with red, or bordered in gold. Some leaves are glossy and smooth while others are wooly or fuzzy. Some are smooth on one side and fuzzy on the other. Sages are long-blooming with range of colorful flowers growing in whorls spaced along the stems. Some species grow as sprawling shrubs six to eight feet tall, while others are tidy one to two foot mounds.

The other major distinctions of sages are, of course, their aroma -- delightful to most, repellant to other. Be sure you "test smell" your sage before you bring it home. Most sages release aroma only when the leaves are brushed or crushed. Many repel deer and other browsers; however, snails, slugs and aphids will still chew on them. Most sages are attractive to bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

Webster's defines "a sage" as a wise counselor. *Sunset* takes five and a half pages to define sages. There are many informative books on salvias. So be wise, do your research, and try sage in your garden.

[flower magazine](#)

At the 2012 NGC Fall Board Meeting, the Board of Directors voted to form a partnership with *flower magazine*. For each subscription purchased by a NGC member at a special discounted price of \$17.99, NGC will earn \$2.00. District Directors can request free copies for their next meeting by contacting

Katherine@flowermag.com or by calling Katherine at 205-970-0775.

Subscription cards will be sent with the magazines showing the NGC code and discounted price. To order online visit www.flowermag.com/ subscribe and enter the code 1NGC.

DESIGN

The Stable Design



Stabile Design above was created by NGC Master Flower Show Judge Martha Hunt at a recent Judges Council of Southern California meeting.

NGC's *Designing by Types* states, "All Creative Designs must have rhythm or movement, but a Stable goes a step further. Although there are no physically moving parts, the total design must express a truly dynamic sense of impending movement or thrust."

According to NGC's *Handbook for Flower Shows* (Revised 2007), "A Stable Design is a creative design fixed in position at the base, but having implied motion. Therefore, it is considered a Kinetic Design."

Also, "While it is non-moving, dynamic motion is implied for it appears as if it could move in some direction at any moment. It gives the effect of 'frozen motion in space.' It may appear as a piece of three-dimensional sculpture. All components, including the base, dowel support (if used) and mechanics, must add to the feeling of impending motion."

The direction of the movement/thrust can be vertical, horizontal or diagonal; however, according to *Designing by Types*, "the rhythm must be dynamic or flowing and always directional."

Symmetrical designs and designs with very strong, centrally located focal areas are to be avoided in a Stable Design as they impede the movement and tend to make the design appear stationary or static.

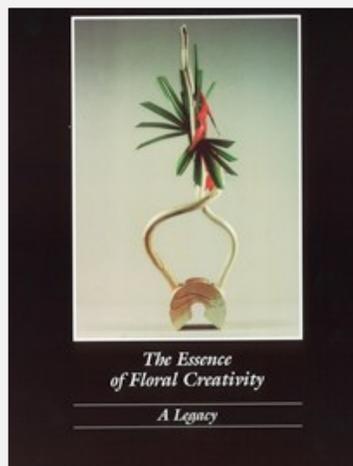
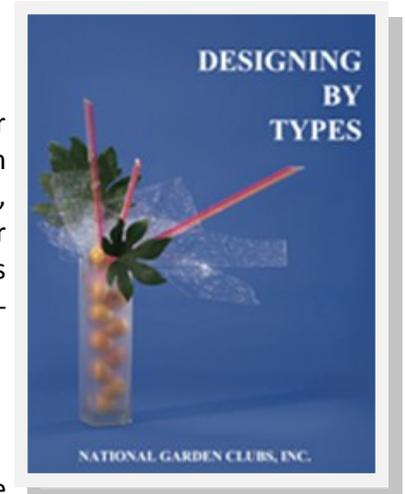
--*Designing by Types*

Must Have Design Books

Designing By Types

Harriett Osborne, Editor

This book complements the design chapter of the 2007 edition of the Handbook for Flower Shows. It contains over 190 beautiful colored pictures of designs with text. This book provides a marvelous reference for all those who enjoy designing, and provides the reader with a fuller appreciation of the variety of possibilities for each and every design type. You can order this book through NGC for only \$44.95. [Click here](#) to order.



Essence of Floral Creativity - A Legacy June Wood and Marge Purnell, Editors

Designer par excellence, Bob Thomas devoted more than 45 years to sharing his talents with others. This book includes highlights of his lectures and photographs of his designs. You can order this book through NGC for only \$40.00.

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CONSERVATION

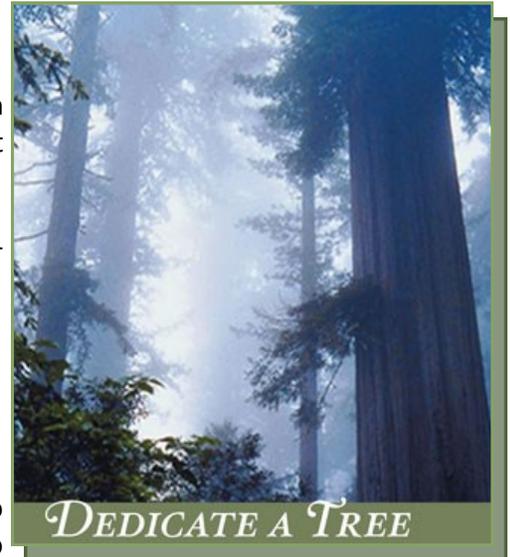
2000-2010 CGCI Presidents Tree Dedication

All are invited to attend the 2000-2010 CGCI Presidents Tree Dedication honoring CGCI Past Presidents Dorothy Roton, Virginia Bennetts, Robert Gordon, Elisabeth Tufo, Robin Pokorski and Maryanne Lucas.

Contact [Rosa Radicchi](#), CGCI [Sempervirens Fund](#) Chairman, for more information.

Sunday, October 28, 2012, 1:30 pm
[Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Santa Cruz](#)

At 2012 CGCI Convention it was determined that changes were needed to how we treat donations to the Fund. Please make donations directly to CGCI and note "Sempervirens Fund" on memo line; mail to: CGCI, c/o Rosa Radicchi, 730 Modesto Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-6209. Funds will be held by CGCI in a special account and donated at regular intervals.



Reforestation & Restoration

By [Judy Unrine](#), Chairman

CGCI's National Forest Reforestation and Restoration Fund is doing well. At the present time, **\$5,130** has been donated to the fund by CGCI clubs across the state.

The most recent donations have come from **Hanford Garden Club, Hermosa Garden Club, Petaluma Garden Club, Santa Rosa Garden Club, Costa Verde District and Luther Burbank District.**

The last Reforestation and Restoration project was the restoration of a dry creek bed in National Forest land in San Diego County. Because the last project was in the southern half of the state, the money collected in the restricted fund will be used for a National Forest project in Northern California. Devastating forest fires have ravaged the [Mendocino National Forest](#) area. This chairman will visit the area to begin the process of identifying a possible project.

When donating, remember to send your check, made payable to CGCI, to Judy Unrine, 5005 Via el Sereno, Torrance, CA 90505. Thank you to all who have shown support of CGCI's Reforestation and Restoration projects.



**"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful:
they are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul."**

--Luther Burbank

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Garden Activities: Celebrate Fall

By [Maryanne Lucas](#), Youth Activities Chairman

It's the time of year when children all over the northern hemisphere, and not just a few adults, marvel at the glorious color of fall leaves and wonder why it happens. Leaves are the "power factories" for plants, capturing the energy from the sun and bundling it up into carbohydrates (sugar) to power itself and almost all other life on the planet in the process known as "photosynthesis." It is a shame to pick those important little powerhouses during the summer when the plant needs them most. But when leaves fall off of "deciduous plants" (meaning plants that shed leaves annually) in the autumn, they are fair game for the rest of us!



Collecting leaves of different shapes and colors gives kids the chance to examine them closely and become more connected to plants and nature. The chemical in the leaves that is responsible for photosynthesis is called chlorophyll. Chlorophyll reflects green light. During the summer when the leaves are busy creating sugar, chlorophyll is abundant and overcomes the chemicals that reflect other colors so the dominant color you see is green. When the days shorten and the sun declines in the fall, there is less photosynthesis happening so the amount of chlorophyll starts to decline. This gives the other chemical a chance to take over and show off colors!

When many garden club members were kids, each fall we would collect a variety of leaves and press them with an iron between two sheets of waxed paper. That method still works today. Or, you can also use clear contact paper (or even laminate) to preserve the leaves. Identify the leaf, label each page, collect them into a binder and you have a great project for a meet-up with friends or family weekend.



Another fun activity with leaves is to do leaf rubbings that recreate leaf patterns. The kids can create works of art suitable for refrigerator galleries, greeting cards or even wrapping paper. All you need is plain white paper and colored crayons. Here is what you do:

- Explore your neighborhood and collect some leaves of different shapes and sizes.
 - Place each leaf on a worktable with the vein side up.
 - Lay a sheet of paper over the top.
 - Select a crayon and take the wrapper off.
 - Turn the crayon on its side and rub it over the top of the paper pressing gently.
- The leaf's edges and raised veins will appear on the paper.
 - Experiment with different crayon colors and leaf arrangements.
 - Examine the rubbings looking for similarities and difference.

Most important of all . . . **Celebrate!** Celebrate the fall season, the wonder of leaves, photosynthesis and the beauty of nature!

Youth Awards

[Click here](#) to view/print the *CGCI Awards Manual* which includes Youth Awards.

See article on page 13 of this issue regarding youth awards by Youth Awards Chairman [Linda Riddle](#).

NGC SCHOOL NEWS

Gardening Study School Update / Eureka, California

By [Mary Lou Goodwin](#), Local Chairman

Garden Club Members from Magalia, Chico, Ukiah, Nice, Garden Valley and Livermore traveled many miles to attend the Gardening Study School, Series 23, Course I in Eureka in October. Humboldt County residents made up the remainder of the class of thirty-one attending. They especially liked being able to purchase heathers from a local nursery and to propagate plants in the College of the Redwoods Greenhouse. Posters telling about different activities in the six local garden clubs invited the community to join them.

The Gardening Study School Series 23 will continue with Course II on January 4 and 5, 2013. Registration deadline is January 1, 2013. Deborah Giraud, University of California Cooperative Extension Instructor, will return to bring the class the latest techniques for growing vegetables. The Landscape Design overview will come from Donna Wildearth, who has taught at the College of the Redwoods. Peter Haggard, retired Humboldt County Agriculture Inspector, will discuss Pest Management. He will have his book, *Insects of the Pacific Northwest*, for sale. Container Gardens will be taught by College of the Redwoods' Colette Beaupre. One of the original instructors from the Series 5 which was held in Eureka in 1984-1985, Bert Walker, will lead the discussion of Lawns, and he will explain his efforts to bring new varieties of apples to the commercial market. He taught at all three of the previous schools in Humboldt County. [Click here](#) for the brochure/registration form for Course II.

Gardening Study School Update / Encino, California

By [Robin Pokorski](#), Local Chairman

Course III of our Gardening Study School will take place on January 30-31, 2013. Registration deadline is January 12, 2013. David King, Michael O'Brien and Nancy Harrington will be back as instructors; and Don Marquardt, who presented a popular club program last season, will teach the supplemental subject, "Landscape Design for YOUR yard." [Click here](#) for the brochure/registration form for Course III.

Students' Course II feedback included: "Informative; Very worthwhile; We need more of these classes!; This 2-day series is the best gardening course I've ever taken." Don't miss the opportunity to keep learning.

Flower Show Judges Symposium

By [Laura & Rob Crenshaw](#), Flower Show Symposia Chairmen

The 53rd CGCI Symposium will be held on May 5-7, 2013 in South San Francisco at the Grosvenor Best Western Hotel at the San Francisco Airport. Our instructors will be Tina Tuttle from Molino, Florida, presenting the allied subject "Seven Plants that Changed the World" and instruction on Pelargonium (*Geraniaceae*) and Iris. Tina's sister, Gina Jogan, will talk on "Fiberworks" as an allied subject and instruct on Armatures and Pot-et-Fleur. Registrar is [Shane Looper](#), and brochures will be available on the CGCI website by December 1, 2012.

Photo of Pot-et-Fleur design, "Orchids in the Park," was created by NGC Flower Show Judge [Joyce Dean](#).



CHAIRMEN NEWS

Awards Sponsor Update

Thank you to the following new Award Sponsors: [Carolyn Villi](#) - G-10, Section 5 Photography - Single Photograph / [Jane McKee](#) - PR-2, Section 3 Article by Individual.

If you received an award at Convention and would like to send a thank you note to the sponsor of the award, contact the [Awards Chairman](#) for the sponsor's name and address. This is a good thing to do!

Awards

By [Pat Claves](#), 3rd Vice President-Awards Chairman

If you are having trouble completing the new application form (which is limited to three printed pages/ front sides of pages only), [click here](#) to see four examples. Remember, books of evidence for most awards will no longer be accepted.



Awards which must be **postmarked by December 1, 2012:**

- ◆ Flower Show Judge of the Year Award
- ◆ Community Impact Award
- ◆ B-2 - Blue Star Memorial Site Beautification Award
- ◆ C-7 - Operation Wildflower Award
- ◆ PR-2, Sections 1 & 2 - Newsletters
- ◆ PR-2, Section 4 - Publications other than a Yearbook or Newsletter
- ◆ PR-4 - National Garden Week Award
- ◆ 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 Awards (#5, #30, #57)
- ◆ J-5 - Poetry Contest
- ◆ J-14 - Youth Sculpture Contest
- ◆ HS-6 - High School Essay Contest

The rest must be postmarked by **January 10, 2013**. [Click here](#) to see the 2012 Awards Manual. The Awards Manual is also in the 2012-2013 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* which all club presidents received this fall from their district directors. [Click here](#) to see the evaluation forms which judges use to evaluate most award entries. Questions? Contact the [Awards Chairman](#).

MAY ALL OF YOUR RIBBONS BE BLUE!

Golden Gardens eNews

By [Pat Claves](#), Golden Gardens eNews Editor

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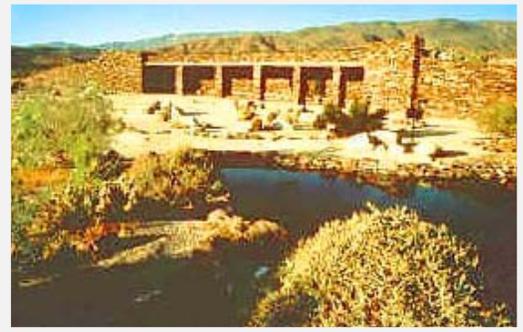
In preparation for the transition from the printed magazine, *Golden Gardens*, to the electronic newsletter, *Golden Gardens eNews*, we have tried a new PDF format that began with this issue. It is hoped that the new PDF format will make the electronic publication more friendly for printing. When you click on the California Poppy picture in the formatted email message which subscribers receive, it will take you directly to the PDF formatted newsletter posted on CGCI's website.



Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Update

By [Janet Eyre](#), Chairman

October 27-28, 2012 is Borrego Days at [Anza-Borrego Desert State Park](#). ALL CGCI members are invited to attend a special presentation at 2:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center on Saturday, October 27, when \$1,000 from CGCI will be presented. This is the first donation for the replacement of the worn-out irrigation system for the three-acre garden surrounding the Visitors Center. We look forward to seeing you there! [Click here](#) to donate.



Facebook

The CGCI Facebook page has over 600 visits per week! If you are a Facebook member, search for California Garden Clubs, Inc. and "like" us! [Click here](#) to see CGCI's page if you are not a Facebook member. Questions, contact the [Facebook Administrator](#). You can also go to the Facebook page via the [CGCI website home page](#) -- look for the logo on the right hand side.

Three Year Calendars

The 2014-2016 three-year calendars are here! The cost is still at the bargain price of \$5 that includes the plastic cover. The net proceeds will be split equally between CGCI's newest, long-term state projects: [Project Mission Blue](#) and [Anza-Borrego Desert State Park](#). Contact [Shane Looper](#), 650-871-0172, to make arrangements for quantity purchases for your district and/or club. **THE CALENDARS MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!**



Youth Awards

By [Linda Riddle](#), Youth Awards Chairman

Does your Youth Group need some extra money? Now is your chance to apply for some fun and simple Youth Awards! Please don't let all of your Youth Gardeners' hard work go unrewarded this year! Many of the available Youth Awards for 2011 were not applied for. There are many categories from which to choose, including: flower arranging, poetry, sculpture, photography and essay contests. There are awards for Junior, Intermediate and High School gardeners.

I am sure with a little thought and time, your Youth could apply and win some cash! The applications have been simplified; books of evidence are no longer required. You can find a complete list of all the Youth Awards on the [CGCI website](#). [Simply download the evaluation forms](#) and be sure to check the due dates for each award. Let's make sure our Youth Gardeners receive all the recognition they deserve.



Happy Gardening!



Blue Star Memorial News

By [George Unrine](#), Co-Chairman

This Chairman would like to report some recent Blue Star happenings.

- ◆ A marker was recently removed from storage and should be re-installed at the 5th Street end of the Bay Bridge.
- ◆ The missing marker at Conway Summit off I-395 was removed because the support collar broke off, cause unknown. The District and Club are looking at ways to have it remounted.
- ◆ Two markers are included as part of the rest area renovation below Tipton on Hwy. 99. The re-opening of the rest areas is now expected in October.
- ◆ And, a new byway marker and a relocated byway marker will be rededicated November 11, 2012 in Colfax. Consider attending if you are in the area.

My Co-Chairman, [Sandy Rogers](#), has discovered that you can call National Garden Clubs, Inc. and request its Blue Star Marker bi-folds. Judy put a copy in each director's mailbox at fall board, and she can tell you how to order them for your district or club. Remember to use this chairmanship to help you **Keep Those Blue Stars Shining**.

For more information, visit the CGCI website. [Click here](#).

THE BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Since 1945
Honoring the men and women
of the Armed Forces
of America



All to see,
lest we forget,
those who help to keep us free.

-Polly Henderson
Former Blue Star Memorial Chairman

Having an Event which is Open to the Public?

If so, let [Webmaster Ed Dempsey](#) know. Several flower shows were scheduled in October but some were not listed on the CGCI website calendar. Once an event is listed on the CGCI calendar, the [Facebook Administrator](#) can pick up the date and post it on CGCI's Facebook page. CGCI clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates are eligible to take advantage of this benefit of membership.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Flag Protocol

By [Robin Pokorski](#), Chairmen Coordinator

When a flag is so tattered that it can no longer serve as a symbol of the United States, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning. The American Legion and other organizations regularly conduct flag retirement ceremonies, often on Flag Day, June 14. Give your ragged, faded, torn and battered U.S. flags to your district director, who can give them to [Robin Pokorski](#) at a CGCI board meeting/convention. Or ask your local American Legion (or other organization) to help your club members and the public dispose of your ragged, faded, torn and battered U.S. flags.

Gathering Scholarship Data within CGCI

by [Albert Chang](#), CGCI Scholarship Co-Chairman

Both NGC and CGCI are collecting information on club and district scholarships and need your help. This information is being collected nationwide in an effort to gather and share our accomplishments as a national organization to include in future press releases. When the total is added, we believe it will be substantial both within California and across the nation. Please help us collect the data needed to report to NGC as requested. This is an opportunity to "brag" about the scholarship activities within your club and/or district.



Please provide the following information on the form (see Attachment A to this newsletter):

1. Club name.
2. Club president's name.
3. Club president's email address and/or telephone number.
4. District name.
5. Number of scholarship(s).
6. Dollar amount of each scholarship.
7. Eligibility requirements - i.e., student must be in horticulture or related subjects.
8. Restrictions - i.e., must be from a particular school or geographical area.
9. Deadline for application(s).
- 10: Additional money donated to schools (i.e., garden grants, etc.)

Note: If your club does not give a scholarship, please send an email indicating so.

In these times of rising tuition costs for college students, a scholarship is one of the best ways that we can assure the future of horticulture for California. CGCI would like to help publicize and promote the fine work of clubs and districts. CGCI would like to list your club or district scholarships available on CGCI's website as an aid to students, parents, counselors, educators and instructors.

As NGC President Shirley Nicolai stated in the Fall 2012 issue of *The National Gardener*, "With your help between now and April, National Garden Clubs will determine how much money at the local, district and state levels was given in scholarships across the country during 2012. When added to the \$122,500 awarded at the national level, the total amount will give us pride and positive publicity."

Please send the above information regarding your club or district scholarship to:

Albert Chang, CGCI Scholarship Co-Chairman, 12010 Susan Drive, Granada Hills, CA 91344-2641 or email it to afchangusa@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your help with this project to help California's young people further their education.



*In honor of **Coralee Sawyer** who has faithfully supported
Roseville Arrangers Guild for over 30 years.*

Trish Hopkins, President

You can send an Angel Greeting for someone special in *Golden Gardens* -- in memory of, in honor of, birthday, anniversary, etc. Simply send your Angel Greeting form and your check for \$25.00 (payable to *Golden Gardens*) to *Golden Gardens* Angels Chairman [Carol Mayo](#), 2351 Bodega Avenue, Petaluma, CA 94952. [Click here](#) for the form.



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. NEWS

NGC President's Projects

[Marilyn Oberti](#) reminds us of NGC President Shirley Nicolai's three special projects for 2011-2013. If garden club members have not already applied, there is still ample time to do so. Application forms, guidelines for special MONETARY awards and Certificates of Recognition are located on the [NGC website](#).

- ◆ **Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems**—Identify and address critical water issues at local, state, regional and national levels. Documentation may be through a simple reporting form. As long as applications for Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems are completed and received by March 15, 2013, there is still time. Send applications directly to (email preferred) to [Mary Sue Colvin](#), Ecosystems Chairman at jhcolvin2@bellsouth.net / 10473 Hwy. 562, Fort Necessity, LA 71243-5112.
- ◆ **Photo Archiving**—A Flickr site on NGC's website. Email a few photos and document your special project. Email to [Robin Pokorski](#) at robinp@juno.com.
- ◆ **Plantings for Public and Special Places**—Applications are due April 1, 2013. Send directly to [Betsy Steele](#), NGC Project Coordinator at betsysteele@truvista.net or P.O. Box 339, Richburg, SC 29729. These projects will recognize outstanding projects in three categories: (a) Gardens with Edibles; (b) Container Gardens; and (3) Trees and Shrubs. Past projects may be refurbished and new projects may be created. Win in each category. More than one application may be submitted in different categories.



Keep sending your photos to [Robin Pokorski](#) to post on the California's page on NGC's Flickr site!

Have you checked out the photos from California lately? If not, [click here](#). There are over 300 photos.



PACIFIC REGION NEWS

Pacific Region Convention

Save the dates: **April 22-24, 2013** to attend the Pacific Region Convention to be held at the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country Hotel in Santa Rosa, CA. You have an opportunity as a club and/or district to help host this fun event and be part of the Pacific Region Convention team! Consider being a delegate for CGCI (12 delegates are needed in total) at the same time! We hope you will join us! [Click here](#) for more information.

Pacific Region Website

[Click here](#) to see photos on the Pacific Region website. One set is from the 2012 Pacific Region Convention in Alaska, and the other is from the 2011 Pacific Region Convention in Arizona.

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, flyers, registration forms, etc. For schools in other states, check the [NGC website](#).

January 4-5, 2013 - Gardening Study School, Course II, UC Cooperative Extension Building, 5630 S. Broadway, Eureka. Host: Humboldt District. Chairman: [Mary Lou Goodwin](#). [Click here](#) for brochure and registration form. Course III: April 5-6, 2013/Course IV: July 12-13, 2013.

January 7-9, 2013 - Flower Show School, Course II. Sponsor: Judges Council of Southern California. Chairman: [Martha Hunt](#). [Click here](#) for the brochure and registration form. Course III: August 12-14, 2013/Course IV: January 6-8, 2014.

January 30-31, 2013 - Gardening Study School, Course III, Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino. Sponsor: Southern California Garden Club. Chairman: [Robin Pokorski](#). [Click here](#) for brochure and registration form for Course III. Course IV: March 28-29, 2013.

May 5-7, 2013 - Flower Show Judges Symposium, San Mateo. [Shane Looper](#), Registrar.

July 27-28, 2013 - Gardening Study School, Course I, Nevada City. Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club. Chairman: [Myrtle Findley](#)

September 17-19, 2013 - Flower Show School, Course I, Diablo Foothills District. Co-Chairmen: [Victoria Lucido](#) and [Dolores Moffat](#). Course II: February 5-7, 2014/Course III: July 9-11, 2014/Course IV: February 11-13, 2015.

CGCI OFFICIAL CALENDAR

(other than schools)

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

October 27, 2012 - Borrego Days at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 2:00 pm. Contact [Janet Eyre](#) for more information.

October 28, 2012 - Dedication of the 2000-2010 CGCI Presidents' Tree, Big Basin State Park, Santa Cruz at 1:30 pm. Contact [Rosa Radicci](#) for more information.

February 5-8, 2013 - CGCI Winter Board Meeting. Host: Golden Foothills District. Chairman: [Myrtle Findley](#). Auburn Holiday Inn.

April 22-24, 2013 - [Pacific Region](#) Convention. Host: CGCI. Chairman: [David West](#). Hilton Sonoma Wine Country Hotel, Santa Rosa.

May 11-18, 2013 - CGCI Fundraising Cruise Aboard the Sapphire Princess. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

May 21-27, 2013 - NGC Convention, Sheraton Hotel Seattle, Seattle, Washington.

June 3-7, 2013 - CGCI 83rd Convention, San Diego. Host: Palomar District. Chairman: [Jane McKee](#).

September 2013 TBA - CGCI Fall Board Meeting. Host: Orange County District. Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche.

September 24-28, 2013 - NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri.

February 13-16, 2014 - CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Glendale Hilton. Host: Arboretum District. Chairman: [Shirley Stewart](#).

April 30-May 3, 2014 - NGC Convention, Norman, Oklahoma.

June 5-9, 2014 - CGCI 84th Convention, Glendale. Host: San Fernando Valley District. Chairman: [Robin Pokorski](#).



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ATTACHMENT A

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE 2012 SURVEY REQUEST

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. Scholarship Chairman, Bonnie Borne, has requested that all states do a survey to find out how much clubs donate for scholarships every year. This would include club money spent for a particular student project at a school, college or university, as well as money for scholarships. You may email the information needed directly to Albert Chang, CGCI Co-chairman for Scholarship (afchangusa@gmail.com), with your scholarship details so your club can receive credit for its scholarship activities and be counted in this survey.

If your club does not give a scholarship, please send an email indicating so.

CLUB NAME _____

CLUB PRESIDENT'S NAME _____

CLUB PRESIDENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

CGCI DISTRICT _____

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS _____

DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EACH SCHOLARSHIP _____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (for example, high school seniors from a particular school or students for a particular college) _____

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS _____

ADDITIONAL MONEY DONATED TO SCHOOLS (for example, for a horticultural competition at a high school) _____

Please email or mail this form to:

**Albert Chang, CGCI Co-Chairman, Scholarship
12010 Susan Drive
Granada Hills, CA 91344-2641
818-363-5925 (home); 602-418-2900 (cell)
afchangusa@gmail.com**

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