



## *Golden Gardens eNews*

### 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 2012 Fall Board was a whirlwind of educational activity accomplishing the business at hand as well as fun! The Slingware Fashion Show with eleven members modeling creative slingware included Arbor Day autumn leaves; butterflies; yule light up the holidays; country western; Hollywood bling; what's the point?; National Poinsettia Day; sunflowers; Singapore sling; on the red carpet; for the luck of the Irish; and the slinky sling. A special thank you is extended to Robin Pokorski who coordinated the event in honor of this president's recent shoulder surgery and all models who participated! The theme, "Exploring the Possibilities with CGCI" lived up to its name with conservation, gardening and creative programs/workshops that inspired all of us who attended.



The Board of Directors approved \$500 to sponsor the California fivespined ips (*Ips paraconfusus*) insect tile on the [UC Davis Arboretum Nature's Gallery Court](#) (see cover of 2012 summer issue of *Golden Gardens*). The donor tile will be dedicated and inscribed "Members of California Garden Clubs, Inc." along with the scientific name of the insect.

We hope you are completing the Pacific Region Tally Ho project of tracking volunteer hours. [Click here](#) for details and deadlines of which the first deadline is September 30, 2012.

In addition, NGC is collecting scholarship information from each state. Please let [Albert Chang](#), CGCI Scholarship Co-Chairman, know how many and what amounts your club and/or district provide in scholarships as soon as possible. You will be surprised how quickly this will add up to a large number within California and an even larger number nationwide!

[Editor's Note: If you took photos of the Slingware Fashion Show which took place at Fall Board, please send copies to the [Facebook Administrator](#) with copies to President [Julie West](#). Thank you.]

## President's Travel Schedule

- September 27-29 - NGC Board Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas
- October 4 - Golden Foothills District
- October 10 - Yosemite Gateway District
- October 15 - Roadrunner District
- October 24 - Humboldt District
- October 28 - Dedication of CGCI Past Presidents 2000-2010 Tree at Big Basin State Park, Santa Cruz
- October 29 - Santa Clara Valley District
- November 8 - Chicago Park Garden Club
- November 9 - Buttes District

### It's Still Time for **Season's Greetings**

The deadline for the *Golden Gardens* fall issue is October 15, so get your greetings in **NOW**. **SAVE** postage . . . and maybe a tree. Send your **Season's Greetings** to gardeners all around California via *Golden Gardens*!

Time is fast approaching for your greeting to be included in the holiday issue of *Golden Gardens*. If you would like to place a season's greeting, send your greeting and check payable to *Golden Gardens* BEFORE October 15 to: [Julie West](#), 850 Grandview Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472-2930 / Phone: 707-829-9342.

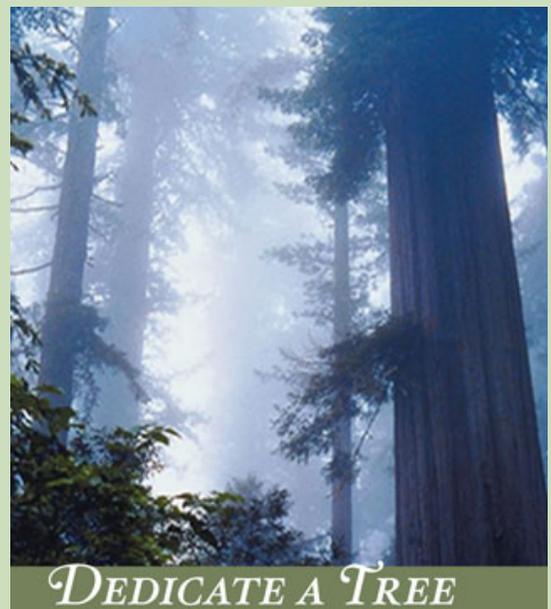
**Rates:** Minimum greeting is \$10 for two lines. Each additional line up to two inches is \$5.00 per line. (Maximum of 40 characters per line including spaces and punctuation.) **Sizes with graphics are:** One column wide x 2" tall - \$35 / One column wide x 3" tall - \$50 / One quarter page - \$75. [Click here for the form](#).



### 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 State Park](#)  
Santa Cruz



## 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 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show.

### YOUTH AWARDS

Please encourage your youth groups to apply for awards. **Many awards were not applied for last term!** The awards process has been made much easier this year; look on the website under [Youth Awards](#) for all of the descriptions and requirements. Also, check out the [evaluation forms](#) for these awards to see what is required.

**New this year -- Youth Awards Year: June 1 through December 31, 2012.**

#### SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST THEMES:

- For Smokey: (fire prevention theme) "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires!"
- For Woodsy Owl: (environmental theme) "Lend a Hand—Care for the Land!"

J-4 ESSAY CONTEST - "How Do Trees Help The Environment?"

J-5 POETRY CONTEST - "Protecting Our Aquatic Friends"

HS-6 ESSAY CONTEST - "Ways We can Protect Aquatic Ecosystems"

Questions? Contact the following Chairmen: [Linda Riddle](#), Youth Awards Chairman; [Joyce Reid](#), Poetry/Essay Contest Chairman; [Denise Davis](#), Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chairman; [Pat Claves](#), CGCI Awards Chairman.



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



#### 2013 CGCI FUNDRAISING CRUISE UPDATE

CGCI has eight cabins booked at this time and secured at the convention price of \$1,325 per person. Because the ship is filling up and this is a very popular cruise, Princess Cruises adjusted the pricing over Labor Day weekend. A balcony cabin is now \$1,369 per person, an increase of \$44 (+ taxes and fees). A midship balcony cabin is now \$1,409 per person (+ taxes and fees). The balcony cabins reserved were recalled by Princess Cruises because of the popularity of this sailing. All agents are now booking off the same pricing. There are many agents out there booking this cruise, so there are lots of competition. There is still group space available for ocean view and inside cabins. There are no mini-suites or suites available at this time. [Click here to read more.](#)

## News from CGCI Chairmen

### Blue Stars Shining

New prices are in effect:

Highway and Memorial Marker: \$1,400

Byway Marker: \$450

[Click here](#) to read more about the Blue Star Memorial Program.

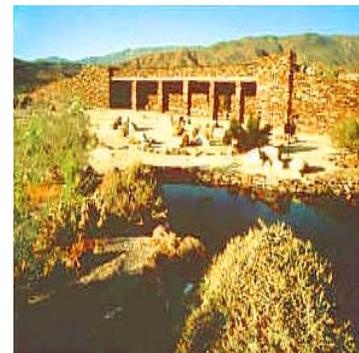
Questions? Contact [George Unrine](#) and [Sandy Rogers](#).



### 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, 2012 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 Visitor's Center. We look forward to seeing you there!



### School Garden to Market

By [Kris Ethington](#), Youth Feature Editor

Whether it is providing seed money, volunteer labor or sage planting advice, investing time and/or funds in school gardening programs is a gift with endless returns. The San Clemente Garden Club is a proud sponsor of three school gardens, including two elementary schools and a middle school. Recently, a Shorecliffs Middle School teacher and student volunteers began selling garden starters raised by students at the weekly farmers market as a garden fundraiser. They offered tomatoes, California natives and succulents. [Click here to read more.](#)



## CGCI [Sempervirens Fund](#) Donations Update

By [Rosa Radicchi](#), Chairman

Changes have been made as to how CGCI members make donations to this special long-term CGCI project. Please now make your check payable to "CGCI" and mail your donation directly to: CGCI -- Sempervirens Fund, c/o Rosa Radicchi, 730 Modesto Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-6209.



These funds will be held by CGCI in a special account and donated at regular intervals to the Sempervirens Fund. Your donations are very important to CGCI and the Sempervirens Fund. [Click here](#) to see flyer distributed at the CGCI Fall Board Meeting.



### Facebook

If you are a Facebook member, search for California Garden Clubs, Inc. and "like" us! If you are not a Facebook member, you can review CGCI's Facebook page by [clicking here](#). The CGCI Facebook page has over 600 visits per week! [Click here](#) to see CGCI's page. Questions, contact the [Facebook Administrator](#).

## News from CGCI Parliamentarian, [Greg Pokorski](#)

A new edition of the [National Association of Parliamentarians'](#) 300 Membership Examination Questions, effective this month, and based on the new 11th edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is now posted on the [NAP website](#). These questions cover the gamut of parliamentary issues encountered in the operation of our garden club organizations and are a meaningful parliamentary study tool, and the predecessor version was the foundation for parliamentary workshops conducted at six 2007-2009 CGCI state meetings. You are encouraged to read and review these.



# Golden Gardens eNews

By [Pat Clayes](#), Editor

Subscribe to the *Golden Gardens eNews* by [clicking here](#). And check which eNewsletter (*Golden Gardens eNews* and/or *Consultants eNewsletter*) you would like to receive -- you can sign-up for both!

Club Presidents: Please ask your club members if they would like to receive the *Golden Gardens eNews*. If they agree, please send their email addresses and first name to the [Golden Gardens eNews Editor](#).

For 100% *Golden Garden Clubs*: Now is the time to start getting your members used to the *Golden Gardens eNews*. Send your members' email addresses to the *Golden Gardens eNews* Editor so your

members can start receiving the next *Golden Gardens eNews*. Remember that, last June, the CGCI convention body voted to suspend the publication of *Golden Gardens* in print form. The spring 2013 issue will be the last print issue of *Golden Gardens*. So, CGCI encourages you to subscribe to *Golden Gardens eNews* which will cover the same articles and information plus a lot more than can be covered in the print edition in a more timely manner than a quarterly print edition can deliver. The monthly online newsletter is free-of-charge, and all prior issues of the online newsletter are available in the archives online. [Click here](#) to view past issues.

## From Home Grown Chairman, Myrtle Findley

I just learned another reason for home growing: Genetic research has produced some interesting experiments in cross-breeding species. Today we have goats whose milk contains spider DNA. Coming soon to a fast-food service near you: synthetic hamburgers made from meat grown from stem cells in the laboratory. [Maastricht University, Netherlands reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.] **Make it Home Grown!**



Winners of the HT-3 Best "Green Recipe Award from the 2012 CGCI Convention:

First Place - **Eva Smith** of Meadow Vista Garden Club, Golden Foothills District

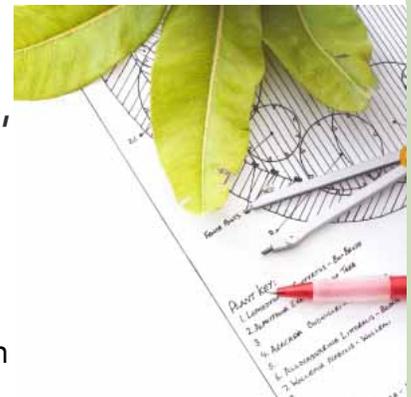
Second Place - **Barbara Weiler** of Vista Garden Club, Palomar District

Third Place - **Carolyn Hoyum** of Anderson Valley Garden Club, Cascade District.

## News from Landscape Design Schools Chairman, Alexis Slafer

This Chairman is pleased to report that CGCI has over 125 Landscape Design Consultants (including Master and Provisional Consultants) - representing 20 Districts.

Your LDS Chairman is now working on developing other schools in both Northern and Southern California. I would love to work with you so you could have a school right in your own backyard. Landscape Design courses provide an opportunity to gain knowledge, promote awareness and understanding of the principles and theories of landscape design, site planning and landscaping; as well as good land use and development regulated by government agencies. Let me know if your club or district would like to sponsor a future LDS school.



## Bird & Wildlife Conservation

By [Donna Thomas](#), Conservation Feature Editor

Any vertical pipe with an open top from one to ten inches wide can be a hazard to birds and other wildlife. The open pipe problem has been highlighted recently by discoveries of dead birds and other wildlife in PVC mining claim markers across the western United States. A biologist in the Ridgecrest Bureau of Land Management Office and the Manager of the California Audubon Kern River Preserve told me about this issue. They spoke about two examples of the hazard that they knew about. A biologist in Nevada removed 195 mine claim markers containing 740 dead birds, including one pipe that encased 31 bird skulls and carcasses. Audubon California staff pulled down a twenty foot tall ventilation pipe with a six inch wide opening from an abandoned irrigation system in a field adjoining the Kern River Preserve and found a seven foot



long mass of decomposed carcasses of 231 dead birds and animals including kestrels, flickers, bluebirds and fence lizards. The pipe had been in place for over fifty years posing a silent unknown threat and entombing birds and small animals leaving no trace until it was removed. [Click here to read more.](#)

### 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. **THEY MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!**



### Opportunities for Gardening Consultants to Refresh

By [Greg Pokorski](#), Gardening Study Schools Chairman

There is one more opportunity for Gardening Consultants to refresh their credentials this year: Gardening Study School Course I in Eureka on 10/12 - 10/13.

[Registration form and information](#) are on the CGCI website. For information, the Local Chairman is [Mary Lou Goodwin](#). [Click here to read more.](#)



### Welcome New Club & Affiliate

**New Club: Sunshine Garden Club**

(20 members)

President -- Jay Kapac

San Fernando Valley District

**New Affiliate: UC Davis Arboretum**

Assistant Vice Chancellor & Director - Kathleen Socolofsky



## Membership

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

REMINDER: Memberships become delinquent on October 1, 2012

Thank you to the Clubs, Associate Plant Societies (APS) and Affiliates that have already paid their dues; however, there are still a few that have not paid as of Tuesday, September 18. Dues are payable to "CGCI" and mailed to the membership chairman who shall transfer the funds promptly to the treasurer. [Click here](#) for the forms on the CGCI website. Questions? Contact Sue Bennett at 916-791-9459 or [click here](#) to send an email message to Sue. Sue is both the Membership Chairman and the APS Liaison.

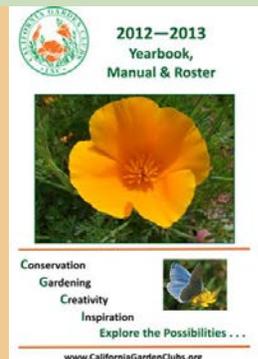
If dues are not paid by October 1, clubs and associate plant societies become ineligible for CGCI liability insurance and participate in the CGCI awards program. In addition, clubs also become ineligible for the the CGCI 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption. (CGCI Bylaws, Article IV, Sec. 2 (e))

Thanks again to all those who have submitted their CGCI membership renewals.

## CGCI Yearbook

Please let [Carmen Black](#), CGCI Yearbook Chairman, know if you need a 2012-2013 CGCI yearbook.

Carmen will gladly mail a copy to you for \$8.00 plus \$2.50 shipping. She will need the name of your club before she can mail it to you.



## Invasive Plants - Part 6 of 10

The Terrible 10 Invasive Plants of Southern California: fountaingrass; castorbean; tree of heaven; cape-ivy; vinca; ivy; arundo; fennel; iceplant; and pampasgrass - from [The Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council](#).

Terrible Invasive Plant #6 of 10 - Ivy  
(*Hedera canariensis*, *H. helix*, *H. hibernica*)

Algerian Ivy, English Ivy and Irish Ivy all have leathery lobed leaves and white or yellow clusters of flowers. Commonly used in gardens as groundcovers, these ivies are often seen escaping gardens by growing up and over fences and walls.

They escape cultivation by sending out runners that root and break off from the parent plant. Spreading into areas far from where they were planted. Once established in natural areas, they are known for climbing and smothering native plants. [Ivy on the right is from Editor's garden - ivy plants are kept in containers so they do not spread.]





# News from National Garden Clubs, Inc.



## Member Services

By [Candace Morgenstern](#)

It has been determined that NGC members LOVE gardening, LOVE floral design, Love fashion and LOVE travel! Well, Member Services has it all for you!

We are now in [partnership](#) with Gardener's Supply, Smithers -Oasis, Brent & Beckys bulbs. We also have new luggage tags and a gorgeous 100% NGC silk scarf! [Click here to read more.](#)

## The New NGC Website

Excerpt from NGC President's Message in *Keeping in Touch* (August-October 2012)

[The NGC website](#) has free downloadable membership flyers, posters and handouts that you can download and insert your local club contact information, print them and distribute at events, neighborhoods or give to members to hand out.

Our brand new website has 3 levels of information. Every garden club member and the public can access the first level. The free forms can be found on the first level under CLUBS and then FREE PUBLICATIONS. The garden club member level is the second level and the words you need for access is user name "member" and password "proud." I urge you to make use of the many free things we have made available to all members. I believe these printouts/pamphlets will be of help to you and your members. Also, available are pamphlets that will help current or potential club officers. The upgrading of our website is one of our efforts to PROUDLY SERVE OUR MEMBERS.



## "Companion Gardening With Herbs"

From NGC's *Keeping in Touch* (August-October 2012) by Virginia Grandpré

Companion Gardening is the act of planting different plants close to each other so that their natural properties will allow you to use less fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides. Many plants act as deterrent or enhancement plants to their "companion" partners, thus reducing the need for more chemically based additives in your garden.

[Click here](#) to read more.

## [This Old House Magazine](#) - Garden Photos Needed!

Thanks to contact made through Finkel and Binder, editors from *This Old House* magazine recently invited NGC to submit quality photographs of members' gardens for a future article. Approval to participate has been voted on by the Executive Committee. Several gardens from across the country will



be featured in a spring or summer article. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the talents of our members and bring positive publicity to NGC. Additionally, we will amass photos that we can use for other PR or educational opportunities. [Click here to read more.](#)



## News from Pacific Region Tally-Ho Project

Final reminder regarding this project. For more information, [click here](#), and look for the reporting form as the first attachment.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 DEADLINE for club members to club presidents.

OCTOBER 7, 2012 DEADLINE for club presidents to district directors.

OCTOBER 15, 2012 DEADLINE for district directors to CGCI President.

## A VERY Short History of Gardening

(Reprinted with permission from *WACONIAH*.)

Forest Gardening, is/was a plant-based "food production system"; it is the oldest form of gardening. Forest gardens began in prehistoric times along jungle covered river banks of the monsoon regions. In the very slow process of families improving their living areas, useful trees and vines were identified, protected, improved and then undesirable growths were eliminated. Eventually, the best of the selected species were made into the family garden. [Click here to read more.](#)



## 2012 Scholarship Winner

By [Kristie Livreri](#), Pacific Region Scholarship Chairman

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Pacific Region Scholarship Winner for 2012 as Miss Christina M. Leid from the state of Idaho. Miss Leid is an outstanding student at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho where she is enrolled presently as a junior in the College of Natural Resources with a major in Forest Resources and a minor in Soil Science. Her goal is to work with hydrologists to further improve and maintain watershed systems.

## Pacific Region Convention

By [Greg Pokorski](#), ES, GS and LD Schools Coordinator

I attended the annual Pacific Region Convention in Alaska in July and enjoyed a pre-convention tour with garden club friends (at least 5 of the group were Landscape Design Consultants) that included a visit to Denali National Park. This signage in the Visitor Center made an impression:

### Glaciers are Landscape Designers

Glaciers are sculpting the landscape today. Look for evidence of their work as you travel through the park. [Click here](#) to read more.

## 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](#).

- **October 12-13, 2012 - Gardening Study School**, Course I. Sponsor: Humboldt District. Eureka. Chairman: [Mary Lou Goodwin](#). [Click here](#) for the registration form. Course II: January 4-5, 2013 / 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.
- **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.

## 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.

- **September 26-29, 2012** - NGC Fall Board Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- **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 Convention, Glendale. Host: San Fernando Valley District. Chairman: [Robin Pokorski](#).
- **September 24-28, 2014** - NGC Fall Board Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa.
- **February 2-5, 2015** - CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Fresno. Host: Sequoia Foothills District. Chairman: [Diane Lane](#) & Carley Metcalf.
- **TBA** - CGCI 84th Convention. Host: Golden Foothills District. Chairmen: [Myrtle Findley](#) & [Joan Craig](#).

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