



# Golden Gardens eNews

## California Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Rita M. Desilets, President

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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Greetings to all and best wishes for a happy and rewarding new year!*

*We are starting the year with many exciting things to look forward to including the Winter Board Meeting to be hosted by Arboretum District at the Hilton Hotel in Glendale from February 13-16, 2014.*

*I hope everyone is planning to attend the CGCI 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention hosted by my district, San Fernando Valley District, June 5-8, 2014 also at the Glendale*

*Oregon. Come and see for yourself how exciting and fun this convention will be.*

*Thank you for your generosity to the 2013-2015 President's Project, Habitat for Humanity Landscaping. Donations have exceeded \$2,000, and grant applications are being received by Chairman Sara White.*

*Now is the time to make your reservations for the 2014 Wildflower Conference in Tehachapi if you haven't already done so. Co-Chairmen Merrilee Ray and Wanda Hewett have booked seven great speakers on a variety of topics. Your \$90 registration includes refreshments, the seven workshops, dinner and tour. There is a free breakfast for those staying at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites.*

*Visiting our CGCI clubs and districts continues to be a rewarding experience. Hearing about your wonderful projects and activities makes it even more of a pleasure to serve you!*

*-- Rita*



*Hilton. Many outstanding programs and workshops are being planned by Chairman Robin Pokorski and her talented team. There will be an opportunity for club leaders to attend Robin's famous Leadership/Parliamentary Workshop. Our very special guest will be NGC President Linda Nelson from*

### PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE

- January 6, 2014 - Flower Show School, Rancho Palos Verdes
- February 13-16, 2014 - CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Glendale
- February 24, 2014 - Desert Empire District
- March 27, 2014 - Sequoia Foothills District
- April 6-8, 2014 - Wildflower Conference, Tehachapi

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### CALLING ALL GARDENERS TO THE 2014 WINTER BOARD MEETING

February 13-16, 2014, Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale

[Click here](#) for the registration form.

[Click here](#) for more information and the schedule.

[Click here](#) for proposed bylaw and standing rule amendments.

Come and join us for great programs, entertainment and fun.

- ◆ Tour the Los Angeles County Arboretum
- ◆ Musical entertainment on Saturday night
- ◆ Great hotel, fine food, educational workshops and speakers

What more could you ask for?

Renew old friendships and make new friends.

See you in Glendale!

2014 Winter Board Meeting Chairman: [Shirley Stewart](#)

### 2014 COLORS OF FALL CRUISE UPDATE

Get your deposit in now. Call Chris Merkel, Expedia Cruise Ship Centers, 800-258-8880. [Click here](#) for more information or contact [Mona Dunlop](#), Tour Chairman.

### CGCI SCHOLARSHIPS

CGCI offers two \$2,000 scholarships each year - [Click here](#) for more information. Deadline for this year is **January 14, 2014**.



### AWARDS

Please note the postmark date of **January 10, 2014** for awards not having a December 1, 2013 deadline. [Click here](#) for award information.

### CALIFORNIA CONSULTANTS COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, February 13, 2014, 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale, 100 W. Glenoaks Boulevard, Glendale, CA 91202

Salon 1 & 2

Questions? Contact Council Chairman [Julie West](#).



## MEMBERSHIP & YOU

By [Krystal Migliore](#), 2nd Vice President

Nearly every day, with a cup of tea in hand, my mother goes out into her garden. She does her own version of a “walk about” looking for changes that have occurred since her last visit. Changes are eagerly anticipated whether the change is a small sprout beginning to pop through the soil, flower buds beginning to open into glorious bloom and, yes, even when plants are starting to look a little tired. They all play an important part and contribute to the beauty of her garden. Each and every change is appreciated, and, because she is looking closely, she discovers the plants that need a little of her green thumb magic and TLC.

Change and variety is important for any garden. What would it be like if an invisible bubble settled over a garden? If it became a place where no new plants were introduced, seeds could no longer germinate and no new pollinators could enter. Something would be missing, wouldn't it? While the garden may still be beautiful, would it possess the same vitality? Over time, a never changing garden would be less interesting.

Garden clubs are a lot like gardens. Each garden club is unique. They are ever changing and, like a garden in a bubble, something would be lost if nothing ever changed. Garden club members are responsible for the dynamics of the club. Whether a member is a sprout (just beginning) -- eager to jump in and bloom, or a member who may be a little tired (because they have already been there and done that), every member has something to contribute.

When you attend your next garden club meeting, grab your cup of tea (or coffee) and do your own walk about. What do you see? What one thing can you do to make a difference? What can you do to provide members a chance to not only contribute but to shine? Once you recognize where a little TLC is needed, you are one step closer to making your already fantastic club even more dynamic.

In coming issues look for: *TLC for Retaining Members and Cultivating New Members*. Does your club have successful programs for member retention or attracting new members? If so, we'd love to hear from you.



## GARDEN THERAPY NEWS

The **Conejo Valley Garden Club's** Halloween Workshop at Senior Concerns was a great success! Club members helped Senior Concerns members build beautiful bouquets in small pumpkins and then decorates the pumpkins.



Please send your Garden Therapy stories to Garden Therapy Chairman [Bonnie Wagner](#). Bonnie wants to know what your club is doing regarding garden therapy. Also, remember the **January 10, 2014** deadline for submitting G-18 Garden Therapy Award entries to 1st VP [Sue Bennett](#).

Keep up the great work, Conejo Valley Garden Club of Channel Islands District!

# WEBSITE

By [Jane McKee](#), Communications Director

Just a reminder . . . there are many new forms available on the website to simplify things like making donations and updating personal or club information.

Example: Go to the [FORMS](#) page . . . you will find:

### Under Board Members

- [Change of Information/Address \(New\)](#)
- [Cash Receipts & Expense Reimbursement PROCEDURES](#)
- [Request for Payment or Reimbursement](#)
- [Cash Receipts Report Form \(New\)](#)
- [Line Codes-Chairman & DD Expense \(New\)](#)
- [Line Codes-Restricted Funds \(New\)](#)

### Under Membership

- [Organization Information Update Form \(New for Clubs/APS/Affiliates\)](#)

### Under Youth

- [Application Form \(New group\) \(New\)](#)
- [Annual Report Form \(New\)](#)

There are many others and clicking on the form title will link you to the actual form. Most forms are in pdf format (at top of Forms page is link to Adobe Reader if you do not have this free application) and can be completed electronically and either printed for mailing (if check or signature is required) or emailed.

A few, like the "Change/Update Information" forms are "webforms" which can be completed and submitted online via the website (just click on the "submit" button at bottom of form). The information will go directly to the responsible party.

We encourage you to visit the Forms page and check out what is available to you and begin to use these new tools. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.



# PRESIDENT'S PROJECT UPDATE

By [Sara White](#), President's Project Chairman

Here is the latest on the President's Project, **Habitat for Humanity Landscaping!** Since June 2013, we now have a total of **\$2,150** from 20 donations from our clubs, districts or individuals. We also have received our first grant application for \$250 from the Walnut Creek Garden Club. They will be working with the East Bay/Silicon Valley Habitat affiliate in Oakland helping to landscape an affordable townhouse community currently under construction in Walnut Creek. "Before" pictures were included!

If you would like to participate in this project, [click here](#) for the donation form. This should accompany your check payable to CGCI, and note "Habitat for Humanity" on the memo line.

If you would like a grant application to assist Habitat for Humanity with its landscaping needs, [click here](#) for the application form. Only the front yards are landscaped by volunteers; the rest is left for the homeowners.

To find out what and where Habitat for Humanity building projects are in your area, you must first contact your local affiliate by using the zip code finder -- [click here](#). It may be that you live in an area where there is no active affiliate. In that case, you could still donate to this project's fund which will cover the grants. The grants will be awarded to approved applicants in the order received and as funds are available.

For more information and forms on the CGCI President's Project, Habitat for Humanity Landscaping, [click here](#).

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- NEW DONORS**
- Bev Davis
  - CGCI Memorial for Gladys Nielson
  - Costa Verde District
  - El Cerrito Garden Club
  - Hermosa Garden Club
  - Luther Burbank District
  - Petaluma Garden Club
  - Roseville Better Gardens Club
  - Ruth Browning
  - Sacramento River Valley District
  - Sue Bennett
  - Sunnyvale Garden Club
  - Westlake Village Garden Club
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## 2014 WILDFLOWER CONFERENCE

By [Merrilee Ray](#), Chairman

Time is growing near for the  
2014 Wildflower Conference!

Come one, come all for an  
educational and fun time.

April 6-8, 2014 in Tehachapi, California



Come on **Sunday, April 6** for registration from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the La Quinta Inn, 500 E. Steuber Road. A Welcome Reception/Meet & Greet is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

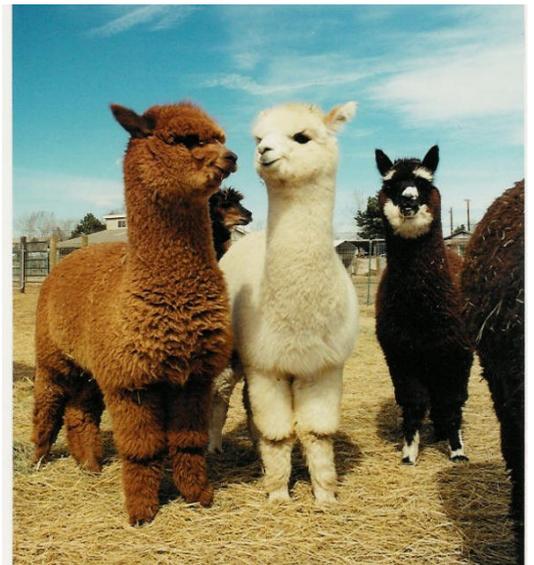
**Monday, April 7** will be a busy day. Start the day with a complimentary breakfast for hotel guests. Breakfast is from 6:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be on your own at 11:45 a.m. The speakers will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 4:45 p.m. From 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., you will enjoy a good dinner and some great entertainment.

### Topics:

- ◆ *Exotic Feline Conservation*
- ◆ *How to Attract Hummingbirds & Butterflies*
- ◆ *Desert Riparian Restoration & Invasive Species Management*
- ◆ *Capturing Ephemeral Beauty: A Celebration of California's Wildflowers*
- ◆ *California Indian Uses of Wildflowers & Other Native Plants*
- ◆ *What's Growing on with California's Native Plants*
- ◆ *Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society*

On **Tuesday, April 8**, start the day with the complimentary breakfast for hotel guests from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. At 9:00 a.m., we will all meet and follow a lead car on a tour to **Field of Dreams Alpaca Ranch**. The tour will end the conference.

The committee is sure you will enjoy this event, and you will be happy you attended. **Hurry! Send your registrations ASAP, and make your hotel reservations.** The deadline for room reservations is **March 20, 2014**, and the special room rate is only \$79.00. The conference registration deadline is **April 1, 2014**, and the registration fee is only \$90.00 which includes refreshments, the workshops, dinner and tour. [Click here](#) for the registration form. Questions? Contact [Merrilee Ray](#) via email or by telephone: 760-382-6546.



## BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER NEWS

By Nancy S. Bishop, Year Around Garden Club

National Garden Clubs, Inc. honors our veterans by sponsoring a Blue Star Marker program.

A Blue Star By-Way Memorial Marker, presented by the **Year Around Garden Club** (Arboretum District), was placed in Constitution Plaza (southwest corner of Whittier Boulevard and Harbor Boulevard) in La Habra on November 11, 2013. President Rita Desilets was in attendance, as well as Mary Joan Morris who represented the Arboretum District. [Mary Joan served as a nurse stationed in India during World War II.] CGCI Blue Star Co-Chairman George Unrine and his wife, Judy, were also in attendance. The marker is surrounded by native plants and serves as a tribute to all the men and women who have served, are serving, or will serve in the armed services of the United States.

One of our garden club's goals is to help beautify La Habra as well as other areas in the Arboretum District. It is the custom of the garden clubs throughout the United

States to publish the cities and locations in those cities where a Blue Star Marker has been placed. La Habra will be recognized as a community that cares and stands up for people in our armed services. All 21,00 garden club members in California will be informed of La Habra's commitment to our armed services by this dedication of the Blue Star By-Way Memorial Marker. A local citizen heard our message and stepped forward to underwrite this project, once again making La Habra memorable.

### *BLUE STAR BYWAY MARKER DEDICATION Veteran's Day, November 11, 2013 La Habra, California*



*~ Nancy S. Bishop ~ Year Around Garden Club ~  
~ Mary Joan Morris ~ Arboretum District ~*



*Garden Club Members Representing the  
Arboretum District*

## BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER NEWS

By [Sandy Rogers](#), Blue Star Memorial Markers Co-Chairman



On Veterans Day, November 11, 2013, members of Discovery Bay Garden Club (DBGC) proudly brought together gardeners, community, friends, patriotism and celebration during their dedication of a new shining Blue Star Marker.

DBGC is a small club with a lot of energy and support. The Blue Star Marker has been a vision of DBGC for several years. With the completion of the community's new Stifer Park and the help of sever-



*First Vice President Sue Bennett*

al past presidents and present co-presidents Mariel Taylor and Rosemary Harrison, the support of service personnel of United States Armed Forces, the town of Discovery Bay, Discovery Bay Yacht Club, Earth Day Volunteers, Boy Scout Troop 514 and Rich LeMyre (flags), the vision became a reality.

During the dedication, those in attendance learned the history of the Blue Star Memorial Markers from CGCI Blue Star Memorial Markers Co-Chairman Sandy Rogers. Representing CGCI was First Vice President Sue Bennett and Diablo Foothill District Director Rebecca Ferguson. Words were expressed from the 11<sup>th</sup> District Assemblyman Jim Frazier and Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho.



*Blue Star Memorial Markers Co-Chairman Sandy Rogers*

Last but not least was the turning over of the Blue Star Memorial Marker to the town of Discovery Bay, laying of a floral swag on the memorial, music by Nancy Tores, the benediction and Taps played by David Horne. Light refreshments were enjoyed by all.

**LET'S KEEP THOSE BLUE STARS SHINING!**

*Right: Blue Star Memorial Markers Co-Chairman Sandy Rogers and Diablo Foothills District Director Rebecca Ferguson*



## HORTICULTURE - Matilija Poppy



By [Diane Cleland](#), Red Bluff Garden Club

An Irish surgeon-botanist, Dr. Thomas Coulter of Newry, Ireland, discovered the plant in the chaparral and scrub of southern California in 1831 or 1832. First seeds reached England in 1875 and bloomed at the Botanic Gardens at Glasnevin in Dublin in 1876. By late Victorian times, the plant had become a prized garden performer.

Here in the west, one of Matilija's garden roles is as a watered, tended, large-scale flower bed plant, a favorite of California native plant lovers. Its other western role is as a big, expansive drought-resistant plant. It grows in all climate zones and blooms from May to July and longer. The Matilija Poppy is deer and rabbit resistant, so it is a good choice for slopes and other open areas where it can grow to its heart content. It likes full sun and well-drained soil. In the maintained garden, you must be on guard against the plant's spreading rhizomes. Beautiful but invasive, it is best not to plant near less vigorous plants. During winter and spring, watch for new shoots popping up at a distance from the original plant. Dig up such offsets and as much as possible of the rhizomes that connect them to the mother plant. Because this plant resents being transplanted and difficult to find in nurseries, dug up rhizomes is the most efficient way to propagate. Members of your local California Native Plant Society would be a great information resource for growing and propagating this California native. (continued on page 11)

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN -- "What Do You See?"

By [Krystal Migliore](#), 2nd Vice President

Ouch! Is it Mickey Mouse, an elephant or a tree suffering from a bad hair cut? How did this happen? When you look carefully, you will see power lines running through the "ears" of the tree. We don't know if the tree or the power lines were there first but it is obvious that this is a bad place for this tree. Each year PG&E comes along and prunes the tree and results are obvious . . . poor tree.

Yes, nature is probably responsible for the placement of this particular oak tree but nature isn't responsible for every tree planted in the wrong place -- man is. As you drive around, look for trees planted in the wrong places -- under power lines. This time of year they are especially easy to spot because they have suffered through yet another pruning.



When you want the trees of your community to look like trees, please educate your members and the public about the importance of Right Tree Right Place.

Right Tree Right Place is a motto of PG&E. They have produced a lovely and very educational publication which opens into a color poster with photos of trees appropriate for planting around power lines. The guide is available for Bay Area & Inland, Northern California and Central California. To request a free copy (or copies) of Guide to Small Trees Near Distribution Lines, send an email to [RightTreeRightPlace@pge.com](mailto:RightTreeRightPlace@pge.com) or call 800-743-5000. When ordering, please include which guide (area), how many copies and include a mailing address.

When the complimentary copies arrive, distribute them to the members of your club or district. They will love it! It will also make a colorful addition to your display at your next community event.

## YOUTH NEWS

### San Clemente Garden Club Junior Gardener Program

By Stephanie Anfinson, San Clemente Garden Club, Orange County District



November was a busy month in the gardens at Concordia and Marblehead schools. During both after school garden days, much was accomplished by children and adults!



At Concordia, children loved watering milkweed and observing Monarch caterpillars and chrysalises. With their parents' help, flower seeds were collected and replanted before the plants were trimmed.

They planted chard, kale, peas and cabbage, and then parents put up netting fences to keep the rabbits out. Each second grade class had a rock painted for their classroom bed.

PTA Garden Chair Heather Rice, Teacher Leader Barbara Johnson and the Garden Fun students received a \$550 garden grant from San Clemente Garden Club.



At Marblehead, PTA Parent Leader Ali Brunson and the Kokua Kids were so happy to get the San Clemente Garden Club \$550 garden grant!

The children harvested vegetables that they planted in September.

After the vegetables were washed, the students cut red chard, squash, peas, rainbow carrots, beets and cabbage.

On a propane stove, the veggies were steamed and then served over rice. Yum, and so many wanted seconds!



## FLORAL DESIGN

by [Pauline Sechi](#), Floral Design Education Chairman

As the CGCI Floral Design Education Chairman, I was invited to the Carlsbad Garden Club in November to demonstrate "Fall Inspired Floral Design." As an active horticultural-motivated garden club, I wanted to include materials taken from the garden, landscape and maybe a little "road-side-ia." Most of the designs were donated to the club which members auctioned at the end of the meeting.

Carlsbad Garden Club meets at the Dove Library in Carlsbad every month. They have an inspiring Scholarship Program as well as other community and garden activities.



Left - A Creative Design with a tall thin container holding a polystyrene ball covered with Magnolia leaves. I removed a pie sliced piece from the foam and replaced it with floral foam to be able to insert floral components. This area contains peach Roses (purchased), yellow Alstroemeria and orange Pyracantha berries from the Library (with their permission of course). I twisted rolled leaves and berries into fine gold wire and placed it on top of the arrangement and hanging over the sides.

Right - A pink design is still in keeping with the fall season. Found at any floral supply store, I used a simple plastic black container with a square piece of floral foam. Then inserted green bamboo as the vertical line and shorter pieces placed horizontally to ground the design. Other materials used are Protea Pink Ice, a rose silk hat, Anthiriums and Leucadendron Golden Tip. The Hypericum clumped at the base, is the only floral not grown in my garden used in this design.



Left - As another donation to the club, I glued sphagnum moss to a plastic plate and made a succulent garden from cuttings. This is placed on top of a harvest basket, which makes it easily removable for weekly waterings.



Left - A blue/brown basket with plastic lining is the ideal container for a country inspired design. Inserted into the wet foam are a collection of autumn colored components including assorted berries, nuts, Chrysanthemum, Marigold, Pepper and blue Eucalyptus. A dried Sunflower seed head is used as the focal point.

Below Right - This Creative Design was purchased by member Donna Scarfo. With floral foam taped to a small see-through plate, it is easily removed from the tall clear vase filled with Persimmon 'fuyu' from my tree. Other floral is Strelitzia leaf manipulated and also using the flower. Other materials are Leucadendron, Begonia, Marigold. The floral foam is wrapped with Ti leaf and Persimmons added for depth.



Above - Pauline with Club President Anne Smith



## HORTICULTURE - Matilija Poppy

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The handsome bluish-green foliage consists of opposite, deeply lobed leaves. The leaf texture is leathery but the leaves are not hairy like some other members of the poppy family. The petals (there are six) are like fine white crinkled tissue or crepe paper. A giant cluster of bright yellow stamens in the center of the flower similar to the yolk of an egg give Matilija poppy its other common name, fried egg plant. The new flowers open only at dawn, last about a week on the plant, and then neatly drop all of their petals. They do this from May into July when the unwatered ones start to slacken off, then quit for the year. Plants that get water (it can be very little) continue to bloom, though lightly, through late summer and then come back for a second bloom season in September and October. In fall or winter, cut the stems that carried last year's flowers back to within 2 to 10 inches of the ground. Plants will flower next year whether you cut them back or not. On any one day during the May-July bloom, a big plant might display 30 to 60 of the usually six-petaled, 8 to 10 inch wide flowers. The flowers do quite well cut. Burn the ends of the stems over a gas flame, candle or match for five seconds, then place in water.



## SPOTLIGHT: San Clemente Garden Club & Burlingame Garden Club



Starbucks on El Camino Real in San Clemente was the scene of a FlashMob on November 12, 2013 when Kathleen Scopaz, Sponsorship Chair of **San Clemente Garden Club** (Orange County District) received a \$5,000 grant from Viet Tran, Edison International's SCE Region Manager.

Club members and junior gardeners gathered for the event. The grant is designated to support the club's junior gardener programs in San Clemente schools and scholarship programs for San Clemente High School seniors and students attending college.

Congratulations to San Clemente Garden Club!



**Burlingame Garden Club** (Bay Ocean District) members dedicated their new community garden in September. The club was organized to provide gardening education and to develop community gardens in that city which did not previously have them.

A site was found in an unused corner of a city park where 22 wooden 4x8 raised beds were constructed, provided with individual water spigots and filled with good garden soil. The gated garden space also has a potting bench, compost bin and storage shed, actually constructed by the city 's Park/Rec. Department and Public Works Departments.

Members, including those who have rented beds, as well as other interested residents will have the opportunity to participate in gardening lectures and workshops as well as learn about the practical aspects of organic gardening in this pilot community garden. Any excess produce grown will be donated to local charities. The garden club will also be reaching out to local schools and non-profits to serve as an example of how to produce healthy homegrown food for ourselves and for the planet.

Congratulations to Burlingame Garden Club members for this step forward in promoting healthy gardening and providing educational activities centered on sustainable gardening, healthy eating and environmental awareness to their community.





## PENNY PINES DONATIONS

### Fifth Report - 2013

Total Donations = \$5,916.00

By [Pat York](#), Chairman

#### ARBORETUM DISTRICT

It's Garden Thyme	
Honor: Jackie McTeer	\$68
Honor: Kathy Mitzen	\$68
Honor: Marty Sinclair	\$68
Honor: Nedra Root	\$68
Sierra Madre GC	
Honor: Janet O'Day	\$68
Year Around GC	
Honor: Beverly Risse	\$68
Honor: Babs Cosand	\$68
Honor: Edna Franson	\$68
Honor: Delia Gonzalez	\$68
Honor: Pam Penrod	\$68
Honor: Nancy Bird	\$68
Honor: Dorothy "Dottie" Cosgrove	\$68

#### BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT

Berkeley GC	
Honor: Deva Lowenthal	\$68
Friends of Heirloom Flowers	
Memory: Janet Wilson	\$68
Honor: Denise Lepeilbet	\$68
Honor: Founding Members FOHF	\$68
Pinole GC	
Memory: Judy Baker	\$68
Honor: Margaret Young	\$68
Honor: Dorothy Bonghi	\$68
Honor: Diane Miller	\$68
San Leandro GC	
Memory: Helen Brusstar	\$68
Memory: Christine Crowell	\$68
Memory: Irene Friedman	\$68
Memory: Alvina Langen	\$68

#### BUTTES DISTRICT

GC of Colusa County	
Memory: Ted Poppinga	\$68
Paradise GC, Inc.	\$340
Memory: Jim Donadio	\$68

#### CASCADE DISTRICT

Lake California GC	\$68
Trinity GC	\$68

#### COSTA VERDE DISTRICT

Hermosa GC	
Memory: Larry & Teresis Thompson	\$68
Memory: Sue Baca	\$68
San Pedro GC	
Honor: Lorraine Ornelas	\$68

#### DIABLO FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

District Donations	
Honor: Linda Cruz	\$68
Honor: Carolyn Bybee	\$68
Honor: Linda Flood	\$68
Blackhawk Bloomers	
Memory: Jim Judd, husband of Janis Judd	\$68
Honor: Eileen Rice	\$68

#### GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Colfax GC	
Memory: Patricia Wilt	\$68
Memory: Norene Strong	\$68
Divide GC	
Honor: Fran Rowell	\$68
Donner GC of Auburn	
Memory: William McReynolds from Betty McReynolds & Jenny Allen	\$68
Honor: Jack Schroeder from Jean Schroeder	\$68
Lake of the Sky GC	
Honor: Ted Menk	\$136
Meadow Vista GC	
Honor: Gil & Terri Jaramillo	\$68
Roseville Better Gardens Club	
Memory: Philip Fason Wellington, Jr. from Gordon & Suzanne Wellington	\$68

#### HUMBOLDT DISTRICT

Fortuna GC	
Memory: Beverly Langdon	\$68

#### LUTHER BURBANK DISTRICT

District Donations	\$136
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#### MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT

Fort Bragg GC	
Honor: Gay Jolissaint	\$68

#### MONTANA DE ORO DISTRICT

Cayucos GC	
Honor: Bonnie Little	\$68

#### ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT

Del Norte GC	
Memory: John Bednarski	\$68
Memory: Granite Mountain Hotshot Firefighters	\$68

#### PALMS TO PINES DISTRICT

Palms GC, The	\$68
Honor: Peter & Carol McWilliams	\$68
Honor: Elizabeth Waaler	\$68
Honor: Gertrude Gray	\$68
Riverside-San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society	
Memory: Milton C. Hahn	\$68
Honor: Marty Shipp	\$68

#### PALOMAR DISTRICT

Bridge and Bay GC	
Memory: Darlene Farrell	\$68
Poway Valley GC	\$68
San Dieguito GC	
Memory: Ronnie Schneyer	\$68
Vista GC	\$136

#### SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT

Gardeners of the Grove	\$136
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#### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT

Southern California GC	
Honor: Paola Jaramillo	\$68
Toluca Lake GC	
Memory: Joan Scheid	\$68
Honor: Mary Vossler	\$68

#### SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

District Donations	\$408
Valley Oak GC	
Memory: Ruth Ann Bergantz	\$68

#### VALLEY LODGE DISTRICT

Lodi GC	
Memory: Elsie Leary	\$68
Memory: Gladys Peterson & Nancy Gillaspy	\$68
Honor: Lodi GC 65th Anniversary	\$68
Honor: Carol Marvel & Jeanne Vetter	\$68
Honor: Jeanette Moore	\$68
Stockton GC	
Honor: Burke "Willie" Wilmena	\$68

#### MISCELLANEOUS

From: Bill & Sandy Camp	
Honor: Delores Camp, Dolores Sparre & Thor Sparre	\$68



## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. NEWS

### ENVIRONMENTALLY YOURS - ONE STEP AT A TIME

By [Mary Sue Colvin](#), Coordinator Environmental Concerns  
and Conservation Committee

Planet Earth has been blessed with a wealth of environmental gifts—whether it is the air we breathe, thousands of daily usages of water, an abundance of birds, butterflies and other land and marine wildlife, energy to fuel our activities, forests for recreation and industry, or abundant land on which to live, play and work.

For years National Garden Clubs, Inc. members have been educating, motivating and activating our citizenry about environmental issues. Not only should we continue to promote the conservation and protection of our natural resources, but we must advocate actions such as recycling, identification and eradication of invasive species and support of environmental legislation. Environmental issues become more critical each year as our air and water become more polluted; birds, butterflies and wildlife suffer the loss of more and more of their habitats; land is often sacrificed in the name of “progress”; forests are decimated or irreparably harmed; and energy is wasted at an alarming rate.

You may ask, “What can I do? It’s such an overwhelming undertaking.” **Take one step at a time.** Drink less bottled water; plant one beneficial plant for the birds, bees and butterflies; raise your thermostat one degree in summer; choose to go paperless for credit card bills; use less fertilizer and pesticides in your home garden; car pool to garden club meetings; recycle paper, bottles and cans; and talk to your grandchildren about the importance of being a champion of the environment. The list is endless.

***Making a World of Difference – Choices Matter*** is the 2013 – 2015 theme of National Garden Clubs, Inc. It is imperative that garden club members make choices that will, indeed, make a world of difference in our daily lives and for the future. **Each individual garden club member taking one step at a time by conserving and protecting our natural resources in some way will add up to hundreds of thousands of steps daily, as together, we can make a difference for the improvement of our world.**



## PACIFIC REGION OF NGC NEWS

### *Message from the Pacific Region Director, [Elaine Gunderson](#) from NGC’s “Keeping in Touch”*

Pacific Region is poised to support the NGC Conservation Pledge. Newsletters and yearbooks received from state, districts and local garden clubs have programs and projects to educate members about plants and their care, birding and bee farm field trips, community plant sales, hypertufa and terrarium workshops, NGC Gardening Study Schools, developing civic development projects, and to using “green hotels” that emphasize sustainability to hold state and Pacific Region conventions. Pacific Region is planting seeds for knowledge and education.

In September at the NGC Fall Board meeting, National provided information and guidelines to help regions, states and local garden clubs learn and spread knowledge about programs and projects offered by the organization. Pacific Region members are encouraged to utilize and share NGC’s ***Keeping in Touch*** with all members.

Pacific Region 2014 Convention Chairman Sandy Ford has planned exciting programs with enticing presenters and enriching field trips in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, July 1-3, 2014.



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

Check CGCI [Calendar of Events](#) for links to brochures, flyers, registration forms, etc. For schools in other states, check the [NGC website](#).

**January 6-8, 2014** - [Flower Show School](#), Course IV, Palos Verdes Peninsula. Host: Judges Council of Southern California. Chairman: [Martha Hunt](#)

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

**August 3-5, 2014** - 54th Flower Show Symposium, Holiday Inn, 120 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn. Symposium Chairman: [Mary Arakelian](#)

**October 23-24, 2014** - [Landscape Design School](#), Series 26, Course I. Sponsor: Luther Burbank District. Chairman: [Mary Ann Swanson](#).  
Course II: April 23-24, 2015  
Course III: October 22-23, 2015  
Course IV: April 28-29, 2016

#### **Clubs/Districts:**

**Want to sponsor a school? If so, contact [Shane Looper](#) for Environmental Study, [Greg Pokorski](#) for Gardening Study and [Alexis Slafer](#) for Landscape Design.**

## **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.*

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

**April 6-8, 2014** - [CGCI Wildflower Conference](#), Tehachapi. Co-Chairmen: [Merrilee Ray](#) and Wanda Hewett

**May 1-4, 2014** - NGC Convention, Norman, Oklahoma

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

**July 1-3, 2014** - Pacific Region Convention, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

**September 3-5, 2014** - CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Holiday Inn, Redding. Host: Cascade District. Co-Chairmen: [Anne Capes](#) & [Carolyn Hoyum](#)

**September 25-27, 2014** - NGC Fall Board Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa

**October 4-14, 2014** - CGCI Colors of Fall - Cruising with CGCI! [Click here](#) for more information.



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