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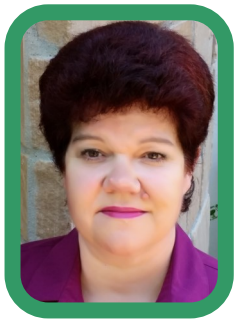
From the President's desk...



President's Project – A clarification
Thank you to everyone who either made a donation or had questions regarding "how many bags am I getting for my money?" I have gone back and looked at my resolution.
The President's Project is this:

- Promote CGCI
- Supply children with "gardening kits" designed to spark an interest in plants and inspire them to embark on a lifelong adventure in gardening.

Our goal is to have the family work together. If an adult helps the child and reads about CGCI they become aware of CGCI and the joys and wonder that gardening and garden clubs can bring into their lives.

The Resolution passed by the CGCI Board of Directors focused on helping children learn the art of growing plants while being eco-friendly. We have been able to test our program and make revisions to help us reach the highest number of children and attain the highest level of success.

Thus the project has been optimized by including the following options:

1. **Herbs Kit**. Includes seeds for planting herbs, a 1/2 gallon fabric Geo Pot, planting guide, colorful 5"x 7" nutrition information cards, information about CGCI and ideas for creating recycled planting containers. Herbs are easy to replant into appropriate containers for kitchens or outdoors. Everything is wrapped up and ready to be used to start an indoor herb garden at home.
2. **Green Machine Kit.** Includes a variety of lettuce/greens seeds, a 1 gallon fabric Geo Pot, planting guide, colorful 5"x 7" nutrition information cards, information about CGCI and ideas for creating recycled planting containers. Everything is wrapped up and ready to be used to start an indoor fresh salad garden at home.
3. **Watch-Us-Grow Kit. (**appropriate for preschoolers and kindergarten) Includes bean seeds (*Fabraceae* family) and radish seeds (*Brassicaceae* family) that make up two separate projects; one to create a "bean necklace" and one to make a "Magic Sprout Box." The kit also includes 5"x 7" information cards, information about CGCI and ideas for creating recycled planting containers. Everything is wrapped up and ready to be used for 3+ year olds to watch the seed sprout.
4. **Plant a Rainbow Kit.** Includes the following seeds - Beets, Broccoli and Carrots; this does not come with a pot as these seeds are meant to be grown in a bigger area and don't like to be transplanted. Also included are an illustrated planting guide, colorful 5"x 7" nutrition information cards, information about CGCI and ideas for creating recycled planting containers. Everything is wrapped up and ready to be used to start a fresh vegetable garden at home.

In support of the 2015-2017 NGC President's Special 2-Year Project, "Service in Action" which is intended to increase awareness of the seriousness of the demise of pollinators and amphibians and encourage conservation and protection efforts by clubs, the general public and governmental agencies.– we are able to offer the following:

5. **Pollinator Paradise Kit**: Includes "Seeds for Butterflies," or "Seeds for Pollinators." Information about CGCI and ideas for creating recycled planting containers. An illustrated information/instruction leaflet, pollinator masks and an assortment of colorful 5"x 7" information cards all wrapped up and ready to be used to create an outdoor garden that fosters pollinator habitat.

CGCI Official Calendar

Go to californiagardenclubs.com for Special Events open to the public

- **December 1:** Deadline for NGC eligible awards
- **January 10:** Deadline for all other awards
- **January 31-February 3, 2016: CGCI Winter Board Meeting**. DoubleTree by Hilton, San Pedro - Port of Los Angeles. Host: Costa Verde District. Co-Chairmen: Alexis Slafer and Gudy Kimmel
- **February 8: Leadership Workshop**, Encino
- **February 22: Leadership Workshop**, Arcadia
- **May 19-22, 2016: 85th Annual CGCI Convention**. Irvine Hotel, Irvine. Host: Orange County District. Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche

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NGC Schools Calendar (California)

All registration forms are on the CGCI website Calendar page
Go to **gardenclub.org**
for schools in other states

- **January 16-17: Gardening Study School,** Series 25, Course 1. Host: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- **March 21-23, 2016: Flower Show School**, Course 2. San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas. Host: Southwestern Judges Council. Chairman: Emily Troxell
- **April 8-10, 2016: Flower Show Symposium:** Holiday Inn, Auburn, Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost
- **April 28-29, 2016**: **Landscape Design School**, Series 26, Course IV. Sponsor: Luther Burbank District. Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson

(President's Message continued)
All donations from individuals, clubs, districts and businesses shall be held in a CGCI Restricted Fund – "*Encouraging Future Gardeners*" until such time the monies are used to purchase material for gardening kits and mailings.

Updated forms will be on the website soon. You choose the Kit or Kits and the amount needed. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Cheers SueB

PLEASE NOTE: Soil, water and sunshine not included in kits.

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Awards

Lynne Batchelor & Bob Gordon, CGCI Awards Co-Chairmen

Did you know that CGCI offers award money every year to recognize the fantastic talent and exceptional work done by individuals, clubs and districts? Thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors (individuals, clubs, districts) we have over $4500 to award this year. Wouldn't it be wonderful for you to gain both the recognition and the money for work that you have already done?

We have nine general categories: civic beautification, conservation, flower show, yearbooks, club activities, photography, horticulture, public relations and youth. Each category has a number of awards included, so please consult the CGCI yearbook pages 58-77 or our website for details. Except for a very few awards, the application process is simple. The application deadlines are **December 1** and **January 10** depending upon the categories chosen.

Get out there and win those $$. Good luck!

REMINDERS:

- All publications and public relations entries (except the Publicity Press Book) are due December 1. But you don't need to wait until that date to submit...MAIL IT NOW and avoid the rush!
- SPECIAL Awards - Man/Woman of the Year, Lifetime Service or Achievement, Awards of Merit, Flower Show Judge, Flower Show Arranger, Consultant and Youth Leader. There are many members deserving of these recognitions. Take a look at your club or district and submit a recommendation. Guidelines start on page 59 of the *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

Membership Matters

Rilla Crane, CGCI Membership Chairman

Individual members are important, but when they unite as a dedicated garden club they are so much stronger and can accomplish more. Clubs are active throughout California enriching the communities where they live. They plant trees, present educational programs on horticulture, floral design, and the environment, sponsor youth gardeners, present flower shows and more.

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com for details

Effective July 1, 2015 there are new chairmen and/or new mailing addresses. See below for updates.

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- **Membership dues:**
  Mail to: Rita Desilets
  8316 Sparton Avenue
  Van Nuys, 91402-4030
- **Insurance:**
  Chairman: Shane Looper
  213 Carmelo Lane
  South San Francisco, 94080-2204
- **Group Tax Exemption:**
  Chairman: Krystal Migliore
  P.O. Box 1414
  Gridley, 95948-1414
- **President's Project 2015-17:**
  Chairman: Maryanne Lucas
  1986 Channelford Road
  Westlake Village, 91361-3558
- **Scholarships (Applications):**
  Chairman: Martha Smyser
  4949 Mammoth Ave,
  Sherman Oaks, 91423-1319
- **Donations to the following projects are mailed to:**
  California Garden Clubs
  P.O. Box 75, Graton, 95444-0075
  Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
  Blue Star Memorials
  CGCI Endowments
  CGCI Scholarship Fund
  Rare Plant Treasure Hunt
  Reforestation/Restoration
  Sempervirens Fund

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The following are unchanged:

⇒Penny Pines - checks to US Forest Service

⇒Project Mission Blue
Chairman: Shane Looper
213 Carmelo Lane
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Youth Activities:

Does your club or district sponsor a Youth Group? Remember to register or renew their membership. Go to the Youth New/Renewal Form on the website, complete and submit.

(Membership continued)

Clubs work to meet the objectives of National Garden Clubs and CGCI. Presidents want to make a difference during their term and by working in harmony with the members much can be done despite a variety of obstacles.

One excellent example is Naples Islands Garden Club in Orange County District. They are located on a man-made island in the Long Beach Harbor and have 116 members dedicated to creating beauty on their island. Land is precious and scarce, so they plant raised beds, window boxes and containers. Despite water all around them, they still face the drought like all of California. Members learn which plants to use, how to effectively use the water available to them and to constantly strive to keep abreast of how their actions improve their environment.

California is a huge state with many diverse areas, yet even the smallest garden club can contribute to the enrichment of its members and communities. Members come and go and the population ages, as we all someday must, but garden clubs provide friendships that grow and become more precious as we reflect on working together to achieve our goals.

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Nursery: The only known place where money grows on trees.

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Floral Design

Have you ever wondered where "floral design" originated and why it's such an integral part of the garden club world? At the turn of the 20th century, when commercial flowers became available to the general public, the interest in flower arranging grew. With the garden club movement in America gaining momentum in the 1930's the use of floral designs in the home and public buildings brought about an interest in including designs in flower shows. From this interest, the National Garden Clubs (then known as the National Council of State Garden Clubs) developed three distinct types of design within the American Traditional Design Style. They are Line, Line-Mass, and Mass Design. They are considered American adaptations of the Oriental line design and the European Mass Design.

NGC Creative Floral Design was first introduced in the late 1950's as flower shows flourished throughout the United States and as the garden club members' talents expanded. Many members were studying art and applying their knowledge of international art history and its creative movements to floral designing. Primary among those influences were: Impressionism, the effect of light on objects; Fauvism, simplified design in strong color; Art Nouveau, a highly decorative style with dedication to natural forms; Art Deco, an elegant style of decorative art characterized by angular symmetrical geometric forms; Cubism, geometrical forms and fragmentations; Surrealism, the psychological aspect in art; and Abstractionism, with emphasis of the non-realistic and unnatural.

Awards, Honors & Recognition

CGCI offers many ways to say "Thank You" or "Good Job"

NOTE: Some of the following have new chairmen, forms and/or mailing addresses

Californiagardenclubs.com/forms

- **Angels**
  Chairman: Jane McKee
  1276 Palomares Ct
  Fallbrook 92028-4480
- **Awards Program**
  Check the website for updated forms and instructions
- **Business Commendations**
  Chairman: Launa Gould
  New online request form
- **California Consultants Council**
  Landscape Design (various) & Outstanding Private Garden
  Chairman: Julie West
  850 Grandview Road
  Sebastopol 95472-2930
- **Honor Book**
  Deedee Speer
  30861 Saddleback Road
  Valley Center 92082-3848
- **Life Memberships**
  Chairman: Carlotta Wixon
  14216 Karry's Place
  Grass Valley 95945-7934
- **Long-Term Certificates**
  Chairman: Mike Gould
  New online request form
- **Member Award of Distinction**
  Chairman: Mike Gould
  1212 Avenida Buena Suerte
  San Clemente 92672-2348

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Promotional Materials

Did you know that CGCI offers promotional and informational materials and many are FREE*!

- Banners
- Bookmarks*
- Rack Cards*
- Pamphlets*

(Check the website for ordering details)

(Floral Design continued)

Abstract Creative Designs share the same tangible characteristics as all other Creative Designs, but go a step further. They are designs with a **dominance** of abstraction. Abstraction in floral design is the act of separating the inherent physical qualities of plant material and other components from the associated or naturalistic concept of them. All Abstract Creative Designs are creative, but not all Creative Designs are Abstract.

For examples of some of the latest designs go to http://gardenclub.org/schools

Club & District Corner

San Fernando Valley District

Set sail with the San Fernando Valley District on its "Fundraiser Cruise" March 10-14, 2016. Aboard the Ruby Princess you will enjoy a visit to Catalina Island and Ensenada, Mexico with optional tours available. Price: $449 to $549 plus taxes and donation to the District. A limited number of staterooms are reserved until November 15 (after that rooms are subject to availability). A flyer with complete details is available on the CGCI website: http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar or contact District Director Rita Desilets, 4rita@roadrunner.com.

Ramona Garden Club

The club donated $500 to the Ramona Community Montessori School for materials in support of the construction of a "Reflection Garden." Member Linda Kadubec, a master gardener, and a teacher's assistant at the school, drew the plans for the garden and shared her knowledge on plants that would thrive in each area. The garden is a beautiful addition to the campus for all to enjoy, and will also be used as a learning tool to teach the children how to be future gardeners.

Southern California Garden Club

The club has a mentoring program for new members called the "Big Buds/Little Buds" Program. It pairs a new member (Little Bud) with a current member (Big Bud) to encourage a personal connection between members and our club's many activities and program opportunities. The Big Bud is there to answer any questions about the club or point to the members who have the answers.

Fallbrook Garden Club
The month of October is designated "Scarecrow Days" in Fallbrook. Business and organizations display a variety of creative "scarecrows" throughout the town. The garden club entry this year is based on the popular children's movie "Minions."

The gazebo

Eureka-Sequoia Garden Club
In 2010 the Eureka Sequoia Garden Club formed a joint venture with the Eureka Main Street Association, the City of Eureka and the Eureka Rescue Mission to plant and care for 10-15 hanging baskets filled with petunias and other annuals to hang at the Eureka Old Town Gazebo and nearby businesses, adding color to the area during the summer season. This year the baskets were planted in April and installed in May.

Old Town

CGCI Programs & Projects

Group Tax Exemption Program
Krystal Migliore, Chairman - gtep@cagardenclubs.org

FYI-Reminder for your Bylaws Chairman
When your club applied for CGCI's Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP), more than likely your bylaws were amended to contain the required IRS-approved language. Now that your club is a member of GTEP, it is important that the specific required language not be amended in the future. Often the required language is contained in just a single bylaw article. To help identify the required language, please see Appendix C on page 17 for the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Handbook which is available at http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep

GTEP-Frequently asked questions about the renewal requirements

1. Why do you want a list of our club activities?
- To renew your participation in GTEP under the CGCI exemption your activities must continue to meet the criteria as an "educational" non-profit organization. Therefore, a club must demonstrate on an annual basis that its activities are mainly educational. Tours, speakers, programs, flower shows, scholarships and all like activities are considered "educational" and should be prominent in your list of activities submitted with your renewal application.

2. What kind of financial statement is required?
- When you applied for GTEP the IRS wanted a general idea of where your club gets its income and how it spends its money. The financial report you provide with your renewal application will document your clubs sources of income and types of expenses for the past year (July, 2014-June 30, 2015). For income the list could include categories such as dues, fundraiser, donations, etc. The expenses could include rental, postage, programs, office supplies, etc.

Very Important Dates
November 15: The deadline for organizations whose fiscal year ended June 30 to file the following:
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax return (form 990N or 990).
- Franchise Tax Board (FTB) Tax return (form 199N).
- Registry of Charitable Trusts (ROCT) (From RRF-1) and the fee schedule is listed on the form.

A sample Activities Report and Financial Statement were included in your renewal packet which was mailed to your president in mid-September. To download copies of these sample reports posted online visit: http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep and then click on the Forms tab.

Dealing with Drought

Following are a few suggestions for handling these challenging conditions. YOUR tips and tricks are welcome!

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Tips for reducing garden water use:

- Don't discard established landscape plants...they use very little water.
- Use less nitrogen fertilizer which stimulates growth and the need for more water.
- Cut fertilizer amounts by half from the product label.
- Use organic fertilizer and worm castings.
- Prune lightly or not at all when temperatures are high.
- Prune perennials by 1/3 in May or after bloom cycle to reduce summer water needs.
- Plant in ground, not in containers as they require more water.
- Add fresh layer of compost before fall and spring planting.
- MULCH, MULCH, MULCH...to cool soil and reduce evaporation.

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Horticulture Happenings

Heide Stack, Horticulture Chairman

HUEGELKULTUR: (HOO-gul-culture) meaning hill culture or hill mound.

it will help you:

- ◊ use 50% less of WATER the very first year & more later
- ◊ grow your plants & trees FIVE TIMES bigger & faster
- ◊ double your planting SPACE (hill, not flat land)
- ◊ provide DRAINAGE for the roots
- ◊ save FERTILIZER cost - all natural & organic - compost system
- ◊ prevent WEEDS - plentiful mulch
- ◊ attract beneficial BACTERIA and soil CRITTERS
- ◊ work effectively in all CLIMATES and SOILS
- ◊ prolong the GROWING SEASON (decomposing logs warm the soil)
- ◊ use any SIZE and SPACE, from very small to huge
- ◊ grow your fruit and veggies much more FLAVORFUL and plentiful
- ◊ save the environment and reduce global warming

HOW TO CONSTRUCT YOUR OWN HUEGELKULTUR:

1. Gather all the woody waste material you can find: big & small logs, twigs, woodchips, branches - it's a great way to recycle and reuse dead trees and wood - but please NO: eucalyptus, black oak or aromatic or treated wood. Also, any old nails (for iron) and similar waste
2. Either dig a trench or hole - any depth (the deeper the better) - assemble wood pieces into a mound (1-3 feet minimum) or just pile the logs on top of the soil. You double your planting space and the hill adds visual interest to any garden
3. Cover the wood with compostable materials: chicken manure (helps the nitrogen balance in the hill and the decomposition process), leaves, grass clippings, garden and kitchen waste, etc. Repeat the process creating a high hill - will reduce in size dramatically. Cover the hill with soil (6 inches) and on top of that two inches of mulch (woodchips, leaves, etc.) to retain the moisture in the hill and prevent weeds. Water your hill thoroughly to start the decomposition process.
4. Start planting any kind of trees, bushes, flowers, vegetables - they will grow FIVE times faster (REALLY) than anywhere else. The first year your plants will require some watering - you will save 50% - but the following years you will need less & less water.
5. Expect the whole hill to reduce (sink) one forth (or more, depending on the material used) in height & volume in the first year - eventually settling it's final size - therefore, go BIG (several layers) when setting up the hill! The trees & plants are not affected by the settling of the hill - somehow they adjust.
6. Any questions? Simply google "Huegelkulture" for more detailed information and illustrations.

NOTE: See photos at left for a couple of simple starter beds and one with results.

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May 2-7, 2016, Grand Rapids, MI
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
May 16-21, 2017, Richmond, VA
Richmond Marriott

Ongoing projects:
- Ames Garden Tools
- US Botanic Butterfly Garden
- Ecology Warriors Workbook
- Plant It Pink
- Rain Gardens
- SAGE & ROSES
- School Gardens
- Spring Planting for Butterflies
- Photo Archiving
- Water Projects

(Go to gardenclub.org for details on these and other projects)

Director: 2015-2017
Kristie Livreri
Publication: *WACONIAH*
Website:
PacificRegionGardenClubs.org
Convention: SAVE THE DATE!
April 4-optional pre-convention tour to Hoover Dam & Lake Mead
April 5-7, 2016: Convention
Green Valley Ranch Resort,
Henderson, NV

Are you receiving *WACONIAH*, the newsletter of the Pacific Region? If not, you can subscribe here (it's FREE): californiagardenclubs.com/cgcinewsletters

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

SAGE & ROSES Project

What is NGC SAGE AND ROSES?
Send A Greeting Electronically & Remember Our Servicemen's Every Sacrifice

It's fun to send people emails, with good news. How about adding a good deed also. Send your fellow NGC members, friends and family an email greeting at Christmas or any holiday. Save the time and cost of the card and stamp. (Grandchildren are wonders at creating email greetings)

Then, in honor of your greeting, make a donation to the ***SAGE & ROSES Blue Star Marker Fund***. You can make the donation online at www.gardenclub.org or by sending a check to NGC Headquarters (please make sure to note "Sage and Roses Blue Star Marker Fund" in memo line).

- ♥ Suggested donation: $1.00 for each greeting sent
- ♥ Donations will be entered in the contest to win a Blue Star Marker for your state
  - ◊ $10.00 to $25.00 – one chance for your state to win.
  - ◊ $26.00 to $50.00 – two chances for your state.
  - ◊ Each additional $25.00 - another chance to win.
- ♥ Your name will be on your chance tickets.
- ♥ The winning ticket will be drawn by the president at the NGC Convention.
- ♥ The winning ticket holder decides where the Blue Star Marker will be placed in the State.
- ♥ All monies collected will be spent in the same year for the installation and landscaping of the markers.

BE WISE – Save money on postage and cards
BE GREEN – Saving paper, saves trees
BE SPEEDY – A click of the computer is faster than a written note.

Be a three way winner:
*Remember your friends at Christmas, holidays and other fun occasions
*Remind the public that NGC is a nationwide organization. The Blue Star Memorial Marker program is the premier national project which advertises NGC's name from coast to coast.
*Remember those whose sacrifices give us our many freedoms.

Nationwide Bird Counts

Have you or your organization participated in the annual "bird counts" sponsored by the National Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology? One of these usually takes place during the Christmas holiday. In California the date range is December 14, 2015 - January 5, 2016. For details on participation and specific days/dates in your area go to http://www.natureali.org/cbcs.htm or contact your local Audubon Society.

DONATIONS 2015
Total this month: $2,312.00
Pat York, Chairman
Total January 1 to date:
$25,393.00

ARBORETUM DISTRICT
District Donations $68
BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT
Pinole GC
Honor: Dean Alison $68
BAY OCEAN DISTRICT
Civic Garden Club of
San Carlos $68
CASCADE DISTRICT
Lake California GC..... $68
CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT
Westlake Village GC..... $272
GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT
District Donations
Honor: Joan Craig..... $68
Honor: Myrtle Findley $68
Honor: Diane Dillard..... $68
Meadow Vista GC
Memory: Joyce Bauman $68
GREATER LOS ANGELES DISTRICT
Los Angeles GC
Memory: Robert (Bob) Rowe. $68

HUMBOLDT DISTRICT
Ferndale GC
Memory: Bette Ann Koch $68
Southern Humboldt GC
Honor: Club Members $68
ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT
Newport Hills GC
Memory: Barbara Home,
Past President, NHGC $68
PALOMAR DISTRICT
Carlsbad GC $68
Descanso GC
Memory: Molly Jean
Featheringill $68
Point Loma GC
Memory: Betty Miller $68
Memory: William Kent $68
Poway Valley GC
Honor: Emily Troxell $68
Honor: Dorothy Anderson $68
Temecula Valley GC
Memory: Carolyn Hill..... $68

SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT
Clarksburg GC.....$136
Geranium City GC.....$68
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT
Burbank-Valley GC
Memory: Robert Russo $68
Southern California GC
Memory:
Mary Waddington-Merritt...$68
SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT
Valley Oak GC $272
VALLEY LODE DISTRICT
Newman GC
Honor: Cal Fire.....$68
YOSEMITE GATEWAY DISTRICT
Atwater GC & Camellia Society
Memory: Carl Cruppa.....$68

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President's Project

Caruthers Garden Club	$ 100
Golden Foothills District	$ 100
Roseville Better Gardens Club	$ 100
San Fernando Valley District	$ 100
Sequoia Foothills District	$ 150
Sequoia Garden Club	$ 100
Southern California Garden Club	$ 100
Total this month	$ 750
TOTAL to date	**$1060**

Happy Thanksgiving

President's Travel Schedule-2015-16

November 3:	Buttes District
November 5:	Chicago Park GC
November 11:	Santa Clara Valley District
December 5:	Valley Lode District
December 21:	Donner GC
January 30-February 4:	CGCI Winter Board, Costa Verde District
February 25:	Cascade District
April 3-8:	Pacific Region Convention Henderson, NV
April 28:	Bay Bridges District
May 1-7:	NGC Convention, Grand Rapids, MI
May 18-23:	CGCI Convention, Irvine, CA
June 15:	Naples Islands GC
June 19-23:	San Fernando District Southern California GC
October 13:	Roadrunner District

A fond farewell...

Harriet Behrens—1923-2015

Gardening was Harriet's passion and she was actively involved in all aspects of garden clubs for nearly 70 years. She shared her knowledge and promoted the joys and benefits of working in a garden, the aesthetic beauty of flowers and plants and the preservation of the environment. She organized and led two clubs - Mission Viejo in 1989 and more recently the Heritage Garden Club in the Vista del Sol community. She worked tirelessly to restore and expand the Heritage Garden in that community. She served as Orange County District Director, was founding Chairman of Southwestern Judges Council and was one of only two NGC Five-Star Members in California, having attained Master status in all four NGC Schools. Harriet was a Life Member of NGC, Pacific Region, CGCI and Orange County District. In 2005 she was named CGCI Woman of the Year.

Adrienne Green - 1919-2015

Adrienne was one of the founders of the Village Garden Club of La Jolla and the philosophical drive behind its success. She was also active in Palomar District and was honored as the Woman of the Year in 1986. Adrienne was a Flower Show Judge (Emeritus) and life member of CGCI and NGC and was the first recipient of CGCI's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

Joan Patten - 1944-2015

Joan was a member of Dos Valles Garden Club and served as treasurer of her club, Palomar District, including the Floral Design Forum, and CGCI (the latter from 2011-2015). In addition she served on many committees and mentored club and district treasurers and helped them navigate the complexities of state and federal requirements for non-profit organizations. In 2012 she was honored as Palomar District's Woman of the Year.

Rena Webb - 1916-2015

Rena was a member of the Auburn Arrangers Guild, Life Member and Past President of Donner Garden Club and Meadow Vista Garden Club, Gold Country Rose Society and a Consulting Rosarian Emeritus. As a member of the Donner Garden Club she was the coordinator for the Memorial Rose Garden, the Military Rose Garden and Garden for the Blind at Bell Road Baptist Church and the building of the park behind the Placer County Library. She was Golden Foothills District Director 1999-2001 and a life member of CGCI.

If I had a single flower for every time I think of you, I could walk forever in my garden.
Claudia Adrienne Grandi