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## From the President's desk...

Hello everyone,

I will be leaving on May 4 to attend the NGC Convention in Grand Rapids, MI and return just in time to unpack and repack for my travels to Irvine, CA for our 85th Convention. I have learned to pack light and save room for awards and hope to bring home a few from NGC. Speaking of awards, check out the MANY certificates received at Pacific Region.



CGCI was well represented at the Pacific Region Convention in Henderson, NV – *Beyond the Neon* was the theme.

Thank you to all CGCI members who serve on Pacific Region and for those who attended as delegates.



Convention Chairman, Nancy Lee Loesch, had asked the states to participate in a talent show – thus CGCI did. We were known as the *California Hand bell Choir* – with Robin Pokorski as the leader. To quote Robin: *“Fortunately this takes absolutely no talent or experience (we are not trying to make music....we are trying to make the audience howl with laughter)....please bring 2 or 3 bells, whistles, or noisemakers of your choice and a pair of gloves as outrageous as possible (kitchen rubber gloves, work gloves, wild colors, mittens, anything)...I will lead us and we will have the audience do the singing...we want to act as professional as possible and so will march in and lay our bells down in front of us and fold our hands (as I will show you)...but we want to LOOK as ridiculous as possible...all while keeping a very straight face.”*



I have to say we did a fantastic job and only one other talent was better...Yes, Elvis was in the house.

It seems like I have spent most of my first year visiting the Districts/Clubs in the northern part of the state. I look forward to traveling south in June. Board meeting in Costa Verde and Convention in Irvine doesn't count!!! 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! See you at Convention!

Cheers,

SueB

**CGCI Official Calendar**

[californiagardenclubs.com/calendar](http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar)

- **May 2-6: NGC Convention**, Grand Rapids, MI
- **May 18-22: 85<sup>th</sup> Annual CGCI Convention**. Hotel Irvine, Irvine. Host: Orange County District Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche
- **September 7-9: CGCI Fall Board Meeting**. Host: Humboldt District. Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin

**President’s Travel Schedule:**

- May 2-7: NGC Convention, Grand Rapids, MI
- May 10: Sierra Madre GC (Valley Lode District)
- May 18-22: CGCI Convention, Irvine, CA
- June 15: Naples Islands GC
- June 19-23: San Fernando Valley District & Southern California GC

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**Back to School**

**NGC Schools Calendar (California)**

All registration forms are on the CGCI website Calendar page [californiagardenclubs.com/calendar](http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar)

Go to [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org) for schools in other states

- **May 14-15: Gardening Study School**, Series 25, Course 3. Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- **August 11-12: Bi-Refresher**, Sponsor: Heather Enthusiasts of the Redwood Empire, Eureka CA, Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin
- **September 17-18: Gardening Study School**, Series 25, Course 4. Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley

**May 18-22: 85th Annual CGCI Convention**

Host: Orange County District  
Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche  
Hotel Irvine, 17900 Jamboree Rd, Irvine, CA 92614  
Theme: **"Planting Seeds for the Future"**



**Highlights:**

- ♥ Programs & Workshops: Liability Insurance, Flowering Shrubs, Succulent Wreaths; Palm fronds & staghorn ferns, and more;
- ♥ Docent-led tour to Sherman Gardens/Library and Roger's Gardens;
- ♥ Awards banquet; Design banquet; Youth luncheon;
- ♥ AND the gala celebration of our milestone 85th year!

**Convention 2016: Preliminary Schedule**

**Wednesday, May 18**

9:00am-6:00pm: Committee meetings (B&F, Awards, Bylaws, Executive, Trustees, Endowments, Nominating, Advisory Council)  
6:30 -8:00 pm: California Consultants Council

**Thursday, May 19**

8:00 -11:30 am: Tour of Sherman Library/Gardens; shopping trip to Roger's Gardens  
Noon: Luncheon honoring NGC President, Club presidents, scholarship winners  
1:30-2:30: Special workshop - "Insurance Q&A"  
3:00-5:30: Pre-Convention Board Meeting; CGCI Awards presentation to District Directors  
7:00-10:00: Awards Banquet (CGCI Special Awards, Pacific Region & NGC Awards)

**Friday, May 20**

9:00-Noon: Ceremonial Convention Opening; Convention business meeting  
Noon: Luncheon honoring District Directors;  
Speaker/Program: Susie Vanderlip, "Butterflies"  
Afternoon: Convention business meeting  
7:00-10:00: Judges' Council Banquet; Speaker/Program: Kathe Hayden

**Saturday, May 21**

Morning: Convention business meeting  
Noon: Youth luncheon  
2:00-3:00: Workshop: Flowering Shrubs, Dalia Brunner, Garden Designer  
3:30-4:30: Workshops:  
Succulent Wreaths & Shoes Creations, Jeanne Yale;  
Garden displays (palm fronds/staghorn ferns)  
Natalie Harlow-Alison  
7:00-9:00: 85th Anniversary celebration banquet

**Sunday, May 22**

8:30: Organizational Meeting  
10:00-Noon: District Directors Forum & Chairmen’s Forum

All convention forms and information are available on the website <http://californiagardenclubs.com/nextmeeting>

### Club & District Corner

#### Ceres GC

“In the Garden with a Child’s Imagination” was the theme for the 17th annual luncheon fundraiser. Twenty unique table settings were judged by three NGC Flower Show Judges. Special guests included Krystal Migliore, CGCI 1st Vice President and students from Central Valley High School FFA.



A sample of the table settings



#### Southern California GC

The club celebrated Arbor Day by donating and planting two five gallon trees: a semi-dwarf Star Ruby Red Grapefruit and a standard Tango Mandarin at the one+ acre horticulture garden at Alfred B. Nobel Charter Middle School in Northridge.

#### Multiflora GC

The club planted two Kiwi trees at the Virginia Peterson Elementary School in celebration of Arbor Day.



#### West Valley GC

In January club members pruned the roses at Orcutt Park and the first blooms have arrived!

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

#### Milestones:

- ♥ Divide GC - 40 Years
- ♥ Pinole GC - 60 Years
- ♥ Fallbrook GC - 85 Years
- ♥ San Pedro GC - 88 Years



Pinole GC



Fallbrook GC

**CGCI Programs & Projects**

Go to [californiagardenclubs.com](http://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 Program:**

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.

**CGCI Programs & Projects**

**President's Project**

**Maryanne Lucas, Chairman**

**Times Have Changed....**

**And so Has the Cost of Postage.**

Outdoor spaces, backyards and gardens were once in plentiful supply. These spaces not only served as places in which to grow food and to have fun, but they also served as casual, "living classrooms" where children could make discoveries and learn many lessons while they played on their own time, in their own way. The moms of fifty years ago understood this. My own mom let me go outdoors and play with only the admonition, "be home in time for dinner." Not today! My mom, and all those other moms just like her would find themselves on the evening news charged with child endangerment.



Society as a whole seems to have developed a fear of unsupervised play in unsupervised spaces. Children are tightly scheduled with organized activities led by third-party instructors. The opportunities for the "free" education that outdoor spaces provide are diminishing. The chances of making the serendipitous discoveries that add wonder to our lives is vanishing.

Gardening is one of the last bastions where those great experiences can still be had. The President's Project, *Encouraging Future Gardeners*, is trying to reach as many kids as possible before the average person loses sight of the value of gardens forever. A major stumbling block to reach those kids is "distribution." President Sue is getting and filling orders for the great garden kits you all should have seen by now, but delivering them IS EXPENSIVE!!!!!! Have you mailed a package lately? The smallest box is upwards of \$10 with the average mail cost being closer to \$30 PER BOX. Costs like this cut the number of kids that can be served in half!!!!

CGCI has a great system in place to distribute kits through its District Directors who attend three meetings each year. AND...you can attend convention as well, May 18-21, and pick up kits for your future gardeners. Let's have the money we raise go to benefit our kids... not the US Post Office!

Please take advantage of the CGCI distribution system and help us reach as many kids as possible. Have your order to President Sue or Maryanne Lucas **by May 7** and your order will be ready for someone (either you, your friend or your District Director) to pick up at the 2016 Convention in Orange County. See you in Irvine!

Thank you for your continued support!

**Donors this Month**

Brenda Verza - Petaluma Garden Club  
Calaveras County Garden Club  
Descanso Garden Club  
Divide Garden Club  
It's Garden Thyme  
Gisela Sotomayer  
Hesperia Garden Club  
Jeanne Bodiford  
South Valley Fleurs Garden Club  
Tuolumne County Garden Club  
West Valley Garden Club  
Yreka Garden Club, Inc.

TOTAL this month: \$ 880.00  
TOTAL to date: \$5,641.00





**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](http://californiagardenclubs.com/forms)

♥ **Angels**

Chairman: Jane McKee  
1276 Palomares Court  
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**

Chairman: 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)

**California Native Plants**

**Berni Hendrix, Chairman**

*A special offer...*

California Native Plant Society is excited to extend a CNPS membership discount to **CGCI members! Now through December 31, 2016, California Garden Clubs, Inc. members who would like to join CNPS will receive a \$10 discount on an individual membership.** (Regularly \$45)

Membership in the California Native Plant Society helps ensure that CNPS's vital conservation, education, horticulture, rare plant, and plant science programs continue to thrive. Across the state and Northern Baja, 35 CNPS chapters host native plant sales, garden tours, hikes, programs, and workshops, as well as conduct restoration activities, conservation actions, citizen science, and more!

In addition to belonging to a local chapter, CNPS membership benefits include:

- ◇ *Fremontia*, our colorful and engaging botanic journal
- ◇ The CNPS Bulletin, a quarterly newsletter of statewide and chapter activities
- ◇ Discounts on CNPS Workshops and Professional Training
- ◇ Discounts from nurseries, stores, magazines, and other partners (see <http://cnps.org/cnps/join/membership.php> for details)

To redeem, please visit [CNPS's online store](#)

- Under Membership select [Individual Membership](#),
- Enter the coupon code CGCI2016 upon checkout!

**THANK YOU  
CNPS!**

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The North American Butterfly Association and CGCI are working on a partnership that has not been finalized as of this issue. Highlights: NABA will be offering CGCI members a discount on NABA Butterfly Garden Certification and offer each California Garden Club the opportunity to be an institutional affiliate of NABA at a reduced price. Come to convention to hear more!

*Julie West & Sue Bennett*

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**Membership Matters**

A new Associate Plant Society will be presented for ratification at the Convention:

- ♥ Conejo Cactus and Succulent Society - 7 Members  
President: Linda Holub



**DON'T FORGET**  
Effective **JULY 1, 2016** CGCI dues will increase to **\$2.75 per capita**  
Also  
**Annual Contact Information Forms** are due **JUNE 1** (or as soon as officers are elected)  
Go to:  
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/Forms>



**In the Garden  
this month...**

From  
Sunset Magazine

**North:**

- Sow seeds of cucumber, eggplant, melon, and squash directly in the soil.
- Set out tropicals and subtropicals such as bougainvillea, hibiscus, and mandevilla to be established over the warm season. In areas with winter frost, plant in a protected site like a south-facing wall or beneath an overhang.
- Start seed potatoes in the ground in all but the hottest inland areas.
- Keep deer out of the garden by adding plants they ignore, such as *Eriogon karvinskianus*, ‘Moonshine’ yarrow, Russian sage (*Perovskia*), santolina, and Spanish and English lavender.
- Aerate lawns that get heavy foot traffic to ensure that water, fertilizer, and oxygen reach the roots.

**South:**

- Plant bananas, cherimoyas, and other subtropical fruit
- Shop for summer and fall bloomers like asters, coreopsis, reblooming daylilies, gaillardia, gaura, gloriosa daisy etc.
- Set out cucumber, eggplant, melon, pepper, and tomato plants. Sow lima and snap beans, corn, cucumber, melon, and summer and winter squash. In the low desert, plant Jerusalem artichoke, okra, peppers, and sweet potatoes.
- When foliage on garlic, bulb onions, and shallots begins to dry out on its own, that’s your cue to stop watering. The lack of water prompts bulbs to form the dry outer layers that allow them to be stored.

**What’s bugging your plants?**

For information and solutions go to the [University of California Pest Management](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/pestmanagement/) website

**Horticulture Happenings**

**Twenty Steps to Eco-Beneficial Gardening**  
(From *The National Gardener* - Spring 2016)

EcoBeneficial gardening is a new approach that utilizes our landscapes to improve environmental health. It’s a powerful concept, empowering gardeners to become ecological stewards. Simple changes in our landscaping practices can make major environmental improvements—no matter the size of the landscape

1. Reduce or eliminate the “Green Desert” (turf/lawn).
2. Increase the health of your soil.
3. Avoid synthetic pesticides.
4. Limit the use of organic pesticides.
5. Support beneficial insects, nature’s pest control.
6. Tolerate some messiness in your landscape to support wildlife.
7. Tolerate some plant damage in your landscape.
8. Leave flowering perennials and native grasses standing through winter.
9. Plant more native plants to support your local ecosystem.
10. Think “plant communities” when selecting plants.
11. Eradicate the exotic invasive plants in your landscape.
12. When invasive plants are removed, replace them quickly and thickly, favoring plants that are native to your region and appropriate to your site. Competition is the key to suppressing invasive plants.
13. Limit the use of exotic, ornamental plants and understand their limitations.
14. Encourage biodiversity by planting diversely.
15. Select natural forms of native plants for best ecosystem dynamics.
16. Avoid double-flowered plants that often have less nectar, pollen, and seed than single-flowered plants, or may be completely sterile.
17. Provide a water source for wildlife and insects.
18. Emulate healthy local natural areas in your garden.
19. Always plant the right plant in the right place.
20. When choosing plants, find the beauty in ecological function.

For more information and details go to: [www.ecobeneficial.com](http://www.ecobeneficial.com)

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**Who knew...right in CGCI’s own backyard!**

San Diego Zoo Global, a world leader in animal conservation, has recently partnered with the Center for Plant Conservation, the leading national conservation association of 40 botanical gardens, arboreta, and other similar organizations working to conserve the most imperiled plants of the United States, Canada, and beyond. Formerly based in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Missouri Botanical Garden, the CPC’s National Headquarters has recently been moved to San Diego, California, where it is now based at the San Diego Zoo Global’s Institute for Conservation Research. Through this unique new collaborative effort, San Diego Zoo Global and the Center for Plant Conservation have partnered to advance plant conservation in line with SDZG’s vision to lead the fight against extinction. <http://www.centerforplantconservation.org>



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**Conventions:**

May 2-6, 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](http://gardenclub.org) for details on these and other projects)



**Director: 2015-2017**  
**Kristie Livreri**

**Publication:** *WACONIAH*

**Website:**  
[PacificRegionGardenClubs.org](http://PacificRegionGardenClubs.org)

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[californiagardenclubs.com/cgcinewsletters](http://californiagardenclubs.com/cgcinewsletters)

**National Garden Clubs, Inc.**



National Garden Clubs, Inc. is excited to announce a new grant opportunity for garden clubs working with youth clubs or groups planning and planting Pollinator Gardens. Grants, up to \$200, are available for projects that include educational materials on the vital role pollinators play in nature and youth involvement in planning and planting gardens providing nesting and food sources for pollinators.

Youth will learn the importance of providing appropriate food sources, nesting areas, shelter, and practicing sustainable gardening practices for pollinators by planning, planting, and maintaining these pollinator gardens. To apply for a grant, complete an NGC Grant Application (available on the [NGC Youth School Garden Projects](#) page), provide detailed information about the project, and submit your request to the NGC Youth Committee Chairman for approval.



*NGC President, Sandra Robinson will be our special guest at the 2016 Convention. Join Sandra and your CGCI colleagues as we celebrate 85 years of gardening and garden clubs!*

**Tis the season... (the humorous view)**

Judges at flower shows use a universal point system to determine prize winners. Familiarity with it will improve your score.

**Exhibit:**

Appears to be alive	1
Is not poisonous to the touch	1
Lacks thorns and spines	1
Does not cause sneezing	1
Does not produce stains and blisters	1
Is not a gladiolus	5
Is not a violet	5
Is not a rose	5

**Lunch/refreshments:**

Originality	5
Edibility	20
Quality	10
Quantity	20

**Bonus points:**

Subtlety of cash transfer	50
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A sincere **THANK YOU** to our wonderful flower show judges who make it all worthwhile!



**DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE CGCI LIABILITY PLAN COVERS?****Shane Looper, CGCI Liability Chairman**

cgciinsurance@cagardenclubs.org

As a club or associate plant society, your responsibility is to insure all exposures of liability not just the ones indicated as normal activities of garden clubs as outlined in McDaniel Insurance Services letter dated February 2016. The 2016 insurance renewal packet included this letter, your certificate and a brochure on coverage.

If you have paid your liability insurance fees, the plan affords coverage for normal garden club activities such as meetings, luncheons, plant sales, garden tours, flower shows and etc.

**The Liability Insurance coverage is not available to clubs or APS that own real estate or have exclusive ongoing use of building premises or clubs that have primary use of, or any degree of ongoing maintenance responsibility for gardens or land.**

Additional insured certificates have an additional fee of **\$35.00** AND **require a copy of the written contract.** REMEMBER THE WEBSITE HAS A COMPLETE SECTION ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE INSURANCE FORMS AND WHAT IS REQUIRED. ALSO, the 2015-2016 California Garden Clubs, Inc. *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*, pages 22-23, reviews the liability insurance plan.

**NOTE:** Every certificate issued to a participating club or associate plant society has the following wording: *Outings over two days and events with more than 1000 in attendance are not covered unless specifically added to the policy.* In addition, the February 2016 cover letter that came with the Certificate of Insurance specifically states: *Activities with more than 1000 attendance (1001 or more); outings over two days, parades and activities/events outside the normal scope must be added to the policy to provide coverage.* An additional premium will be charged. Be sure to check with this chairman if you are unsure if an activity is covered by the policy. **DO NOT ASSUME COVERAGE!**

However, if your club or associate plant society has any of these situations, they can be covered by extra underwriting and an additional premium. If the additional cost of the insurance for the event is a problem, then it is up to your club or associate plant society to cancel the event and not proceed. **It is not okay to have your event and ignore the liability cost for underwriting your event.** This action jeopardizes the liability insurance for CGCI and the liability insurance program for all other clubs and associate plant societies who participate. Your club would be putting CGCI's Liability Insurance at risk of being cancelled by the insurance company for not insuring all liability exposures.

Please be aware that the liability coverage is an important benefit of membership to those clubs/associate plant societies who participate in it as well as to CGCI itself. Do not jeopardize the entire program by having an event outside what is considered "normal garden club activities" outlined above and follow the procedure for insuring the additional liability exposure.

CGCI's Insurance agent, Patt McDaniel, will be providing a special Q&A workshop on insurance at CGCI's convention in Irvine, CA on May 18, 2016 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. If you participate in CGCI's insurance plan, please send a representative to attend. Email your questions to **SLooper@sbcglobal.net** in advance of the workshop.

**All forms and requests must be sent to CGCI's Liability Chairman 30 days prior to ANY of your events.** This is a minimum amount of time for processing. You risk not obtaining the Certificate of Insurance you need to hold the event. Emergencies do happen and sometimes CGCI and McDaniel Insurance Services can accommodate the request, but the forms and money should be sent to the chairman as soon as you plan these events, not at the last minute. **DO NOT CONTACT McDaniel Insurance Services directly.** They will refer you back to CGCI's Liability Insurance Chairman.

This Chairman will be attending the NGC Convention (first week of May) and CGCI Convention (third week in May). There are no other individuals handling the liability insurance requests so send those requests in as soon as possible. Please remember this chairman is a volunteer and not a professional licensed insurance agent.





**DONATIONS 2016**  
**Total this month: \$3,332.00**  
**Pat York, Chairman**  
 Total January 1 to date:  
 \$9,362.00



**BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT**  
 Eden GC  
 Honor: Karen Misenhimer ..... \$68  
 Friends of Heirloom Flowers  
 Honor: Kathy Krauss ..... \$68  
**CASCADE DISTRICT**  
 Cottonwood GC  
 Honor: Vera Miller..... \$68  
**DIABLO FOOTHILLS DISTRICT**  
 Discovery Bay GC  
 Honor: Bobbie Pearson..... \$68  
 Walnut Creek GC  
 Honor: Jan Howard..... \$68  
 Honor: Kathy Mico Smith..... \$68  
 Honor: Jenny Spinello ..... \$68  
 Honor: Elinor Hemon..... \$68  
**GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT**  
 Lake of the Sky GC  
 Honor: Emily Hatch..... \$136

**GREATER LOS ANGELES DISTRICT**  
 Los Angeles GC  
 Memory: Selina Lau..... \$68  
**LUTHER BURBANK DISTRICT**  
 Petaluma GC  
 Memory: Alice Cooney ..... \$68  
 Santa Rosa GC..... \$204  
**ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT**  
 Lake Forest GC  
 Memory: Betty Turner ..... \$68  
 Memory: Betty Morganthaler... \$68  
**PALOMAR DISTRICT**  
 Carlsbad GC ..... \$68  
 Chula Vista GC  
 Honor: Gina Wells ..... \$68  
 Fallbrook GC ..... \$68  
 Temecula Valley GC ..... \$272  
 Honor: Cheryl Torres ..... \$68  
 Honor: Christine Curtis ..... \$68  
 (co-presidents)

**SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT**  
 Elk Grove GC..... \$68  
**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT**  
 West Valley GC  
 Memory: Max Knapp ..... \$68  
 Donated by: Karol Freudenberg  
**SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT**  
 South Valley Fleurs GC..... \$68  
**SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT**  
 Valley Oak GC  
 Memory: April Booth ..... \$68  
**VALLEY LODGE DISTRICT**  
 Calaveras County GC ..... \$1156  
 Newman GC  
 Honor: Lydia Contreras ..... \$68  
**MISCELLANEOUS**  
 LaJunta Parlor No, 203 (NDGW)  
 Memory: Marjorie Bartolucci .. \$68

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God made rainy days so gardeners could get the housework done.  
 Author Unknown

**NGC Schools**

**Gardening Study School, Series 25, Course III**  
**Chairman: Myrtle Findley**  
**Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club**  
**May 14-15, 2016 - Shady Glen Recreation Hall, 450 Gladyscon Road, Colfax, CA**  
**TOPICS:** Outdoor container gardening, growing iris, houseplant basics, new plant development plus a tour of a botanical garden.  
**INSTRUCTORS:** Ingrid Else, Rob Littlepage, Lyn Muth and Jewell DeLapp  
 Full details including registration forms are available on the CGCI website:  
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>



**Mark your calendars**  
**Bi-Refresher – Heathers in the Redwoods:** National Garden Clubs has approved the August 11 & 12 components (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day) of the Heather Enthusiasts of the Redwood Empire Conference in Eureka to provide refresher credit for Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants. Watch the CGCI website or contact event chairmen Mary Lou Goodwin (MLGoodwin@outlook.com, 707.442.1387) or Maria Krenek (glenmarheather@yahoo.com) for more information. Check with Greg Pokorski (Gardening Study) or Alexis Slafer (Landscape Design) about consultant status and eligibility to refresh.