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From the President's desk...

Save the Dates!!

The CGCI 86th Annual Convention is **May 30 – June 3, 2017** at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, San Luis Obispo. The Call to Convention will be sent as soon as a few loose ends are tightened. The deadline to **mail your registration form** is Thursday, April 22, 2017. The deadline to make **your hotel reservations** to receive the special CGCI discount is Thursday, April 27, 2017. Call early for hand-capped rooms. **No registrations will be accepted after May 10. No refunds after May 20, 2017.** Questions, contact Registration Chairman Robin Pokorski, robinp@juno.com or Convention Chairman Bob Gordon, sloflwrs4u@aol.com.

Theme: Encouraging Future Gardeners: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow Highlights

(note: business and committee meetings are scheduled throughout the convention):

Wednesday, May 31

- ♥ Tour: Blue Star Marker Dedication, tour of historic Jack House and Gardens PLUS an invitation only Placement Show - "A Place in Time"
- ♥ Lunch – **Honoring Club Presidents**
- ♥ Convention Opening
- ♥ **Awards Celebration Banquet & Awards Room Opening - Honoring Award Sponsors**

Thursday, June 1

- ♥ Parliamentary Workshop & Advice from the Advisory Council
- ♥ Lunch – **Honoring Chairmen and Life Members**
- ♥ District Directors and Chairmen Forum – Current and Incoming
- ♥ California Consultants Council
- ♥ President's Reception
- ♥ **Fundraiser Endowments Dinner – Honoring Charter Members of the CGCI Endowments;** designs by a local Structural Display Designer, Jenny McNiece; AND a progressive auction with unique items up for bid. Proceeds benefit the CGCI Endowments.

Friday, June 2

- ♥ Lunch – **Honoring District Directors and Scholarship Winners** (No Youth Luncheon)
- ♥ Judges Council & Workshops
- ♥ **Installation Dinner** (Passing of the gavel)

Saturday, June 3

- ♥ Post-Convention Meeting, (New District Director and Officers only)
- ♥ 2017 - 2019 Organizational Meeting (ALL Board of Directors)

We hope many CGCI club and APS presidents and members will come join the fun and excitement...cheer your award recipients, honor your presidents and board members, learn from the workshops, check out the award entries and exhibits, and enjoy old and new friends!

Thank you for your continued support to the President's Project and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your CGCI President.

See you in San Luis Obispo... **SueB**

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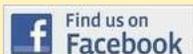
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CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **April 18-20:** Pacific Region Convention, Seattle, WA
- **May 16-21:** NGC Convention, Richmond, VA
- **May 30-June 3: CGCI Convention,** San Luis Obispo

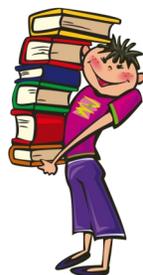


NGC Schools Calendar (California)

All registration forms are on the CGCI website Calendar page californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

Go to gardenclub.org for schools in other states

- **June 25-28: Flower Show Symposium,** Ontario, Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost
- **October 27-28:** Tri-refresher, Sponsor: Long Beach Garden Club



Would you like to sponsor a NGC School? Contact one of the CGCI Schools Chairman for details.



**The 2015-2017 Nominating Committee WANTS YOU!
Are you available and willing to serve CGCI?**

The CGCI Nominating Committee conducted candidate interviews at the 2016 Convention, the 2016 Fall Board meeting, the 2017 Winter Board meeting and we have a full slate of nominees with **ONE EXCEPTION**. We are still looking for that special person to fill the position of **CGCI Treasurer**.

The Nominating Committee must present the slate of candidates at the 2017 convention in San Luis Obispo (May 30-June 3) so time is of the essence. Please review the requirements and qualifications below.

If you are qualified and would be willing to serve our organization as the CGCI Treasurer please contact us to set up an interview by phone and/or at the 2017 convention. Candidate referrals are also appreciated. Please call either **Carol Jauregui (530) 345-3742** or **Rita Desilets (818) 781-4537 by May 1**. Together we can accomplish this! Thank you for giving this your serious consideration.

Requirements/qualifications:

- Available to serve the full term of office – 2017-2019 and attend all board meetings and conventions
- Basic bookkeeping skills/background including online banking
- Knowledge of QuickBooks and a variety of software and online tools (MS Excel, MS Word, email etc.)
- Knowledge of federal and state laws and the requirements for non-profit/tax exempt organizations (the CGCI treasurer is the resource for instructions/guidance to member organizations)
- Good organizational and communication skills – responsive to deadlines, able to prepare required financial statements and respond to questions
- Budget Experience - planning/preparing budgets; reviewing financial goals
- CGCI will provide
 - ◊ QuickBooks software including 24/7 online support
 - ◊ CGCI email account (for official business)
 - ◊ Mentoring and assistance
- You will need to provide
 - ◊ Computer with direct internet connection (no dial-up)
 - ◊ Printer

**2016-2017 CGCI Club Yearbook Judging
Nancy Lee Loesch, Yearbook Awards Chairman**

A "BIG THANK YOU" to Kathy Bramhall and her Cascade District members for a wonderful, successful day of judging the 2016-2017 CGCI club yearbooks after the CGCI Winter Board Meeting in Anderson, California. The ladies worked hard from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm and each yearbook was treated with loving care. We had many wonderful entries. Like every other year when this judging has been done, the judges said they would do it again, that they learned so much and appreciated the work that went into each yearbook. We try to go to a different area of California each year so that every District can have the experience.

Be Prepared for the Election of the Nominating Committee

Greg Pokorski, CGCI Parliamentarian

At convention we will elect (as we do every two years) a Nominating Committee for the 2017-2019 term. All too often when we get to that point in the proceedings, attendees look like deer in the headlights and business can grind to a halt. Don't let that happen! All districts are entitled to participate and be represented in this important work that helps identify our future leaders and is significant for the future of our organization. Seven districts are represented on each Nominating Committee. Those districts who were represented this term are ineligible next term*. So, all but the current seven districts are eligible to provide a member of the next committee. Please identify candidates who are willing and able to do this work and who will attend all state meetings (it is necessary for the committee to have a quorum at each meeting in order to conduct business and members of this committee are members of the board of directors). Candidates must have served on the CGCI board of directors at some time, be present when they are nominated and cannot serve more than two non-consecutive terms in this role. Don't nominate someone who has not indicated that they are willing to serve.

If a member of the Nominating Committee has to resign for any reason the CGCI president appoints a replacement from the same district as the vacating member – so that district retains its representation for the full term. With this in mind, each district that provides a committee member should also have a back-up in mind.

Take advantage of the opportunity for your district to be heard. Be ready to elect the Nominating Committee. Questions may be referred to the Parliamentarian.

*Nominating Committee 2015-17 (the following districts are NOT eligible for the 2017-19 term): Buttes, Channel Islands, Desert Empire, Golden Foothills, Orange County, Santa Clara Valley and Valley Lode.



Please make sure anything mailed to CGCI's post office box is addressed to **CGCI or California Garden Clubs, Inc.** Otherwise, you risk the item being returned as undeliverable because the post office questions "*Is this yours? If not, please return to mail system.*"



If you wish to direct it to an individual (i.e. George Perko), please address it to:

CGCI or California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Attn: George Perko
P.O. Box 75
Graton, CA 95444-0075

The Graton post office and CGCI chairman both 'thank you'!

Membership Matters:

To Club and Associate Plant Society Presidents: It's that time of the year - **election of officers and renewal of your CGCI membership**. The procedures for renewal are on Page 10 of this newsletter. Please review and make sure you submit the **Annual Contact Form by June 1** to ensure that your information is included in the *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster*. Remember you do not need to wait to submit this form. And don't forget, **Youth Groups** also need to be renewed annually.

Go to <http://californiagardenclubs.com/membership>



Awards Program:

The Awards Task Force is completing its review and **there will be changes in 2017**. The current Evaluation Forms **may be used for general guidance** but watch for updates and double check before submitting entries this year. Details will be available in future *Golden Gardens eNews* issues.



In the Garden this month...

Excerpted from
Sunset Magazine

- Early in the month, sow in the garden seeds of cool-season veggies such as carrots, chard, and spinach. Late in the month, sow seeds of warm-season crops such as beans, corn, and squash; set out seedlings of eggplant, peppers, and tomatoes.
- It's not too late to plant drought-tolerant shrubs like ceanothus, cotoneaster, *Fremontodendron*, manzanita, and rosemary. Unless your soil is extremely sandy, it's usually better to plant in unamended soil. After planting, add a 2- to 3-inch layer of mulch around the plants, keeping it about an inch away from trunks and stems.
- Tend flowering shrubs. After azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons finish blooming, remove spent blooms, taking care not to damage the new growth just beneath them. Feed the plants with a fertilizer especially developed for acid lovers.
- Replace fading cool-season annuals with heat lovers such as celosia, dahlias, marigolds, petunias, salvia, verbenas, and vinca. Try starting cosmos, sunflower, and zinnia from seed, even if you're a novice gardener. They're all super-easy, make good cut flowers, and attract the beneficial insects you want in the garden.
- Lure bees to pollinate your fruits and veggies. The following bee magnets need only moderate water: Agastache, 'Mönch' aster, catmint, germander, lavender, rudbeckia, and *Salvia chamaedryoides*.
- If pots are too packed with bulbs, some brown and leafless, it's time to repot or divide cymbidiums. Knock the root mass out of the pot and separate it into clumps by hand or with pruning shears. Keep at least three healthy bulbs with foliage; repot those in fresh potting medium designed for orchids.

Frogs

Carolyn Hoyum, Anderson Valley Garden Club

So why would I write about frogs? They certainly aren't a plant. Well there are more things to gardening than plants. They need pollinators, and no, frogs aren't pollinators but I know they have a place in our yards. You can find that out but I am just going to tell you what I learned about frogs today. The sun was shining so I had lunch outside and watched the frogs (not toads) in my little pond. As I watched they croaked, and croaked, and croaked some more. Each time the "bubble" under their chins would blow up a little more. Why I wondered.



I had stopped at a second hand store the day before and found a real bargain of a book, *The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Reptiles and Amphibians* for a mere 25 cents! After looking at the cool pictures I resorted to the descriptions in the back and found there are very few types of true frogs here, 21 to be exact. The frog genus name is "Rana". The most common one is *Rana aurora* or the Red-legged Frog. I even learned they have *smooth eardrums*, now didn't you always want to know that! Hearing systems are very well developed. The croaks I heard were rather weak and throaty lasting several seconds. But the "bubble" is what I was so interested in. That gets bigger so the little guy can have more air to make more noise! And why is he making this noise? To lure in some girl frog for courting and making babies! They also do it to drive off intruders but when my cat came to peer over the edge they dove into the water. They mate by clasping the female and eggs are fertilized as they come out! They lay up to 20,000 eggs that hatch within a month. There is one species of African toads that bear miniature frogs.

Remember...frogs are good in your yard as they are carnivorous! They eat lots of mosquitoes, also insects and spiders. Keep them around!

NEW - ONLINE DONATIONS

- At the 2017 Winter Board meeting, the board of directors approved the establishment of a PayPal account and CGCI is now accepting online donations, by credit/debit card or your personal PayPal account, for most of its official projects and the Endowment Funds. The exceptions are Penny Pines (donations go to the US Forest Service) and Life Memberships (they require a special application/request form).
- BUT can I still send a donation by check? ABSOLUTELY! You now have two options for donating:
 - ◇ Online form: After completing the form on the website you will be transferred to the separate and secure PayPal page to complete the transaction. CGCI does not see or store your payment information.
 - ◇ Paper form: Complete as usual and mail with your check to the address on the form.
- The links to the new online form and the traditional "paper" form are on each project page.



CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- **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
- **Penny Pines**
Checks to US Forest Service
- **President's Project 2015-17**
Chairman: Maryanne Lucas
1986 Channelford Road
Westlake Village, 91361-3558
- **Project Mission Blue**
Chairman: Shane Looper
213 Carmelo Lane
South San Francisco,
94080-2204
- **Scholarships (Applications)**
Chairman: Martha Smyser
4949 Mammoth Ave.
Sherman Oaks, 91423-1319
- **Stagecoach Hill Propagation**
Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin
1312 Gates St.
Eureka, CA 95501-2627
- **Stamps**
Chairman: Claudia Marsh
19822 Ottawa Rd, Apple Valley
92308-6155
- **Donations to the following projects are mailed to:**
California Garden Clubs
P.O. Box 75, Graton, CA
95444-0075
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Blue Star Memorials
CGCI Endowments (2 funds)
CGCI Scholarship Fund (direct)
Rare Plant Treasure Hunt
Reforestation/Restoration
Sempervirens Fund

The Flower Show Is The Thing **Rilla Crane, Master Flower Show Judge**

In 1993 the Chelsea American Flower Show came to the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The excitement grew months in advance of the event. All CGCI members were invited to participate in the Flower Show and many signed up. Nurseries came from near and far to transform the hills on the cliffs of the Pacific Ocean with beautiful gardens. Big tents were set up for the exhibits and for the afternoon Tea Party.

I remember it well. After weeks of preparation, the morning arrived. We were up before dawn to pack up everything to use for design, throw in extras just in case, and review the schedule. It was time to dress. I am so ready, I thought. First mistake is to think you are ready.

Coming down the stairs, I knelt to check a shoe, found that my back would not allow me to stand up and sank to the floor. My daughter said you cannot go to the flower show. I said I must or my name would be mud, since an empty space in design would mean that awards could not be given. What to do?

My husband had some Valium left from an elbow injury and gave me one. In a short time I could sit up. Finally I could walk to the car. My husband drove and set up the design materials on the tables for me. The first design was a mass design. I gently kept adding plant material and moved on. The second design was a creative design and by that time, I felt no pain. It won the top award there. The mass design somehow won a second in its class. I felt so good...in fact I had never felt so good. I went to the afternoon tea.

Was it over for me? No. I stayed to serve as a host in the design tent till closing. Around five o'clock a huge wind arose and the tents placed on the edge of the cliffs began to suffer the effects. Everyone had gone home. One design fell over and I righted it, then another and another. Finally I placed the plant material beside the containers and went home.

The next morning, we were heartbroken to see that all the beautiful nursery creations were destroyed. Some tents were damaged but the flower show tent was still standing albeit with a floor of soft mud now holding many of the containers. One designer had done a synergistic design using nine containers which lay in the mud. About that time, a bus load of CGCI members arrived from Northern California and because the show was closed it was suggested that they visit the nearby Frank Lloyd Wright Glass Chapel and the South Coast Botanical Garden.

What an experience - but one I wouldn't have missed!

And speaking of flower shows...is your club or district having one this year? Don't forget to register your show with the CGCI Flower Show Awards Chairman, Pat Claves.

The form can be found on the CGCI website at:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/Forms>

Awards, Honors & Recognition

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

NOTE: Check the forms for the correct mailing address
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

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)

Club & District Corner

Del Norte Garden Club: The club will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a special luncheon in May. CONGRATULATIONS!



Palomar District: The 2017-19 officers were installed at the February meeting by President Sue Bennett.

L to R: George Speer, Parliamentarian; Barbara Weiler, Corresponding Sec; Laura Crenshaw, Treasurer; Teri Schmidt, Recording Sec; David Rylaarsdam, Second Asst; Sharon Tooley, First Asst; Adele Kelly, Director; and Sue Bennett.

Eureka-Sequoia Garden Club: Volunteers continue to work on the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Project and completed their third work day on Feb. 25. Over 20 gardeners have gathered to remove ferns, vines and other brush that has been overgrowing the plants.



Fresno Cactus & Succulent Society: The group has a "brag table"...a place to show off your most beautiful and interesting plants—the one that is finally in bloom, showing seasonal colors, growing well because of your skill (or good luck) or the one that is simply your favorite.

West Valley Garden Club: 40 members recently gathered at Orcutt Park to prune 400 rose bushes! And in January club members provided and served lunch for 100 students and their teachers. WOW!



Green Thumb Garden Club: They created the "Shaw House" exhibit for the Citrus Fair display and won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes! The display was so awesome that the Cloverdale Historical Society wanted to keep the façade for future events.



President 2015-2017
Sandra H. Robinson

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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: April 18-20, 2017
Seattle, WA

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If not, you can subscribe here (it's FREE):
californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletter

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International Photography Competition for NGC Members and Affiliates

"Look deeper into Nature and you will understand everything"
Albert Einstein

A MACRO or CLOSE-UP of something in nature that brings understanding about the web of life



For more information:
arabellasd@aol.com

The contest is open
MARCH 1 - APRIL 15, 2017
All the submissions will be juried.
The 24 highest scoring images will be displayed in Richmond VA May 16-21, 2017 at the NGC Convention
Submit entries on-line –
Login at

<http://cburke.com/ngc/>

This competition is open to members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and its affiliated organizations.

Fees:
You may enter as many as 3 images. There is no charge to enter.

Image Preparation Guidelines:
All images must be submitted in the "JPG" format.

Image Resolution:
Each image must have a minimum resolution of 300 pixels per inch.

Dimension:
When the image resolution is 300, the maximum allowable dimensions for an image is 14 inches (4200 pixels) on the long side and 11 inches (3300 pixels) on the short side.

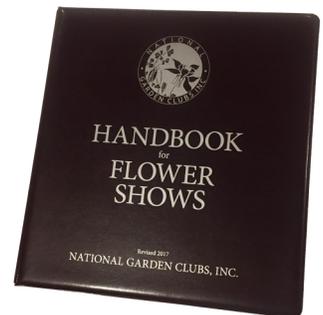
For images having a resolution greater than 300, a proportional increase in their dimensions is allowed. As an example, for an image with a resolution of 350 pixels per inch, the long side dimension may be 4900 pixels and the short side may be 3850 pixels.

File size: minimum 1.5 Megabytes

What is Reconciliation Ecology?

"The science of inventing, establishing, and maintaining new habitats to conserve species diversity in places where people live, work or play." Check out the NGC presentation...<http://californiagardenclubs.com/> under Hot Off the Press.

The 2017 edition of the Handbook for Flower Shows is now available online from NGC - \$25 (quantity discounts do not apply). Go to <http://www.shopgardenclub.org>



NGC Convention: May 16-21, 2017, Richmond, VA
There is still time to register to attend as a CGCI delegate
Go to <http://www.gardenclub.org/> for details and forms
If you want to attend contact CGCI President Sue Bennett
And remember, official attendance may be tax deductible!



DONATIONS 2017
Total this month: \$3,740.00
Pat York, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$7,480.00

ARBORETUM DISTRICT

Year Round GC..... \$544
 Honor: Jarrett & Max Kimbrough
 Donated by Henrietta Peavy . \$68

BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT

Friends of Heirloom Flowers
 Memory: Rod Ricciarelli \$68

BAY OCEAN DISTRICT

Civic GC of San Carlos \$340

BUTTES DISTRICT

Lake Oroville Area GC
 Honor: Gay Lynn Trumm \$68
 Paradise GC \$136

COSTA VERDE DISTRICT

San Pedro GC
 Honor: Karen Czap \$68
 Honor: Virginia Pagan..... \$68
 Honor: Toni Luz..... \$68

DIABLO FOOTHILLS

Blackhawk Bloomers
 Memory: Gwen Majerus \$68
 Memory: Grant Rollin..... \$68
 Livermore-Amador Valley GC
 Honor: Elementary Schools . \$544
 Lydiksen, Vintage Hills,
 Mohr, Fairlands, Donlon, Alisal,
 Walnut Grove, Valley View

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Chicago Park GC
 Honor: Carolyn Flynn..... \$68
 Honor: Nancy Tilman..... \$68

Divide GC

Memory: Hattie Bird..... \$68
 Memory: Evangeline Leonardo \$68

LUTHER BURBANK DISTRICT

Green Thumb GC \$68

ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT

Del Norte GC
 Memory: Ted Dietzel..... \$68
 Memory: Mary Ann Brown \$68
 Newport Hills GC
 Memory: Babe Hughes..... \$68
 Memory: Eleanore Norton \$68

PALOMAR DISTRICT

Point Loma GC
 Memory: Marilyn Cross..... \$68
 Memory: Blanche Welch \$68
 Memory: Dorothy Rojas \$68
 Poway Valley GC
 Honor: Dee Franzen \$68
 Honor: Donna Payton..... \$68
 San Dieguito GC
 Honor: Julian Duval \$68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT

Burbank-Valley GC
 Memory: Eleanor Sturman..... \$68
 Southern California GC
 Honor: Deen Day-Sanders..... \$68
 West Valley GC
 Memory: Ed Smith
 Donated by: Sally Bagley \$68

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT

South Valley Fleurs GC..... \$68

SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Sequoia GC \$68

VALLEY LODE DISTRICT

Foothill GC
 Honor: Foothill Garden Club .. \$68
 Newman GC
 Honor: Pat Rocha..... \$68
 Oakdale GC
 Memory: Toby Torngren \$68
YOSEMITE GATEWAY DISTRICT
 Atwater GC & Camellia Society
 Honor: Margaret Valenzuela .. \$68



REMINDER: ALL checks for Penny Pines donations are made **payable to the U.S. Forest Service selected NOT to CGCI**. Checks are **MAILED TO** the selected Forest Service office (list and addresses are on the form). A copy of the form only (no checks) is sent to the CGCI Penny Pines chairman either by email or US Mail.



President's Travel Schedule:

- April 10: Desert Empire District
- April 18-20: PR Convention, Washington
- April 29-30: Folsom Garden Club
- May 16-21: NGC Convention, Virginia
- May 30-June 3: CGCI Convention

Don't forget to bring your club, district, council or committee banner to convention.



PRESIDENT’S PROJECT

Maryanne Lucas, Chairman

LAST CALL!

President Sue and her committee thank all of you for your continued support and generosity for her project, "Encouraging Future Gardeners." The project has been more successful than she ever imagined. It has reached thousands of young gardeners throughout the state over the past 22 months with a long waiting list of requests still to be filled. Word of the program has traveled across the United States which has brought a lot of great publicity to California Garden Clubs, Inc. and its members.

Get your requests in for the EFG Kits NOW. As the old saying goes, "All good things must come to an end." This is the last chance you have to get your Kits personally delivered by President Sue at convention the end May.

The **CUTOFF DATE to order is MAY 12**. The revised request form can be found at

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/presidentsproject>

Thank you again for your continued support.

Donations this month:

Arden Park Garden Club	Girl Scouts Heart of Central CA Laguna	Oakdale Garden Club
Audra Orth	Troop #1138	Palomar District
Barbara Brown	Girl Scouts Heart of Central California	Peggy Boso
Beth Brubaker	Golden Foothills District	Ramona Garden Club
CGCI in Memory of Marilyn Oberti,	Judy Picinini	Tasha Burkett
Circle of Poppy	Mendo-Lake District of CGCI	William Hambleton
Chicago Park Garden Club	Michelle Bloomberg	
Diane Felice	Mildred Nee	
Elisabeth Tufo in Memory of Marilyn Oberti	Monarch Montessori Preschool &	
Foothill Garden Club	Kindergarten	

TOTAL TO DATE: \$16,120.00

General convention information (the official Call to Convention will be out soon):

Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 27, 2017

Embassy Suites by Hilton San Luis Obispo, 333 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
Phone (805)549-0800

To get the special suite rate of \$139* make room reservations prior to April 27, 2017 by calling 805-549-0800, ask for reservations. To get discounted price mention **XCF**.

**A charge of \$10 will be added for a third adult sharing double suite and \$20 for a fourth adult.*

Hotel Parking & Amenities

- Free refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker in all suites;
- Complimentary Internet in sleeping suites;
- Free self-parking;
- Cooked-to-order breakfast served from 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. each morning in the Greenhouse Grille;
- Two-hour hosted Evening Reception in the Lobby Lounge/Garden Atrium, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Complimentary Shuttle to/from San Luis Obispo Regional Airport and the Amtrak Train Station, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

NOTE: Due to the Memorial Day holiday as well as peak season in the area - any guest who may wish to arrive early or depart later, reservations are subject to space and rate availability, and will be handled on an individual basis. Requests for special room arrangements must be made when making your reservations. Rooms are available for check in after 4:00 p.m. and check-out is before 11:00 a.m

Wednesday, May 31: TOUR: Following the Blue Star Marker dedication the group will visit the Jack House, a unique piece of California's elegant and colorful past, which will transport visitors back to the Victorian era. The Jack family holds history with some of the most prominent players in the drama of Central California development. Active in ranching, politics, travel, banking and land development, the Jacks lived in this fine two-story Victorian house for over 90 years and much of the family's original furnishings, artwork, kitchen utensils, dishes and keepsakes are now on display for visitors.

BONUS: "A Place in Time" - a special Placement Show featuring invited designers. Designs will be displayed throughout the Jack House. Tour attendees will vote for People's Choice Award to be announced at Wednesday's lunch.





California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Membership Renewal Procedures – Clubs/APS

2017-2018

Contact Information for Clubs and Associate Plant Societies:

- Following election of officers for the **2017-2018** year:
 - Go to www.californiagardenclubs.com: click on the **Forms (Menu)**
 - In the By Category tab under “**Membership & Dues**” select “**Membership: Contact Information Annual Form (Club/APS)**”
 - Click to open – follow the instructions to complete and submit electronically (**DO NOT mail** this form)
 - NOTE: it is not necessary to wait until officers are installed or the new fiscal year begins.
 - If the president does not use a computer, anyone in the club can complete and submit the form...perhaps the secretary. **Please coordinate submission to avoid duplicate forms.**

Dues payment:

- Initial payment **is due July 1** –Complete the Dues Form:
 - Go to www.californiagardenclubs.com: click on the **Forms (Menu)**
 - In the By Category tab under “**Membership & Dues**” select **DUES: Annual Form (Club/APS Initial payment)**
 - Click to open – follow the instructions to complete, print and submit electronically
 - Be sure to print **TWO copies** (one to mail and one for your records) prior to clicking the “submit” button
 - Click “submit”
 - Mail the printed copy with an initial dues payment covering the **number of members paid to that point** for the upcoming year (you do not need to wait until every renewing member is paid)
 - make check payable to "CGCI" and **mail to the chairman listed on the form**
 - **CHECK THE MATH** and make sure that the \$\$ amount on the form matches the \$\$ amount on the check

Additional members:

- *Clubs or associate plant societies shall forward dues periodically for additional members (joining after July 1) to the membership chairman.*
 - NOTE: Dues for additional members may be paid at any time (upon receipt, monthly or quarterly)
 - Go to www.californiagardenclubs.com: click on the **Forms (Menu)**
 - In the By Category tab under “**Membership & Dues**” select **DUES: Additional Member Form (Clubs/APS)**
 - Click to open – follow the instructions to complete and submit (same as original dues payment above)

Youth Groups:

- Go to www.californiagardenclubs.com: click on the **Forms (Menu)**
- In the By Category tab under “**Membership & Dues**” select **Youth: New/Renewal Registration Form**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- Why an electronic form?
 - The online CONTACT INFORMATION webforms will automatically be forwarded to the membership chairman
 - A spreadsheet will be generated from the webform responses that can be uploaded to the CGCI membership database.
 - The resulting spreadsheets will be forwarded to all appropriate parties including the *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster* Editor and District Directors.
 - Eliminates retyping of information
 - The information comes directly from the member organization and should be correct
- Why submit payment forms electronically AND mail a copy?
 - It is a double check. If the check and form do not arrive in a timely fashion, a reminder notice can be sent.
- How do we submit mid-term updates or changes to organization information?
 - Go to www.californiagardenclubs.com click on **Forms (Menu)**
 - In the By Category tab under “Membership & Dues” select **Membership: Contact Information Update Form (Club/APS/Affiliate)**