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## From the President's desk...

The power of a thought....and persistence.

Have you ever enthusiastically shared an idea or dream with someone and in return received a very lukewarm comment in reply? Don't worry, it happens to everyone. Be persistent, when you believe in your idea or dream, keep sharing it with others and keep moving forward. Share it with anyone and everyone. Each step takes you one step closer to making that idea or dream become a reality.



Every tradition in any garden club or district was once just an idea or dream of a member. If that member hadn't shared their idea or dream with others gathering support and assistance to follow-through the tradition that you now enjoy might just be a forgotten "what if we..."



On November 18, this president had the honor of representing CGCI at Hanford Garden Club's dedication of a Blue Star By-Way Marker in Hanford. It was a perfect day! We enjoyed a sunny, clear blue sky and the opportunity to carry on what has become a NGC and CGCI tradition of honoring members of our armed forces.

The Blue Star & Gold Star Families Memorial Markers Program is described in more detail on the NGC website, our CGCI website and on page 40 of the 2017-19 Yearbook Manual & Roster. Some of the content from these sites is shared in this article.

This program came about because someone recognized the need, someone shared the idea and then action was taken implementing the plan.

At the close of World War II, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now National Garden Clubs, Inc.) like other public-spirited groups was seeking a suitable means of honoring servicemen and women. It was agreed, that as Garden Clubs, it would be better to help beautify and preserve the country the men had fought for than to build stone monuments. The New Jersey clubs had just finished beautifying a section of one of the New Jersey highways as a War Memorial, working with the New Jersey Highway Commissioner, Spencer Miller, Jr., when Mr. Miller, a guest speaker at the annual convention of the National Council in 1945, suggested that this program be projected on a nationwide basis. This was just the kind of project the National Council had been looking for. National Garden Clubs, Inc. is the parent organization for Blue Star Memorial Highways.

At the 1945 annual convention, when discussing what has become the Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Marker program, do you think anyone there ever envisioned the size; and the significant and lasting impact of this program? I wonder how many members thought this project was too large or couldn't be done. Perhaps the word impossible was even used! Fortunately, persistence pays off. Ideas and dreams when put together with action and implementation can create incredible things.

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**CGCI Official Calendar**

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

- **January 30-February 2, 2018:** CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Newbury Park, CA. Host: Channel Islands District
- **April 6-8, 2018:** Pacific Region Convention, Chena Hot Springs, AK
- **May 21-24, 2018:** NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA

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**CGCI Schools Chairmen**

- Environmental: Shane Looper  
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- Flower Show: Gudrun Kimmel  
gudron56@att.net
- Gardening: Greg Pokorski,  
gregpokorski@earthlink.net
- Landscape Design: Alexis Slafer  
aslafer@ca.rr.com

**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

- **February 3-4, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 1. Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club
- **February 10-11, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 2. Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club.
- **February 23-25, 2018:** Flower Show School, Course 1, Ceres, CA
- **March 3-4, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 3. Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club
- **March 10-11, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 4. Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club
- **May 4-6, 2018:** Flower Show Symposium. Marriott Hotel, Pleasanton, CA

Their goal was to create a suitable means of honoring servicemen and women. Was their goal achieved? Today there are *more than 70,000 miles of highway designated as Blue Star Memorial Highways and approximately 3,000 memorials and markers* are standing proudly nationwide.

NGC's Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Marker program began with the Memorial Highway Marker, found alongside roadways and at rest stops. With the success of the program, two additional types of markers have been added: the Blue Star Memorial Markers found at veterans' hospitals, national cemeteries, etc. and Blue Star By-Way Markers which can be placed in parks, civic and historical grounds.

CGCI adopted the Blue Star program in 1947 and now, 70 years later approximately 170 markers can be found in our state beginning in the north at Collier just 11 miles south of the Oregon Border in Top 'o the State District and as far south as the San Ysidro Border Crossing on I-5 southbound in Palomar District.

A complete list markers is available on our CGCI website. On this list, Hanford Garden Club in Sequoia Foothills District has a Blue Star By-Way Marker listed as "in storage". After the November 18, dedication, it is time to update the list to reflect the current location. Hanford Garden Club found the perfect garden location for this Blue Star By-Way Marker and it is beautiful. The goal to beautify has also been achieved. The unique location also provides an opportunity for the public to view the marker and remember this fitting tribute, honoring all men and women, who have served, are now serving or will serve in the armed forces of the United States. When you are in Hanford, you will want to view this marker and the wonderful garden at....



The rest of the story....will appear in the next issue of Golden Gardens eNews when Hanford Garden Club shares how they overcame challenges and through persistence found the perfect garden for their Blue Star By-Way Marker.

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**2017-2019 President's Project  
By Carolyn Hoyum, Chairman**

How many of you have taken the time to peruse the CGCI website? There is so much information there for every aspect of CGCI and your club! Take some time. Explore it. While you are there - find the [2017-2019 PRESIDENT'S PROJECT!](#) Do you know what it is?



- ♥ Donations will be split equally between the CGCI Scholarship/Donations and Life Memberships Fund and the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund. The first portion will allow us to increase the amount of money awarded OR the number of scholarships awarded starting with the 2019 scholarship year. The second portion will remain ever-growing as the investment "seed money" so to speak. The investment income realized will fund additional scholarships or increase the dollar amount awarded. Donors know their monies will continue to provide opportunities for scholarship recipients for years to come.
- ♥ Get your club or district (or even yourself) motivated and find a way to raise and contribute funds.
- ♥ We all want to support CGCI and the President's idea is to not only help with this year's scholarships but to sustain the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund for many years to come.

So just look online, follow instructions and DONATE!

**ON TIME FOR THE DEADLINE****By Berni Hendrix, Awards Chairman**

Now is the time to meet the deadline to submit for Awards. Deadline is December 1. It's easy to do. Don't be intimidated...think of it as an open book test. You already have the questions (they are on the Application Form), and the answers are on the Evaluation Form. All you have to do is customize it to your project. Super easy. Oh, and add a picture or two to make it pretty.

The address where to mail is on the Evaluation Form. But before mailing, fold the Evaluation Form and put inside an envelope. Then put that stuffed envelope along with the completed Application Form inside a larger envelope. Seal and mail to get it postmarked before December 1.

Next step to find out if your Application won is to be at the Awards Ceremony, CGCI Convention, June 3-7, 2018 at the Black Oak Hotel Resort, Tuolumne, CA, near gold rush historic Sonora, CA.

Looking forward to congratulating and shaking your hand!

**A Message From The Nominating Committee****By Sue Bennett, Chairman**

RUN DON'T WALK! RUN FOR A POSITION AS A CGCI OFFICER!!!

Calling all CGCI Members!

The CGCI Nominating Committee is looking at YOU as a future leader. We are all volunteers, and sooner or later we find ourselves serving at some level in order to return the benefits we have received from CGCI.

Organization by its very nature requires planning, direction and administration. Thus, CGCI elects our officers from among its membership to direct CGCI activities and expedite education. You work voluntarily, and you sometimes forego the pleasure of gardening in order to fulfill the responsibilities of leadership and administration. The real joy of CGCI is learning and sharing. Leadership and administration are a means to facilitate the business of California Garden Clubs, Inc.

As an organization, one must not lose sight of the purpose of what CGCI is all about. YOU are already leaders at your local and district levels. Being a CGCI officer is just the next step in increasing your knowledge and improving your own skills.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I invite YOU to consider how YOU can serve CGCI.

We will soon be setting up interviews for the 2018 Winter Board Meeting; so when a member from the Nominating Committee calls, please let them know if you are interested in a position, or suggest who you think would be a good candidate. The 2017-2019 Nominating Committee members are: Sue Bennett (Chairman), Milly Benson, Carolyn Hoyum, Marlene Kinney, Brenda Leal, Kathy Taylor de Murillo and Bonnie Smith.

Feel free to contact any member of the committee and be sure to complete the [Personnel Form](#) on the CGCI website. For a job description from the CGCI Bylaws for the officers and their duties, see pages 90 - 91 of the 2017 - 2019 *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster*. Information regarding the process is on page 91.

REMEMBER...RUN DON'T WALK! RUN FOR A POSITION AS A CGCI OFFICER!!! CAN WE COUNT ON YOU? The Nominating Committee is looking forward to hearing from YOU!



## GTEP Renewals

By Ilene Herringer, GTEP Chairman

When you submit your GTEP renewal paperwork, please remember that CGCI is dealing with the IRS and the FTB on your behalf. To remain in compliance, CGCI has an obligation to fulfill their requirements.



In each of the last two years, approximately 50% of the renewal applications and support documentation required and submitted was either inaccurate or incomplete. This created well over one hundred hours of additional work that could have been prevented. Renewal applications cannot be processed until all of the required information is received; therefore, your submission for renewal will be mailed back to you with a checklist of items to provide or correct. To prevent the unnecessary stress and you wasting your time please review everything required before submitting. If you are not sure how to complete the paperwork, please contact the GTEP chairman.

GTEP-Frequently asked questions about the renewal requirements

- Why do you need a list of our club activities?

The IRS requires that each year CGCI verifies that your organization continues to meet the requirements for the group tax exemption. To renew your participation in GTEP under the CGCI exemption your activities must continue to meet the criteria as an "educational" non-profit 501c3 organization. Therefore, a club must demonstrate on an annual basis that its activities during the last fiscal year were primarily 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. Please DO NOT copy and send the page of activities and programs from this year's yearbook. This is not acceptable because the activities have not yet happened. You are required to provide activities for the most recently completed fiscal year.

- What kind of financial statement is required?

This is a requirement established by the IRS. When you applied for GTEP the IRS wanted a general idea of where your club gets its income and how it spends its money to verify your eligibility as a 501c3 organization. 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, 2016-June 30, 2017). For income the list could include categories such as dues, fundraiser, donations, etc. The expenses could include rental, postage, programs, office supplies, etc. Please DO NOT send your budget as it is a projection, and it does not include the actual financial information from the last year.

A sample Activities Report and Financial Statement were included in your renewal packet which was sent to your president and treasurer in October. To download copies of these sample reports posted online visit:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep> and then click on the Forms tab.

Winter is the season in which people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat.

Sunshine needed! Two of our long-time board members recently experienced health challenges and would appreciate a card or note.

Gloria Aminian - c/o Monica Lewis, 1281 9th Avenue, #3009, San Diego 92101

Judy Unrine - 5005 Via el Sereno, Torrance 90505



**CGCI Programs & Projects**

Go to [californiagardenclubs.com](http://californiagardenclubs.com)  
for details

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- **Membership & Dues (NEW)**  
**Chairman: Martha Smyser**  
4949 Mammoth Ave.  
Sherman Oaks 91423-1319
- **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**  
Chairman: Carol Vallens  
**Checks to US Forest Service**  
Online form
- **President's Project 2017-19 (NEW)**  
**Chairman: Carolyn Hoyum**  
P.O. Box 380  
Palo Cedro 96073-0380
- **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 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 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

**Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest**

**By Charlotte Tucker, Poster Chairman**



Posters for state judging of the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest should be sent to the CGCI Poster Chairman: **Charlotte Tucker - 18047 Lime Kiln Road - Sonora, CA 95370** AND . . . they need to arrive **before January 20, 2018.**

Please make sure you have judged the posters at your local level before you send them on to the state level for judging.

- ♥ Remember you can send up to 20 posters on to be judged at the state level...that's the top four (4) posters from each grade level (grades 1-5).
- ♥ Check the spelling on EVERY poster and also make sure the motto is correct:
  - ◇ Smokey posters: "Only You Can Prevent Wild-fires"...NO forest fires
  - ◇ Woodsy posters: "Lend A Hand Care For The Land" NOT Give a Hoot
- ♥ If you have any questions or concerns call the Chairman (209)533-9300.



This Chairman can't wait to get all your posters and start the judging process at the state level.

**2018 Flower Show Symposium**

**Mary Arakelian & Lili Aram-Bost, Co-Chairmen**

**May 4-6, 2018**

Marriott Hotel  
11950 Dublin Canyon Road  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
Registrar: Shane Looper

- Horticulture: Instructor Dottie Howatt - Tulips, Displays & Collections and "What to do about "Any Other Worthy Specimen" in the Flower Show."
- Design: Instructor Penny Decker - Featured Plant Materials' Design and Cascade Design. These are two of the new Design types featured in the *2017 Handbook for Flower Shows*. Her allied topic will be "Exploring Creativity in Botanical Arts."

Here's your chance to update your designing and judging knowledge. Early participants get front row seats, after students. Brochures will be available soon.

Here are some recent designs: Left 1 & 2 from New England Region show; right 3 & 4 from Judges Council of SoCal November show.



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

♥ **Awards Program**

Chairman: Berni Hendrix  
Check the website for updated  
forms and instructions

♥ **Business Commendations**

Chairman: Launa Gould  
Online request form

♥ **California Consultants Council**

Landscape Design (various) &  
Outstanding Private Garden  
Chairman: Josie Goodenow  
7077 Piper Lane  
Garden Valley 95633-9490

♥ **Honor Book**

Chairman: Deedee Speer  
30861 Saddleback Road  
Valley Center 92082-3848

♥ **Life Memberships**

Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker  
14216 Karry’s Place  
Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ **Long-Term Certificates**

Chairman: Mike Gould  
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 promo-  
tional and informa-  
tional materials and  
many are FREE\*!

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

(Check the website for ordering  
details)

**A Message to Washington: Don’t take our National Parks**

**By Nancy Compton, Legislation/Government Chairman**

The mission statement of California Garden Clubs, Inc. affirms that we are proudly dedi-  
cated to protecting and conserving our natural resources, which includes our water, air,  
wildlife, forests, meadows, wetlands, and natural vegetation. As garden club members,  
we understand our responsibility for stewardship of the environment, knowing full well  
the importance of preserving these wild and natural areas for our children and grand-  
children. In fact, our Penny Pines program proudly supports fifteen national forests  
throughout California.



The importance of these natural areas is widely understood and  
supported by a large swath of the nation’s population. It was west-  
ern historian and nature writer Wallace Stegner who initially called  
our national parks, “America’s Best Idea,” a phrase later used by  
documentarian Ken Burns in deciding on a title for his widely ac-  
claimed film series highlighting the beauty, serenity, and signifi-  
cance of our national parks.

Currently, however, our national parks and monuments are under threat from those  
who would seek to develop our wild places for their short-term economic gain, rather  
than save them for our children. These threats range from unchecked development to  
unrestricted drilling for oil and gas. Developers already have access to more than 75  
percent of our national forests and lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management,  
but some developers, and many members of Congress, want even greater access. Re-  
cent proposals have even included “downsizing” our public lands – an interesting euphe-  
mism for taking away what rightfully belongs to the people. Our last wild places are  
critical for the environment, for wildlife, and ultimately for the very health of our planet.  
As CGCI members, it is our responsibility to advocate for the lands that belong to all of  
us.

So what can we do? We can begin by writing letters to our elected representatives in  
Congress, and this is not as intimidating a process as some may believe. A well-written  
personal letter (or email) is a very effective way of communication, as it takes time and  
effort, as opposed to a signature on a petition.

A letter need not be more than three or four paragraphs. Begin by stating your concern,  
including specific references, facts, and/or data. You might state that as a member of  
CGCI or your local club, you are troubled by recent actions that will harm our national  
parks and degrade our environment. Officials usually receive communication from  
many people on both sides of an issue, so it is especially crucial that you let your opinion  
be known.

Here are some tips to consider:

- Summarize your understanding of the issue
- Explain your position
- Describe what any changes will mean to you and others
- Describe what action you encourage the official to take
- Close respectfully and sign your letter

Writing letters to elected officials is an excellent way to explain how an issue affects you,  
your group, or your community. It also can build your reputation as a thoughtful person,  
giving you more influence with those in public office.

It was the late Margaret Meade who said, “Never doubt that a  
small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the  
world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” CGCI is a  
small group of thoughtful, committed citizens. Let’s change the  
world, one letter at a time.





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**Convention:**

May 21-24, 2018, Philadelphia, PA  
 April 30-May 5, 2019, Biloxi, MS

**Ongoing projects:**

- Ames Garden Tools
- Blue & Gold Star Memorials
- US Botanic Butterfly Garden
- School Gardens
- Spring Planting for Butterflies
- Water Projects

(Go to [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org) for details on these and other projects)



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**Peggy Olin**

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 April 2019, California

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**NGC Awards**

***Are you holding a Small Standard Flower Show in 2018?***

**By Pat Clayes, CGCI Flower Show Awards Chairman &**

**Joyce Dean, CGCI Flower Show Schedules Chairman**

Beginning with the 2018 awards year, NGC will offer achievement awards for SMALL Standard Flower Shows and SPECIALTY Flower Shows in addition to the existing Standard Flower Show awards. If your club is thinking about sponsoring a NGC Small Standard Flower Show, go to the NGC website download a model Flower Show Schedule

<http://www.gardenclub.org/schools/flower-show-schools.aspx>

There are two sample schedules for Small Standard Flower shows: "Plant America" and "With a Song in My Heart."

Please note: revised Flower Show Achievement Awards rules for 2018-2019 will be listed in January 2018 on the NGC website. Also NGC has revised its form for Flower Show Judges to evaluate Standard Flower Show and Small Standard Flower Shows. The form - 30S - can be found on the NGC website under Schools/Flower Show Schools/FSS Forms.

<http://gardenclub.org/schools/fss-forms.aspx>



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Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

**75th Annual Convention April 6 –9, 2018**

**"Whoopin' It Up At The Hot Springs"**

Chena Hot Springs Resort

Fairbanks, Alaska

**Tours & Special Events:**

- Award winning Hot Springs Geothermal Renewable Energy Program,
- Greenhouse where fresh produce is grown 365 days a year,
- Ice Museum maintained by world ice art champions Steve and Heather Brice,
- Aurora Viewing
- Appletini in a carved ice class -yours for the keeping

Registration forms and information:

<http://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>



**DONATIONS 2017**  
**Total this month: \$2,516.00**  
**Carol Vallens, Chairman**  
 Total January 1 to date:  
**\$29,240.00**



**BAY BRIDGES**

Friends of Heirloom Flowers  
 Denise LePeilbet ..... \$68  
 Memory: Burlidine Watson

**BAY OCEAN**

Belmont GC ..... \$204  
 Garden Study Club of the Peninsula.. \$68

**BUTTES**

Paradise GC  
 John and Candice Boggs..... \$136  
 Memory: Jonna Del Fava &  
 Don Del Fava

**CASCADE**

Lake California GC  
 Patricia Krueger ..... \$68  
 Memory: Bill & Dot McDole

**DIABLO FOOTHILLS**

Clayton Valley GC..... \$68  
 Honor: Ingela E. Nielsen  
 Discovery Bay GC ..... \$272

**GOLDEN FOOTHILLS**

Auburn GC ..... \$272  
 Honor: Saul Wiseman, Garth  
 Chamblin, & Sally Ough  
 Memory: Edna Brockway  
 Organic GC of Sacramento County.... \$68  
 Honor: Jim Rains  
 Roseville Better GC..... \$204  
 Honor: Larry Lauszus & Tom Tomich  
 Memory: Rose Mary Gaspari

**LUTHER BURBANK**

Petaluma GC ..... \$68  
 Honor: The Santa Rosa Fire victims

**ORANGE COUNTY**

Mission Viejo GC..... \$272

**PALOMAR**

Fallbrook GC ..... \$68  
 Poway Valley GC ..... \$68  
 Honor: Lu-Ann Coe

**SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY**

River Valley GC ..... \$68  
 Memory: Richard Glacken

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**

Burbank-Valley GC..... \$68  
 Honor: Ray Law  
 West Valley GC ..... \$68  
 Memory: Charles Crail

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY**

Green Thumb GC of Milpitas ... \$68  
 Memory: Mary Curtis

**SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS**

Valley Oak GC ..... \$68  
 Memory: Esta La Perle Clinite

**VALLEY LODGE**

Foothill GC..... \$68  
 Newman GC..... \$68  
 Honor: George Vargas  
 Ripon GC  
 Mary Jo Malone ..... \$68  
 Memory: Frank D. Malone

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"It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!...  
 Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought,  
 "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*

May love and light fill your home and heart at Hanukkah.  
*Author Unknown*



From all of us at *Golden Gardens eNews...*  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS - HAPPY HANUKKAH**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
*Thank you for your support*