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## From the President's desk...

March already!

When the call went out for the Winter Board Meeting, it was noted that Co-Chairmen Kathy Bramhall and Carolyn Hoyum and Cascade District members “are planning a once-in-a-lifetime Winter Board Meeting with a great line-up of speakers and workshops. They look forward to making it a memorable experience for all,” (those were your President’s words). and so it was!



Many members commented on how lovely the table displays were that the district set up in the hallway.

John Whittlesey, “A Plant Lover’s Guide to Salvias” who spoke on Monday night at the CCC, mentioned “chia seeds” and thus those in attendance were hoping I would be there to give him a chia pet. Unfortunately my schedule didn’t allow time for this “hot” topic. The workshops were well-attended with lots of questions.

The district outdid themselves with the Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse Fashion Show. A big thank you to the models. Very, very creative.



Wednesday the power went out (not just in our hotel) just before the lunch time speaker, Dr. Steve Laymon, was to do a PowerPoint presentation on “Wildflowers of Tehama County.” The solution - our very own Vanna White aka Jane McKee, walked around the tables holding the laptop computer to show the photos. Way to go Dr. Layman and Jane.

**CGCI Official Calendar**

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

- **March 27-29: CGCI Wildflower Conference**  
Co-Chairmen: Merrilee Ray & Janice Wagner; Kernville.
- **April 18-20:** Pacific Region Convention, Seattle, WA
- **May 16-21:** NGC Convention, Richmond, VA
- **May 30-June 3: CGCI Convention,** San Luis Obispo

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**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

- **March 13-15: Flower Show School, Course 4,** Sponsor: Southwest Judges Council; Poway, CA, Chairman: Emily Troxell
- **June 25-28: Flower Show Symposium,** Ontario, Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost
- **October 27-28:** Tri-refresher, Sponsor: Long Beach Garden Club

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



Wednesday dinner Program - Matthew Songmaker - a 17-year-old multi-talented Native American from Red Bluff had folks up dancing and added to the ambiance of a surprise celebration. It was a lovely night as our newlyweds, Carlotta and Jim, didn't realize they were having a "reception". Jane went around the room and snapped "kiss-cam" photos of folks. It was a great way to end the "once-in-a-lifetime" Winter Board Meeting. One I know Carlotta and Jim will never forget.



Some attendees mentioned that they had seen wild turkeys walking around. Not sure that is a once-in-a-lifetime memory.

Presidential citations were presented to:

- ♥ Rita Desilets, just for being her.
- ♥ Launa Gould and George Perko for stepping in and filling the Financial Secretary and Treasurer positions.
- ♥ Robin Pokorski - In appreciation for accepting the many tasks asked of her.

Presidential citations and engraved mementos were presented to

- ♥ George Perko, Shane Looper and Julie West for their outstanding efforts with the Internal Audit.

The open discussion focused on Awards, the CGCI Wildflower Conference and how do Clubs, Districts and CGCI obtain qualified members for their boards.

I am looking forward to the Wildflower Conference at the end of March and hope by now you have turned in your registration. With all this rain I know there will be wildflowers.

As I continue my travels throughout the state, I realize how lucky I am to serve as your CGCI President. Thank you,

*SueB*



CONGRATULATIONS to the newest member of the Circle of Poppies:

**JOAN CRAIG**



## Highlights from 2017 Winter Board Meeting

- **New Standing Rule #42 effective immediately** – “All expenses incurred due to misuse of CGCI’s Federal EIN and/or Franchise Tax Board Entity ID or any other tax ID number shall be charged to the offending organization.” Please reiterate that clubs should be very sure what tax numbers they are using and verify any numbers handwritten in the front of a yearbook.
- Liability Insurance: effective 2/15/17 the late payment fee will be \$25.
- The Flower Show Schools Symposium will be held in Ontario on June 25-26, 2017. The new *Handbook for Flower Shows* will be reviewed.
- CGCI will be implementing a Paypal account to receive donations to state projects.
- The CGCI Crime Insurance policy does NOT cover districts.
- All members are welcome to attend the Pacific Region and NGC Conventions. California’s quota of delegates is not full (which means if you attend as a delegate, it is tax-deductible). Contact President Sue Bennett for information.
- Is your district willing to host a CGCI Board Meeting or Convention? If so, contact Krystal Migliore, President-Elect. Meetings are needed for the upcoming year.
- The 2017 CGCI Convention will be held in San Luis Obispo, May 30 – June 3, 2017. Host: Montana de Oro District. Workshops offered are on leadership and parliamentary procedure. Club presidents are encouraged to attend. A state standard flower show is in the planning stages.
- At convention, District Director reports will include the club presidents coming up and standing with or having a part in the Director’s report.
- Executive Committee Recommendations adopted:
  - ⇒To offer to host the 2019 Pacific Region Convention.
  - ⇒To approve Sue Bennett as 2019 Pacific Region Convention Chairman.
  - ⇒To accept the invitation of Valley Lode District to host the 2018 convention.
  - ⇒To accept, with regret, the resignation of Vicki Smith, Youth Poster Contest Co-Chairman.
  - ⇒To approve grant of \$100 for Blue Star By-way marker for Merced Garden Club, Yosemite Gateway District. Funds to come from Blue Star Memorial Restricted Fund.
  - ⇒To amend the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Propagation Project Resolution adopted May 22, 2016: Under Resolved, the third bullet should now read “...that all donations received be forwarded to the Redwood Parks Conservancy...”
  - ⇒To amend the 2015-17 President’s Project Resolution adopted June 9, 2015. Under Resolved, the last item should now read “that any funds remaining in the CGCI Restricted Fund—“Encouraging Future Gardeners” as of June 30, 2017, shall be donated to the Scholarship Donation/Life Memberships Temporary Restricted Fund line code 31513.”
  - ⇒To approve the 2017 Convention registration fee be \$70 and early registration fee before April 22, 2017 be \$45.
  - ⇒To approve the 2015-16 warrants not paid totaling \$354.27, identified by the internal audit. Monies to come from the General Fund, Misc. Expense line code 4014L “2015-16 Internal Audit Payments.”
  - ⇒To approve \$599.95 reimbursement to President Sue Bennett for QuickBooks technical support. Monies to come from the General Fund.
  - ⇒To approve the additional expense of \$500 for CPA expenses incurred for the additional work involved for the change in accounting method. Monies to come from the General Fund, line code 101, Auditor.
- Ratifications:
  - ⇒ **New Club:** Gilroy Beekeepers Association, Santa Clara Valley District, 50 members, President Dave Stocks
  - ⇒ **CGCI Life Members:** Goldberg, Bonnie, Goucher, Janice, Owens, Evelyn, Relph, Connie, Sewell, Devlyn, Skaggs, Helga, Solorio, Gail, Tanner, Christine, Wenger, Maxine, Wenger, Walt (and two individuals to be named later)
  - ⇒ **NGC Life Member:** Krystal Migliore



### 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.

**President’s Project**

**Maryanne Lucas, Chairman**

Following is an excerpt from article by Debbie Errington in the Sacramento Bee, Jan 27, 2017, and syndicated to newspapers across the country\*:

**How to get kids interested in gardening? Encourage them to grow seeds!**

*“Sue Bennett became a gardening advocate by accident. Now it’s her full-time cause. Her focus is devoted to young sprouts, kids just learning how plants grow. The more they learn and share, the more that gardening passion takes root. “I don’t want them to wait until retirement – like me – to discover gardening is fun,” said the Granite Bay woman.*

*In this effort, Bennett has enlisted grown-up gardeners throughout the state, including California’s largest nonprofit garden group. Bennett, 55, serves as president of California Garden Clubs Inc., the umbrella organization for about 350 gardening clubs with more than 22,000 members statewide. Before her term ends June 30, she’s dedicated to a special project: “Encouraging Future Gardeners.” “Instead of ABC, I’ve got EFG,” she said. “It makes it easy to remember.”*

*Her goal is to assemble and distribute 14,000 gardening kits to kids throughout California via classrooms, youth groups and gardening clubs. The kits feature seeds, activity cards and supplies. For example, the herb kit includes a fabric pot and seeds for chamomile and other herbs. The “Pollinator Paradise” kit contains flower seeds and “good bug” masks for kindergartners to make. All five kits come with a wealth of gardening how-to and fun facts designed to pique youthful interest.*

*“You don’t need a backyard to garden; you can do this on a windowsill,” Bennett said. “This is something children can do with their parents.” Bennett sees the kits as bridging a gardening gap. “Lots of schools are introducing kids to gardening,” she explained. “But we found (in prior projects) the kids weren’t always taking home what they’ve learned. These kits let them take their gardening home and get their parents involved, too.”*

***Eventually, those youngsters also may grow garden clubs.”***

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With the extra promotion provided by this article, we are pleased to announce that President Sue has reached her goal of raising \$14,000 for her project “Encouraging Future Gardeners.” An additional result of the article is the skyrocketing demand for kits. To date, over 11,000 kits have been requested with additional requests being received daily. The project has turned out to be an effective way to fill a great need felt by teachers, parents, volunteers and kids throughout the state.... helping to “Encourage Future Gardeners”

**CONGRATULATIONS TO President Bennett!**

It’s not too late to participate. For more information about the project, visit the CGCI website at

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/presidentsproject>

or contact Maryanne Lucas at [mlucas@kidsgrowingstrong.org](mailto:mlucas@kidsgrowingstrong.org)

\*For the complete article go to: [Sacramento Bee](#)



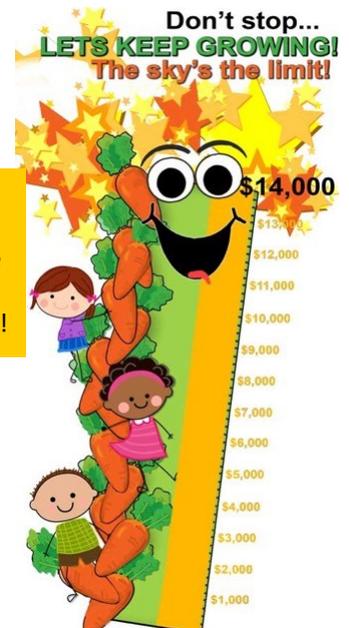
Sue Bennett shows parts of starter kits meant to get children involved with gardening.

We Did it! But we’re not done yet. We have more gardeners to grow. Please support the “Encouraging Future Gardeners” project!

Sue Bennett shows parts of starter kits meant to get children involved with gardening.

**Andrew Seng**

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### In the Garden this month...

Excerpted from  
Sunset Magazine

- Prime garden season is here. Time to get new plants to fill holes or add color to your garden, sow peas and potatoes, apply fertilizer, and get your planting beds ready.
- As the weather warms up in Northern and Southern California, it's time again to start thinking about tomatoes...try *Early Cascade*, *Garden Peach*, *Juliet*, *Santa*, *Sausalito Cocktail*, *Sun Gold* or *Principe Borghese*.
- In the Southwest, consider planting an unusually tough citrus tree, like an 'Improved Meyer' lemon.
- Northwest gardeners can focus on starting herbs and cool-season veggies.
- And for a dash of color, *Marché ranunculus* (below) would brighten up a garden in any climate zone.



- Almost all plants, including annuals, perennials, trees, and lawns, will appreciate a boost of nitrogen now as spring growth starts, so feed with an all-purpose fertilizer. Wait until azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons have finished blooming before feeding them; then use a formula labeled for acid-loving plants.
- Attract good bugs. To keep insect pests under control in your vegetable garden, lure in their natural enemies — hoverflies, lacewings, ladybugs, and parasitic wasps — by planting the nectar plants they love, such as aster, chamomile, coreopsis, cosmos, feverfew, marigold, scabiosa, and yarrow.

### Flower Show School, Course IV

Chairman: Emily Troxell

Host: Southwestern Judges Council

March 13-15, 2017 - Templars Hall, Old Poway Park, Poway, CA

Flower Show School, Course IV will feature two outstanding instructors.

- **Gina Jogan:** Design and Flower Show Procedure: Gina has a broad range of experiences with the NGC, local and state affiliates. Her designs have been widely published. She is a NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, Gardening Consultant and Landscape Design Critic, Instructor - Floral Design Study School (A Bob Thomas Creation), and a member of OFAD.
- **Billie Fitch: Horticulture:** Billie lives in Nordland, WA. She received her MS in Marine Biology and then used the degree to teach Human Anatomy, Physiology and Biology at Green River Community College, Auburn, WA for 28 years. She has been a Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure instructor for 6 years.

Registration form/flyer is available at

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

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### CGCI Wildflower Conference

March 27-29, 2017 Kernville, CA

Deadline: March 18, 2017

The registration fee is \$90.00 per person and includes all speakers, "Wienie Roast" reception, entertainment, one lunch, one dinner and tours. Other meals will be on your own.

- Monday evening, March 27: "Wienie Roast" reception;
- Tuesday, March 28: educational lectures, lunch, dinner and entertainment;
- Wednesday, March 29: tour of a local fish hatchery on the Kern River and the Kernville Museum.
- Lodging: \$100 per night. Reservations at Kern Lodge before March 18. Phone...760-376-2223.
- If you submitted the \$30 "hold my place" deposit, the balance of \$60 is due by March 18.

The registration form is available on the website:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/nextmeeting> (under the Wildflower Conference tab)

**Make check payable to: CGCI** ("Wildflower Conference" on the memo line)

Mail form and check to: Janice Wagner, Registrar

1100 N Inyo Street, Ridgecrest, CA 93555-5603

760-446-4925 [Janice.E.Wagner@gmail.com](mailto:Janice.E.Wagner@gmail.com)

**CGCI Programs & Projects**

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for details

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- **Insurance**  
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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
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Chairman: Shane Looper  
213 Carmelo Lane  
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- **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

**Almond Pollination**

**Josephine Goodenow, Bee Chairman**

It's almond pollination season in California but the weather refuses to cooperate. We have been experiencing heavy rains, high winds, and intense flooding. While driving back from the CGCI Winter Board meeting held the last week of January in Anderson, CA, I saw many honey bee boxes along the rows of bare, dormant fruit trees. The trees looked like they hadn't even been pruned yet! I wondered why are all those bee boxes were out there when there is nothing to eat?

The bees are patiently waiting in their hives, waiting for the sun to break out and warm the trees to make them bloom. When the rain stops pelting their hives and the temperature climbs to 50 - 55 degrees, they will poke their heads out to look around. Hopefully they will see many flowering trees!

The statistics are overwhelming. California now has one million commercial acres of almonds. It takes two colonies per acre to pollinate them. Without bees, no almonds. With beekeepers reporting winter losses of 40 to 60 percent, what's the current situation?

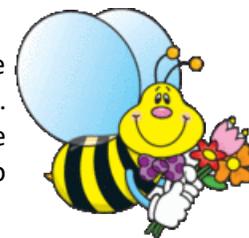
At present, while individual beekeepers' numbers appear to be down, there doesn't appear to be a shortage of colonies for almond pollination this year. While the supply might be tight, there isn't a shortage of bees expected. Hive rental prices are up this year, averaging \$170 to \$185 per colony. This is \$10 to \$15 over rental prices last year. These prices are considered fair increases considering the amount of feeding needed to ready the colonies for February pollination and the increases in transportation costs.

Those of us with just a few trees can have our own native blue orchard mason bees pollinate them practically free of charge! Set out your bee cocoons just as the buds are opening and the bees will hatch out once they warm up in the sun and start pollinating. I always wait until my dwarf peach tree blooms to set my cocoons out.

Shortly after the peach blossoms open, the apples, cherry, apricot and nectarine trees bloom keeping my mason bees happy for weeks! The digitalis also blooms in the spring followed by numerous other flowers throughout the summer and fall. By mid-summer, the mason bees are done for the year. They mate, make their nests, lay their eggs and die. All in about 6 - 8 weeks. I think they work themselves to death!

The honey bees, bumble bees, summer native bees and other pollinators carry on the pollination through the summer. Bumble bees are the hardiest bees in our area, they keep flying even when the first frosts come. Japanese Anemones and Kiss-Me-Over-the-Garden-Gate also keep blooming into the early winter months. Then most everything rests through winter and starts up again next spring.

Enjoy the rain if you can. The plants and bees will certainly brighten spring soon here in California.



**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)

♥ **Angels**

Chairman: Jane McKee  
1276 Palomares Court  
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♥ **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  
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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)*

**Membership Matters**

**Rilla Crane, Membership Chairman**

It is the season to 'Bee' active in our gardens, returning to garden club projects, flower shows and environmental awareness.

Let us CONGRATULATE and WELCOME the first new club to become members of CGCI in 2017. They are the GILROY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION in the Santa Clara Valley District. Their President is Dave Stocks. This club is dedicated to informing all of us about the great role bees play in our lives. We know bees are necessary for food, the economy and of course flowers. This club will also safely remove bee swarms without killing the bees.



The Cascade District hosted the CGCI winter board meeting and one of the workshops presented was on bees. We all learned so much and immediately started to appreciate bees and will give them more respect in the future when they visit our gardens.

District Directors, you and your members present wonderful projects in your communities. Your community beautification projects are appreciated. The enthusiasm of your members is contagious and bring new members. There are some groups that want to start a new club, but may need encouragement and an invitation to join CGCI. Reach out to them as well as to every possible new garden club member. Your District could be the one to welcome the second new club in 2017.

**Club & District Corner**

The District Directors were asked to report on "what clubs are doing to attract new members." Here are a few ideas:

- Participate in local community events - county fairs, farmer's markets. Go beyond the usual plant sales, garden tours and flower shows.
- Sponsor a public seminar/workshop on horticulture (specific plant types), floral or landscape design. Partner with a local Master Gardener chapter.
- Sponsor an NGC school.
- Sponsor one of the NGC Youth contests: Posters, poetry, essay, sculpture.
- Send personal invitations to other local organizations to a special club event.
- Provide complimentary tickets to clubs in your district to a garden tour or other fundraising event.
- Hold a joint meeting with another garden club or community organization. You can share the expense of a special speaker and introduce your club to a new audience.
- Publicity:
  - ◇ Local newspaper coverage may be limited so get creative with social media.
  - ◇ Send flyers via email to clubs in the district as well as those in neighboring districts.
  - ◇ Check your local library and/or Chamber of Commerce for opportunities to promote the club or special event.





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May 16-21, 2017, Richmond, VA  
 Richmond Marriott

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- 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)

**Convention:** April 18-20, 2017  
 Seattle, WA

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**National Garden Clubs, Inc.**

**Nancy L. Hargroves, President-Elect of NGC**

Nancy is a native of Franklin, VA, and now lives in Manakin Sabot, VA. Horticulture and floral design have always been a significant part of Nancy's life, as she grew up on her family's vegetable plant farm and in her grandmother's florist business.

On the district, state and region levels, she has held various positions, including President of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs from 2005 to 2007 where she initiated the current grant program for club projects that worked with youth. During those two years she was also President of the Board of Trustees of Nature Camp, Inc., a member of the Jamestown 2007 Beautification Task Force and a member of the America's Anniversary Garden™ Committee.

Nancy is a National Garden Clubs Accredited Judge. She is currently on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the American Horticultural Society. She is also a member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, VA, the American Hemerocallis Society, and the American Azalea Society.

Nancy's personal gardening interests include creating gardens at her home with a four-season interest and an emphasis on collections of azaleas, daylilies, conifers, hydrangeas and Japanese maples. Her other gardening passion is fall and winter container gardening – an often requested program by those who know her.

Nancy will be installed at the 2017 NGC Convention in Richmond, VA.

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**Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant**



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, provide detailed information about the project, and submit your request to the NGC Youth Committee Chairman for approval. Applications are available on the [NGC website](#).

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**Marilyn Oberti - Celebration of Life:**

A celebration of Marilyn's life will be held at Filoli Estate, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside, CA 94062, on Sunday, March 5th at 1 pm. Donations may be made to the Endowment Fund of California Garden Clubs, Inc., PO Box 75, Graton, CA 95444-0075.



**DONATIONS 2017**  
**Total this month: \$2,244.00**  
**Pat York, Chairman**  
 Total January 1 to date:  
**\$3,740.00**

**ARBORETUM DISTRICT**

Chevy Chase Estates GC ..... \$68

**BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT**

Eden GC

Memory: Ronald Wallace ..... \$68

Honor: Brenda Marks ..... \$68

**CASCADE DISTRICT**

Lake California GC..... \$68

**CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT**

Pleasant Valley GC

Honor: Liz Colbern..... \$68

Honor: Ginny Cobb..... \$68

**COSTA VERDE DISTRICT**

Gardeners, The

Honor: Evelyn Greene ..... \$68

Honor: Irene Murray ..... \$68

**GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT**

Chicago Park GC

Honor: Jennifer Craig..... \$68

**ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT**

District Donations

Honor: Nancy Lawrence ..... \$136

Honor: Ruben Flores..... \$136

**PALOMAR DISTRICT**

Bonita Valley GC

Memory: Gina Wells..... \$272

Vista GC..... \$136

**SACRAMENTO RIVER**

**VALLEY DISTRICT**

Gardeners of the Grove ..... \$272

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT**

Southern California GC

Honor: Gundy Grandt..... \$68

West Valley GC

Memory: Ida Crossman ..... \$68

Memory: John Palewicz

Given by: Kris Gaulrapp..... \$68

Memory: Flo & Tom Jarrett

Given by: Sally Bagley..... \$68

Memory: John Lucas

Given by: Sally Bagley ..... \$68

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT**

Green Thumb GC Of Milpitas

Memory: Bernice Wrinkle ..... \$68

San Jose GC ..... \$68

**MISCELANEOUS**

Collectables II LWW ..... \$68

Lake Wild Wood Garden Club .. \$68

Oceanside Woman's Club

Memory: Ruth Foster ..... \$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 attachment or US Mail.

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**President's Travel Schedule:**

- March 1: Ripon Garden Club
- March 8: Vaca Valley Garden Club
- March 27-29: Wildflower Conference
- 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

**President's Project Donations:**

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Elayne Anderson    | Sylvie Hallford   |
| Kathryn Arbuckle   | Nancy Holtz-      |
| Laura Baughman     | McMahan           |
| Martha Blood       | Janel Inouye      |
| Annalee Braunstein | Charlene Loper    |
| Kathy Burke        | Deborah Lutz      |
| Kristi Butler      | Delores March     |
| Alanna Butterworth | Dawn McMahon      |
| Laura Callaghan    | Karen Newlin      |
| Berit Cattolico    | Kerry Niver       |
| Rhonda DesVoignes  | Kathy Noonan      |
| Valerie Dungan     | Karen Rhees       |
| Gail Dunham        | Sonya Elise Romer |
| Joan Essex         | Jennifer Shaffer  |
| Myrtle Findley     | Gretchen Simmons  |
| Cheryl Guevara     | Linda Strauss     |



- Mary Jane Sutliff  
 Lisa Swanson  
 Jeanette Synhorst  
 Russell Tweet  
 Sandra Vandavelde  
 Folsom Garden Club  
 Red Bluff GG  
 River Valley GC Members  
 Winter Board Fashion  
 Show Collection  
**TOTAL TO DATE:**  
**\$14,585.00**

*Carolyn A. Mayes, CPA*  
*Auditing and Consulting Services*

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of  
California Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Graton, California

I have reviewed the accompanying statements of financial statements of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

**Accountant's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

**Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Supplemental Information**

The supplemental information included in Schedule of Net Assets as of June 30, 2016 and Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Net Assets by Program for the year ended June 30, 2016, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the representation of management. I have reviewed the information and, based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have not audited the information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

*Carolyn A Mayes, CPA*

Santa Rosa, California  
January 26, 2017

## **CGCI Bylaws & Policy Committee--WB 2017**

**Amendments to POLICY approved by Executive Committee and Advisory Council and announced on February 1, 2017. Amendments to Policies will take effect immediately.**

### **CUSTOM AND PRACTICE**

#### **CGCI GROUP TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM (amended, would appear on page 98)**

8. All expenses incurred due to misuse of CGCI's Federal EIN and/or Franchise Tax Board Entity ID number or any other tax identification number shall be charged to the offending organization.

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#### **HONOR BOOK (page 102)**

1. Contributions to the Honor Book shall be used for any of the objectives of CGCI, upon approval of the Board of Directors.
2. The Honor Book shall be on display at Convention.
3. The Chairman shall make a cash receipt report in triplicate; keep one copy for the files, send one copy to the Financial Secretary and send one copy and check(s) to the Treasurer for deposit.

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#### **MEETINGS (pages 103-104)**

(See FINANCES for Financial Procedure for Sponsoring CGCI Functions and Grants and Loans)

The President is responsible for the agendas and plans the programs with the host chairman for Board Meetings and Conventions.

##### **ANNUAL MEETINGS - CONVENTIONS**

1. Voting status of the attendee will be indicated by issuance of a voting card or indication of the delegate's status on attendee's identification badge

##### **NGC AND PACIFIC REGION CONVENTIONS**

1. CGCI shall be represented at NGC and Pacific Region Conventions as prescribed in the NGC and Pacific Region bylaws.
2. The suggested order for the selection of delegates to NGC and Pacific Region conventions shall be as follows: (a) former CGCI presidents in order of seniority of days of service; (b) CGCI officers; (c) district directors; (d) former NGC officers and chairmen; (e) former Pacific Region officers and chairmen; (f) CGCI chairmen; and (g) members.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (page 104)**

1. The Membership Chairman shall keep current a complete file of all classes of adult membership and shall issue individual membership cards to clubs upon payment of annual dues and any dues for additional members. Associate plant societies shall be sent membership cards if requested.
2. All inquiries pertaining to membership shall be referred to the Membership Chairman.

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## **CGCI Bylaws & Policy Committee--WB 2017**

**Standing Rule adopted by Board of Directors. The adopted SR will take effect immediately.**

### **New SR 42**

#### **FINANCE**

42. All expenses incurred due to misuse of CGCI's Federal EIN and/or Franchise Tax Board Entity ID number or any other tax ID number shall be charged to the offending organization.