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From the 2019 Winter Board Meeting

Personnel:

- To accept, with regret, the resignation of Martha Smyser, Third-Vice President and Membership Chairman
- To ratify the appointment of Carol Vallens to the positions of Interim Third Vice-President and Membership Chairman

Board Meetings & Conventions:

- To accept the invitation from Cascade District to host the 2019 Fall Board Meeting, September 30-October 3, 2019 at the Red Lion Hotel, Redding, CA.
  - ◊ To ratify appointments of Carolyn Hoyum and Kathy Bramhall as Co-Chairmen
- To accept the invitation from Costa Verde District to host the 2020 Winter Board Meeting (dates and place to be announced).
  - ◊ To ratify the appointment of Alexis Slafer as Chairman
- To accept the invitation from Bay Ocean District and Santa Clara Valley District to co-host the 2020 Convention (dates and place to be announced).
  - ◊ To ratify the appointments of Roseann Costabile and Nancy McDougal as Co-Chairmen
- To accept the invitation from Sacramento River Valley District to host the 2020 Fall Board Meeting (dates and place to be announced).
  - ◊ To ratify the appointments of Frankie Raymond and Debbie Doherty as Co-Chairmen; the appointment of Bernice Jones as Registrar; the appointment of Jan Goehring as Treasurer.
- To accept the invitation from Arboretum District to host the 2021 Winter Board Meeting (chairman, dates and place to be announced).
- To accept the invitation from Sequoia Foothills District to host the 2021 Convention (chairman, dates and place to be announced).
- To ratify the Official Calendar dates:
  March 30, 2019 Tri-Refresher; Sponsor Colfax Garden Club; Chairman-Myrtle Findley
- To ratify the following clubs joining the Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP):
  - ◊ A Garden Club of Big Bear Valley — Palms to Pines District
  - ◊ Floral Artists of the Bay Area — Bay Ocean District
- To ratify that Lake of the Sky Garden Club, Golden Foothills District has withdrawn from GTEP because the club disbanded August 2018.
- To ratify CGCI's membership booth at the 2019 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show (the SFFGS is being moved to Sacramento in 2019)
- To ratify a moratorium on donations for the Reforestation & Restoration Fund. Note: a committee has been formed to explore the potential opportunities for continuing the Fund and it will report its findings at Convention.

Announcements:

- The Rare Plant Treasure Hunt, a 5-year project, will end June 30, 2019.
- The Stagecoach Hill Azalea project was reviewed. A resolution to continue and extend the project is expected at Convention.
- Donations to Paradise Garden Club can be sent to P.O. Box 1246, Paradise 95967. Funds raised will be used to replace tools lost in the fire, continue the community beautification projects, and support the club's scholarship program.

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **April 5-10, 2019:** Pacific Region Convention
  Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys
  Host: CGCI
- **April 29-May 2, 2019:** NGC Convention, Biloxi MS
- **June 3-7, 2019:** CGCI Convention
  Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys
  Host: Southern California Garden Club

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CGCI Schools Chairmen

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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

- **March 30, 2019**: Tri-Refresher,
  Host: Colfax GC
- **July 15-16 & 17-18, 2019**
  Environmental School Courses
  3 & 4 Chula Vista
  Host: Chula Vista Garden Club

Questions about NGC Schools?
Contact any of the
Chairmen listed above

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- **May 15-17: Flower Show School**
  Course 1, Las Vegas, NV. Information/Forms contact Jean Engelmann, Registrar, 702-456-3126
  wjengelmann@gmail.com

Life Memberships

By Carlotta Wixon-Welker, Life Membership Chairman

lifemember@cagardenclubs.org

You may ask yourself, "is there a meaningful way I can personally show my appreciation to someone in our club or district, and is there a way our club or district can show appreciation to our outgoing officers?" Yes, of course there is! Honor them with a CGCI Life Membership. This is one gift that keeps on giving. How many gifts can you say that about? Keep this idea in mind as the board terms come to an end.

Other than receiving one as a gift, is there another way a Life Membership may be obtained? Yes, to that question, too. You may purchase your own membership. You don't have to wait for someone else to honor you. Many people have done that and felt good knowing they were treating themselves with something meaningful and also contributing to the Scholarship Fund.

Once a person is a Life Member, no matter how old or inactive they may become, their name will be listed in the CGCI *Yearbook, Manual and Roster* as long as there is still "life" in them, which we hope will be for a very long time.

How can one accomplish this? It's very easy to do. Just go to the CGCI website, click on "FORMS," download and complete the application(s). This includes CGCI, Pacific Region and NGC applications. Mail it to this chairman with the appropriate check included, and it's done.

Included in the Life Membership envelope is a welcoming cover letter, an attractive presentation certificate, a Life Membership pin, (value $20.00) a bookmark and a CGCI decal for his/her car or home window. Then the honoree's name and address will be sent to the Yearbook Chairman and be listed in the CGCI *Yearbook, Manual and Roster*.

The entire CGCI Life Membership donation goes to the CGCI Scholarship Fund. A description of the Fund is on page 48 of the current CGCI *Yearbook, Manual and Roster*. CGCI has helped many college or graduate students with their financial obligations to the schools of their choice. You may even know of a worthy student that could benefit from this scholarship. Encourage them to send an application to the Scholarship Committee.

Applications for all three organizations are always available at board meetings and conventions and this chairman would be happy to accept forms and checks at that time. Applications are processed as soon as received. If you have any questions about the #74 or #75 Life Membership Awards, or life memberships in general, contact the chairman by email, telephone or U.S. mail.

To date there are approximately 900 CGCI Life Members, and about 40 that are Pacific Region or NGC members only. To keep our records accurate and up-to-date, please check the list starting on page 151 of the CGCI *Yearbook, Manual and Roster*. If you know of someone in your club or district that has passed on, please inform your president or district director. He/she should then contact this chairman so that the names can be removed from the roster.

CONGRATULATIONS:
FIVE (5) CGCI-member clubs have won Plant America Grants for 2019. The winners will be announced shortly.

PLANT AMERICA
National Garden Clubs

When somebody tells you nothing is impossible,
ask him to dribble a football.

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com for details

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- **Membership**
  Chairman: Carol Vallens
  21053 Devonshire St #104
  Chatsworth 91311-8248
- **Dues: (NEW)**
  Admin Ass't: 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: Ilene Herringer
  P.O. Box 1414
  Gridley 95948-1414
- **Penny Pines**
  Chairman: Carol Vallens
  Checks to US Forest Service
  Online form
- **President's Project 2017-19**
  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
  Sempervirens Fund

Spring Has Sprung (in some parts of our state) ...and Flower Show Season is Here!

By Pat Clayes, Flower Show Awards Chairman

Usually, one thinks of flower shows occurring in the spring or early summer. Actually for National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) and California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI), flower show season starts on January 1 and goes through December 31!

CGCI is finding that more and more flower shows are taking place in the late summer, autumn and early winter. So, be on the lookout for flower shows -- near and far and in the autumn and winter! And keep in mind that the NGC and CGCI flower show awards year is from **January 1 to December 31**. So, if your club wants to have a "Thanksgiving," "Hanukkah," "Christmas" etc. show, you will be within the awards year.*

REGISTERING YOUR SHOW: Please register your flower show with the CGCI Flower Show Awards Chairman, Pat Clayes. Even if your show is not an NGC flower show, CGCI wants to know about it. And, if you want to have your show evaluated (if it qualifies for a NGC, Pacific Region or CGCI award), let Pat know. The form to register your show is available on the CGCI website:
http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/flower-show-registration-form

PUBLICIZING YOUR SHOW: It is extremely important to get information to the public about your show. You can do this by entering your event on the CGCI Calendar of Events -- it's so easy to do -- just click here:
http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/calendar-listing-request-form

Any questions, please contact your CGCI Flower Show Awards Chairman Pat Clayes at patclayes@aol.com or 760-773-0516 (cell: 760-668-0519). Pat is readily available to help you. If she does not have the answer(s) to your problem(s), she has many NGC flower show judges ready and able to answer your questions. **We are here to help you!**

Registered Flower Shows as of the date of this publication:

- **March 2, 2019**: "Home Town Memories" -- a Garden Festival and Small Standard Flower Show, Colton, CA, sponsored by three clubs: Inland Empire Master Gardeners; Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society; and Riverside Flower Show Association, Inc.
- **March 16-17, 2019**: "Clivia Safari" -- a Small Standard Flower Show, San Marino, CA, sponsored by The North American Clivia Society's Southern California Chapter and The Huntington with the Garden and Floral Arrangers Guild.
- **April 13, 2019**: "Flower Power - A Look Back at 1969" -- Coronado, CA -- Sponsored by Coronado Flower Association.
- **May 4-5, 2019:** "A Garden Cornucopia" -- a Standard Flower Show, Vista, CA, sponsored by Vista Garden Club. Contact Pat Clayes for more info regarding shows held after December 1 for special date requirements.

*Contact Pat Clayes for special date requirements for books of evidence for shows held after December 1.

California Arbor Day is March 7. For information and celebration suggestions go to
http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/arbor-day

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

- **Awards Program**
  http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards
- **Business Commendations**
  Chairman: Launa Gould
  Online request form
- **California Consultants Council**
  Consultant of the Year Award:
  Julie West, 850 Grandview Road
  Sebastopol 95472-2930
  Gardening Consultants & Landscape Design Awards:
  Sue Bennett, 7560 Shelborne Dr
  Granite Bay 95746-8617
- **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 promotional and informational materials and many are FREE*!

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

(Check the website for ordering details)

***Make Life More Beautiful*...a Tri-Refresher educational event**
March 30, 2019
Gladycon Mobile Home Park Meeting Hall, Colfax, CA
Host: Colfax Garden Club
Co-Chairmen: Ingrid Elsel & Myrtle Findley

Instructors:

Dennis Belisle, Rare Fruit Grower
Ed Dempsey, Retired Professional
Jewell DeLapp, Retired Principal/Teacher
Ingrid Elsel, Lifelong Educator
Rob Littlepage, Landscape Architect, ASLA
Lyn Muth, Master Gardener and Educator

This educational event is open to everyone, but only NGC Consultants may receive refresher credit. For details and registration form go to:
http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

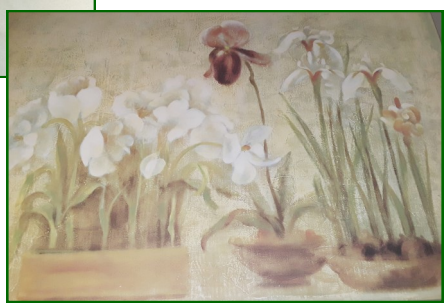
CGCI Endowment Funds - Raffle

A special raffle to benefit the Endowment Funds is now underway. The drawing will be held during the 2019 CGCI Convention in Van Nuys. Tickets are $5.00 each or 5 for $20.00 and may be purchased from your District Director or at Convention. Items to be raffled are:

Mary Lake Thompson Limited Edition Tote Bag: Value $100

Award-winning photo: Mission Blue Butterfly on pink flower 12 3/4 w x 19 3/4 h (framed) Value $400

Painted flower door 24" w x 72" h: Value $50



Iris painting - acrylic 36" w x 24"h (unframed) Value: $50

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Information: NGC website

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 for details on these and other projects)

Director: 2017-2019

Peggy Olin

Publication: *WACONIAH*
Website:
PacificRegionGardenClubs.org
Convention:
April 5-10 2019, Van Nuys, California

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Soaring to New Heights

Pacific Region Garden Clubs 2019 Convention

Sue Bennett, Chairman

Friday, April 5 - Wednesday, April 10, 2019

- **Airtel Plaza Hotel,** 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406, 818-997-7676
  - ◊ *Room rate - $99/night (includes breakfast)*
- **Pre-Convention Tours – optional Friday, April 5 & Saturday, April 6**
- **Convention (**including Organization Meeting**) Sunday, April 7-Wednesday, April 10**
- **Tuesday, April 9: CGCI's very own Robin Pokorski will be installed as Pacific Region Director. Come join the celebration!**
- **Information and registration form available at** http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

June 3-7, 2019

2019 CGCI Annual Convention

Host: Southern California Garden Club

Celebrate: Achievement, Creativity and the Future

Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys, California

Room rate: $105 with breakfast included. $5 parking fee

Highlights:

- ♥ Tuesday, June 3: Pre-convention committee meetings
- ♥ Wednesday, June 4: Luncheon honoring club presidents, Awards banquet
- ♥ Thursday, June 5: Luncheon honoring District Directors, Design banquet, Flower Show Awards
- ♥ Friday, June 6: Youth luncheon-Smokey Bear 75th birthday party, Installation banquet - *Shane Looper, CGCI President 2019-2021*
- ♥ **Workshops:** Miniature Floral Design Techniques, Drying Flowers, Tea (A Journey from Leaf to Cup), Leadership, Adaptive Gardening, Internet Security, and more.

Create a "garden tote" for weeding

By Frankie Reed, Roseville Better Gardens Club

Start with a 13 gallon trash container 19 inches tall. It's high enough and strong enough to help one stand up after kneeling for 20 minutes of weeding. Put extra plastic bags in the bottom of the container under the liner. Add a hooked basket that is meant for cupboards on one side of the container, and a 4-hook door hanger on the opposite side. Keep garden supplies such as tools, gloves, powders and spray in the side basket or hanging on the hooks.

Some items to have on hand:

- Bar of soap: run your fingernails over the soap to prevent dirt from lodging under them.
- Spray bottle filled with water and bleach. Spray each tool before using on another plant to curtail transfer of mold and disease.
- Foam board or heavy plastic for kneeling

DONATIONS 2019
Total this month: $2,380.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
Total January 1 to date:
$4,692.00

BAY BRIDGES
Eden GC $136
Honor: Rick Hatcher
Memory: Robert J. Mansfield

DESERT EMPIRE
Oasis GC of IWV $68
Honor: Paradise GC

DIABLO FOOTHILLS
Livermore-Amador Valley GC $408
Honor: Mohr, Walnut Grove, Donlon, Fairland, Valley View, Vintage Hills Elementary Schools

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS
Divide GC $136
Memory: David Cox, Connie Thompson

MENDO-LAKE
Fort Bragg GC.....$68
Honor: Simone Pisias
Willits GC $204
Honor: Gary Bodensteiner, Fran Gardner, Kitty McDill

PALOMAR
Bernardo Gardeners..... $68
Memory: Naomi Wilma Pollard
Chula Vista GC $136
Honor: Lolly Guzman, Mary Marvin
Fallbrook GC $204
Point Loma GC
Donor: Margaret Cook $68
Memory: Michael Mullen

SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY
Gardeners of the Grove $68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
Sherman Oaks GC $68
Memory: James "Butch" Dillenbeck

SANTA CLARA VALLEY
San Jose GC $612
Honor: Paradise Fire Survivors & Firefighters
Memory: Those who lost their lives in The Paradise Fire

YOSEMITE GATEWAY
Atwater GC/Camellia Society.....$136
Honor: Grant Delmas, Diane Delmas, Sharon Viorel

Reminders - Penny Pines forms:

- Multiple names can be submitted on ONE form
- Names in "Honor" and "Memory" can be submitted on the same form
- Please DO NOT type in ALL CAPS!
- Check spelling (especially club name!)

The generosity of CGCI member organizations is overwhelming and much appreciated. Keep those greenbacks coming!

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Scenes from the 2019 Winter Board Meeting, hosted by Palomar District

Fiesta Fun!