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## "Plant America - Plant Trees"



### *From the Director's Desk...*

Once again we will be cancelling a Palomar District meeting - oh I am so over 2020! I want to thank Poway Valley GC for volunteering to host this February meeting and hope they will sign on to host our meeting next February 2022.

We will be having a June meeting hosted by Bernardo Gardener's. If all clears up with Covid, we will have a regular meeting, if not we will have an abbreviated meeting held outside and if all else fails, we will meet on line. Our June meeting

is important because we elect officers, announce Man and Woman of the year and hand out information for 2021/2022.

I appreciate everything that our clubs have been doing this past year. Clubs have been meeting on line, having "drive by" events, keeping up with community gardening obligations and increasing their newsletters etc. This has been a year to remember and now that the vaccine is rolling out, a year to put behind us and forget.

Thanks for all you do!

- Sharon Tooley

### *Man & Woman of the Year*

Even though it's been one crazy year, we still want to award a Man and Woman of the year for our Palomar District. I know there are many of us who have been working hard this year (2020) to keep our clubs active and productive. Why not give this man or woman credit for their involvement and hard work? Please send your nominations via email to Ann Dahnke at [aetiff@san.rr.com](mailto:aetiff@san.rr.com).

Nominations should include your name and club, the name of the nominee and their club as well as their accomplishments in 2020 and in years past. Please include your nominee's accomplishments outside of their garden club also. Ann and Bill Danke, last year's Man and Woman of the Year, will carefully go over all the nominations and make the decision for Man and Woman of the Year 2020.

**CGCI Official Calendar**  
[www.californiagardenclubs.com/calendar](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com/calendar)

**May 30 - June 4, 2021**  
CGCI Convention  
Host: Santa Clara Valley & Bay Ocean Districts  
Embassy Suites, So San Francisco

**February 6 - 10, 2022**  
CGCI Winter Board Meeting

**Palomar District Calendar**  
[www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict)

June meeting hosted by Bernardo Gardener's  
Time and location will be announced in the Spring Pruner

**Don't Be Late!**  
Submissions for the next Pruner are due  
**April 19 2021**  
If you have a question for Sharon Tooley (District Director) send it to [palomardistrict@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:palomardistrict@cagardenclubs.org)

**Palomar District Committee Chairman Needed**

**Yearbook Chairman:** Our Yearbook is already formatted in MS Word and we have a printer available. Contact Laura Crenshaw for more information: [Lrock1221@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lrock1221@sbcglobal.net)

**Website Chairman:** Please contact Suzy Foran for more information: [palomardistrict@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:palomardistrict@cagardenclubs.org)

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**Nominations for Palomar District Executive Committee Members 2021 - 2022**

Nominations for Palomar District Executive Committee Members for 2021-2022 are in. Thank you to the nominating committee:

- Chairman:** Lisa Mercier from Bonita Valley GC  
Genny Deutsch from San Carlos GC  
Ann Dahnke from Poway Valley GC  
Stevie Hall from Carlsbad GC  
Lititia Biedenbender from Chula Vista GC
- Alt 1: Sally Kirby from Temecula GC  
Alt 2: Sherre McGinley from Descanso GC

- The nominees are:**
- |                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Director:                  | Sharon Tooley  |
| First Assistant Director:  | Judy Fizzard   |
| Second Assistant Director: | Kathy Taylor   |
| Recording Secretary:       | Laura Crenshaw |
| Treasurer:                 | Lisa Mercier   |

If there are any NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR please email Lisa Mercier at [bonitavalleygardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bonitavalleygardenclub@gmail.com) and she will add that person to the list.



**We will be voting for these candidates at our June meeting.**



## Club Corner

# Welcome Two New Clubs

Del Mar Mesa Garden Club, President Shital Parikh

Green Valle Garden Club Est.1965, President Linda Bresler

Throughout 2020 most of our clubs stay involved by meeting via Zoom, emailing frequently and occasionally gathering for small events outdoors. Several clubs let me know of the special things they did this year to stay connected and help their communities.

**Vista GC** added a mid-month newsletter that is fun and entertaining and also shares photos from members gardens and projects. Members from Vista GC also met safely and created over 100 succulent bowls that were donated to the Pacifica Senior Living facility.

**Village GC of La Jolla** still maintained their Moores Cancer Center Healing Garden and continued with their Jacaranda & Habitat Tree planting program. They donated over 100 succulent planted pumpkins, Poinsettias, and hand made cards during the Fall of 2020 to their local VA hospital.

**San Diego Garden Guild** has reached out to their membership by dropping off monthly packages to each member's home with a challenge enclosed. One month were bulbs to force and another was spice mixes to make using garden herbs. Members were asked to send photos of their completed challenge and a line or two about their experience for the club newsletter.

**Dos Valles GC** added a new scholarship in memory of recently passed member David Rylaarsdam and collected \$1,475 in that fund. Instead of giving the usual toys and food that would have been collected at their Christmas party, they collected \$1,000 for St. Vincent de Paul.

**Mission Hills GC** has been hosting virtual monthly meetings that are open to the public and listed on their website. Coming up are speakers Nancy Carter (Jan 28th), Adam Graves (Feb 25th) and Nan Sterman (March 25th). They are also planning to host their outside garden walk on May 8th.

**La Jolla GC** held a plant exchange/bulb swap and directory pickup for members at the La Jolla Woman's Club. They also held a drive by - drop off event so members could bring their donations for the Salvation Army and the Monarch School for home-less children.



## Club Corner continued...



**Bernardo Gardeners** hosted an "Operation Santa Claus" for military families at Camp Pendleton. The club provided 12 families with \$100 gift cards as well as clothing and toys gift wrapped for Christmas.



**Poway Valley GC** participated in two Farmer's Markets in 2020, held two drive by events for their members and has continued to have small Artisan events. They have also maintained their Rose Garden at Lake Poway and gardens at Old Poway Park.



Virtual

# LEARN, PLANT, GROW! Spring Seminar MARCH 20-28, 2021

## Classes • Workshops • Marketplace

### A SAMPLING OF CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Essential Succulents for Colorful, Carefree Gardens • Roses through the Seasons  
California Natives—Plant with Purpose • Plants for Shade, Slopes and Difficult Places  
Citrus for the Home Garden • Beginning Vegetable Gardening

Be sure to check [MasterGardenerSD.org](http://MasterGardenerSD.org) regularly for updates on classes, speakers and registration.

### Ask a UCCE Master Gardener

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## *San Diego Floral Association*

**Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021, 2:00pm** General Meeting

VIRTUAL ZOOM -- for details visit [www.sdfloral.org](http://www.sdfloral.org) "Reimagining the Dream" A Stroll Through Balboa Park's Iconic Botanical Building Presented by John Blocker Please join SDFA Board member and historian John Blocker for this majestic tour of Balboa Park's iconic Botanical Building.

**Classes – Second Thursday of each month, 10:00am** – ZOOM class For zoom link info on all of our classes, please visit: [info@sdfloral.org](mailto:info@sdfloral.org)

**"Seeds for the Birds, Tea and Treats for Us," Feb 11**, Instructor: Kathy Taylor de Murillo. Come join us for a wonderful Tea Cup Bird Feeder demonstration and then a special virtual tea!! Check website for a great scone recipe!

**"Traditional Mass Floral Design," March 11**, Instructor: Dale Rekus Come join us for a demonstration of arranging a spring-themed Traditional Mass Floral Design. With minor changes, it would be suitable for many springtime events such as St. Pat's Day, Easter, May Day, Cinco de Mayo or Mother's Day.



## Palomar District's 2021 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season - Floral Design Forum

From Chairman George Speer

- When:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, October thru May 12:00 p.m. **NOON**
- Where:** **Shinoda Design Center**, 7170 Miramar Rd., San Diego, 92121
- Objectives:** To bring the finest floral designers to San Diego County; promote appreciation of floral art forms; develop skills in critiquing floral art; improve individual skills for in home floral decorating; learn skills for flower show exhibition; encourage members to enter flower shows and promote floral arts in the community. The forum is open to anyone interested in floral design.
- Fees:** Choose \$70/all 8 program season pass (save \$50 off non-member session tickets) or \$12/ session for NGC/CGCI members or \$15/ session for non-members.
- Mail:** George Speer, 30861 Saddleback Rd, Valley Center, CA 92082

**March 1, 2021- Spring Holiday Designs with Gudrun Kimmel** A NGC Master Judge, Gudy is full of design ideas and ways to use unique plant materials. Get inspired for your spring holidays.

**April 5, 2021 - Rene van Rems , AIFD** Dutch born designer, author and educator, He is the world-renowned ambassador of the floral industry. Rene presents **European Spring Designing**. He will entertain, educate, and inspire. Do not miss this one.  
**Register to reserve your seat, they are limited.**

**May 3, 2021- The "Grand Finale" is "FLOWER POWER" Our most popular Program.** Watch as 5 local college student designers' race against the clock to complete a Surprise Package design from material, container, and theme. Then, like a 3-ring circus, they show a "signature design," a "round robin" and then a "wrap up" design.

Reminder, that California Garden Club Inc. members are able to **shop at Shinoda Design Center** with a pass gotten by your Club President. You will have to pay sales tax at the time of purchase. Applications are available at their website.

*"The best time to plant a tree is  
twenty years ago.  
The second best time  
is now."*