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## "Plant America - One Member at a Time!"



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

As I write this message to you, I am amazed at how our weather here in San Diego has cooled down after experiencing three heat waves in the month of October. I am also happy to hear that our Northern California fire ravaged friends will be receiving much needed rain. Let's hope they don't receive too much at one time.

Last month, I attended the CGCI Fall Board Meeting in Oroville, CA. Buttes District provided some very interesting and informative speakers that addressed the progress of the repair work being done on the Oroville Dam, California's profitable rice production and anything and everything that one could learn about the mushroom industry. Our business meetings were lively and helpful. Please, please see the reminders on the next page. In particular, it's time to fill out and submit your Club's **Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement Score Sheets**. I know that every one of our Clubs is a "Blue Ribbon Winner!" To date, I have only received a few submissions. The form has changed slightly and needs to be submitted every year. Our District goal is 100% participation.

It's also not too late to submit your Awards – but time is quickly running out. Award submissions must be received by CGCI by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Failure to do so will result in an automatic 5 point deduction. Our Clubs are involved in many projects and programs, we have outstanding members who go above and beyond, and we all do many publications on a routine basis – so why not get some recognition – visibility is credibility!

Please enjoy the article from the San Diego County Garden Guild. President Bob Gale shares how their Club is **growing their members**. I would love to hear how your organization is **growing** your membership. Consider writing an article for the next Pruner.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded of a very special person, my Great Aunt Dessa. She taught me many life lessons and one had to do with gardening. I wasn't a very good gardener when I was younger and didn't realize the importance of consistent watering. Every Spring I would plant annuals and buy color bowls to scatter around the yard only to have them all dead in two weeks. One day, Aunt Dessa came to my house with a Jade plant in a tiny pot. She said, "You can't kill this plant and you only need to water it once a week." Well, 35 years later, I still have original stock from that Jade plant. I have probably taken hundreds of cuttings from it. Whenever someone comes to my house and says they kill everything they plant, I quickly pot up a cutting and tell them the story. I explain that the Jade plant may look very ordinary, but mine is special because it keeps on giving, and I hope they will carry on that tradition!

In closing, thank you for being a member of the Palomar District. Your valuable contributions to the gardening community are endless. Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a joyous Holiday Season and a happy and prosperous New Year!



**CGCI Official Calendar**

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

**June 4-7 2018**

CGCI Convention, Tuolumne  
Host: Valley Lode District

**NGC School Calendar California**

All registration forms are on the CGCI website Calendar page  
[www.californiagardenclubs.com/calendar](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com/calendar)

Go to [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org) for schools in other states.

**February 3-4, 2018**

**Landscape Design School, Course 1**  
Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club

**February 10-11, 2018**

**Landscape Design School, Course 2**  
Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club

**March 3-4, 2018**

**Landscape Design School, Course 3**  
Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club

**March 10-11, 2018**

**Landscape Design School, Course 4**  
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**Don't Be Late!**

Submissions for the Next Pruner are due  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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**Winter Board & General Meeting**

**Monday, February 26, 2018**

Host: Bonita Valley Garden Club

**Summer Board Meeting**

**Monday, June 11, 2018**

Host: Ramona Garden Club



**Don't Miss This Event!**

Come to Room 101 Casa del Prado to enjoy the San Diego Floral Association's **Festival of Trees – Celebrating the San Diego Zoo Centennial**. Several of our Clubs participate in this event every year. When the event is over, many of the trees are donated to hospitals, children's homes and retirement centers.

*When:* Friday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 -10:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, Noon – 10:00 p.m.

*Where:* Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego

**Admission is Free**

**Reminders**

- ◆ New CGCI Awards Manual & all updated evaluation forms can be found at [californiagardenclubs.com/awards](http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards)
- ◆ All awards, except Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, are due **December 1**. Failure to meet this deadline will result in an automatic five (5) point deduction.
- ◆ **Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement Score Sheets** are due by **December 1**. Forms are available on the Awards page of the CGCI website (Award #10) and emailed directly to the District Director.
- ◆ Correction to Award #50 Newsletters, Section 1: District and Section 2: Club Requirement is for one (1) copy of three (3) consecutive issues as accurately stated in the Awards Manual & on the Evaluation Form. NOT two (2) copies of three (3) consecutive issues as incorrectly stated in the CGCI Yearbook, page 74.



## Here Come the Judges!

Southwestern Judges' Council is now officially affiliated with Palomar District. But what is Southwestern Judges' Council? To reduce the job of this group of people to a few words is hard to do. Our prime goal is to provide support, information and finally knowledgeable evaluation to garden clubs undertaking the arduous task of producing a NGC Flower Show. All of our judges take this responsibility seriously.

In the last few months a new Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 has been launched. This document gives us specific direction on the organization and operation of these shows. But it does present challenges. Did you know that it is now possible to award as many Award of Merits as you wish within the Horticulture Division? This means more possibilities for NGC Awards! There are many more *golden nuggets* in this document that will make the process of writing a schedule easier, more user friendly and rewarding.

A NGC Flower Show is a great community educational project! It is our hope that more clubs will use this avenue by providing this community service. Our council members are available to assist all groups with planning and production of a NGC Flower Show. Please contact me and I will direct you to a qualified judge in your area.

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## Local Flower Shows



- April 7, 2018 - Fallbrook GC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show
- April 14, 2018 - Poway Valley GC Flower Show
- April 14, 2018 - Temecula GC Flower Show
- April 21, 22, 2018 - Coronado Flower Show
- April 27, 28, 2018—Dos Valles GC Flower Show
- May 5, 6, 2018 – Vista GC Flower Show





## Club Corner: A New Club on the Block!

The **San Diego County Garden Guild (SDCGG)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It was established in the Fall of 2015 by a group of San Diego Gardeners committed to organic and sustainable gardening practices. The Guild manifests these principles with a strong emphasis on farm to table and the culinary arts. Members are provided a supportive environment in which to pursue and share their wide interests in the nexus of gardening, art, and food.

What makes the **San Diego County Garden Guild** such a unique organization in our community is its structure. Every year, our Membership divides into smaller Interest Guilds that average around ten people. The Members of an Interest Guild decide on a topic or area that they would like to study throughout our Guild Year (September to June).

Members of an Interest Guild decide for themselves on what program or activities they want to develop to pursue their interests. The SDCGG Board is on call to assist an Interest Guild in all phases of planning, logistics, and operations. The very approachable Cindy Witt, VP of Programming, is an expert in helping define and propel passionate pursuits wherever they may lead.

Each of the Interest Guilds is given the opportunity to share what it has learned with the General Membership through our Monthly Meetings. The **SDCGG Monthly Meetings** are hosted and themed by one or more of the Interest Guilds. The Interest Guilds coordinate the entire show at these meetings, which gives each group their time to shine as the year progresses.

We have had a diverse assortment of Interest Guilds since our founding in 2015. This year the following seven Interest Guilds have been created by our Members to allow them to pursue and share their interests with the SDCGG Membership and the wider San Diego Gardening Community.

### Interest Guilds for 2017 - 2018

**Art & the Garden**

**In the Food Steps of Julia Child**

**Jams, Jellies, Marmalades & Chutney**

**Produce Preservation**

**Anything Purple (North County)\***

**Anything Purple (SD & East County)\***

### Travel and Adventure Guild

Above all, we are a "Member Centric Organization." We recognize that the strength of our group rises from the energy, talent, and interests of our individual Members. We are united by our passion for gardening, art, food, and good company. Also, we really like to have fun and adventure!

We love to welcome guests to our **SDCGG Monthly Meetings**. So please join us!

Sincerely,

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\* Members of the **Anything Purple Guilds** are exploring the color of purple exhibited in flowers, vegetables, fruits, herbs, and grasses. These guilds have a special interest in California grapes and in the process of winemaking.

Would your Club like to share a special event, project, or other noteworthy item with the Palomar District members, then send it to [palomardirector@gmail.com](mailto:palomardirector@gmail.com). Deadline: January 29, 2018



## Palomar District's 2017-2018 Floral Design Forum

World-renowned Rene van Rems, AIFD designer and educator, entertained over 110 people at the recent Floral Design Forum held at the Shinoda Design Center on November 6<sup>th</sup>. He delighted all those in attendance with a book signing and his stunning floral designs.

Rene van Rems is Dutch born and has lived in California ever since he landed here as an exchange student from Amsterdam, Holland. After attending Horticultural Institutes in Aalsmeer and the Rietveld Academy in Amsterdam, he studied in London only to bring his design talents to the United States.

Rene is a frequent speaker at leading art museums and he has been featured in numerous national publications such as California Florists, Sunset Magazine, Flower & Magazine, Floral Management, Florist Magazine, and Flower News. Rene and his work have also been covered on television (HGTV), particularly for his European influence on trends in American floral design.

Palomar District was so thrilled to have him as our presenter!

If you enjoy doing floral design, want to learn more about it or you just like to look at beautiful floral arrangements – don't miss the December 4<sup>th</sup> program – Holiday Designs with Gudrun (Gudy) Kimmel and the January 8<sup>th</sup> program – New Designs from National Garden Clubs.

For more information contact Chairman, George Speer at (760) 212-6339.

Submitted by Adele Kelly.



### Looking for that Special Gift?

Visit the National Garden Clubs Official Online Store ([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)).

- ✓ Digital Version- 2017 Flower Show Handbook - \$25.00
- ✓ The Saved Seed Children's Book - \$10.00
- ✓ 2018 Vision of Beauty Calendar - \$6.75/two or more \$5.00
- ✓ Joyce Chen Scissors - \$20.95



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