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One Member at a Time!"

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"Plant America - One Member at a Time!"

From the Director's Desk...



Hello Palomar District members! Wow, what a busy new year it has been so far. The District was host to the 2019 CGCI Winter Board Meeting from January 29 to February 1, 2019. Then the 59th CGCI Symposium followed on February 1-3, 2019. Both were held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Mission Valley and were a big success.

I wish to thank the Executive Committee members and all the District clubs who helped.

Our District Clubs donated raffle baskets and workers helped man the registration table and the sales boutique. Clubs also provided beautiful centerpieces for each meal. Kathy Taylor de Murillo and Sharon Tooley held two workshops that were well received by the attendees. Kathy presented a workshop on how to make colorful paper flowers and Sharon presented a workshop on tillandsia plants. And, a special thank you to the following Clubs and individuals who made a big difference:

Treasurer: Laura Crenshaw

AV Equipment and Troubleshooting: David Rylaarsdam and George Speer

Goody Bags: Sharon Tooley and Kathy Taylor de Murillo

Sales Boutique: Sharon Tooley

Floral Centerpieces: Barbara Weiler

Speakers: David Rylaarsdam

District Workers:

- Rosemary Anderson, Poway Valley Garden Club
- Gloria Barry, Chula Vista Garden Club
- Pat Bjernefalt, Bonita Valley Garden Club
- Sandi Clark, Ramona Garden Club
- Maggie Crane, Ramona Garden Club
- Susan Currie, Bonita Valley Garden Club
- Ann Dahnke, Poway Valley Garden Club
- Verna Dailey, Ramona Garden Club
- Elma Garcia, Village GC of La Jolla
- Maxine Graves, Poway Valley Garden Club
- Donna Kaptain, Poway Valley Garden Club
- Sharon Louder, Bonita Valley Garden Club
- Mary Ann Rodarte, Ramona Garden Club
- Teri Schmidt, Ramona Garden Club
- Pauline Waters, Bonita Valley Garden Club

Donated Raffle Baskets:

- Bernardo Gardeners
- Bonita Valley Garden Club
- Chula Vista Garden Club
- Crown Garden Club
- Del Mar Garden Club
- Descanso Garden Club
- Dos Valles Garden Club
- Fallbrook Garden Club
- Point Loma Garden Club
- Poway Valley Garden Club
- Ramona Garden Club
- Vista Garden Club

Centerpieces:

- Bonita Valley Garden Club
- Dos Valles Garden Club
- Poway Valley Garden Club
- Southwestern Judges Council

Thank you for your support and for being a member of Palomar District.

I look forward to seeing everyone on February 25th.

See page 7 for photos of the CGCI Winter Board Meeting.





CGCI Official Calendar

www.californiagardenclubs.com/
calendar

April 5-10, 2019

Pacific Region Convention
Van Nuys, CA

April 29-May 2, 2019

NGC Convention
Biloxi, MS

June 3-7, 2019

CGCI 88th Annual Convention
Host: Southern California Garden Club
Van Nuys, CA

September 30-October 3, 2019

CGCI Fall Board Meeting
Host: Cascade District

**NGC School Calendar
California**

Go to gardenclub.org for schools in
other states.

March 30, 2019

Tri-Refresher
Host: Colfax Garden Club

July 15-16, 2019

Environmental School, Course 3
Host: Chula Vista Garden Club

July 17-18, 2019

Environmental School, Course 4
Host: Chula Vista Garden Club

Don't Be Late!

Submissions for the
Next Pruner are due
May 1, 2019

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palomardirector@gmail.com

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Palomar District Calendar

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Winter Meeting

Monday, February 25, 2019

Where: Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Majorca Room 101
1650 El Prado Blvd., San Diego, 92101

Host: San Diego County Garden Guild

Time: 9:00 a.m. Doors open (enjoy morning refreshments-pollinator
friendly plants for sale and raffle)

10:00 a.m. Winter Membership and Annual Meeting

Program: Birds of a Feather Flock Together

Cost: \$30.00

See page 3 for additional information

Summer General Meeting

Monday, June 10, 2019

Host: San Dieguito Garden Club



2019 CGCI Annual Convention

Come celebrate: Achievement, Creativity and the Future
at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys, California

June 3 - 7, 2019

Room rate: \$105, breakfast included

Wednesday, June 4: Tour, Blue Star Dedication

Awards Banquet honoring CGCI Stars

Thursday, June 5: **Design Banquet**, Flower Show Awards

Design Competition by CGCI Vice-Presidents

Friday, June 6: **Youth Luncheon** honoring Smokey Bear Poster
Contest winners

Installation Banquet, incoming CGCI President,
Shane Looper

Saturday, June 7: **Organizational Meeting**

Club presidents and all CGCI members should make plans to join us
for this educational, fun-filled event.

Convention Chairman: Rita Desilets 818-781-4537

4rita.desilets@gmail.com



Celebrate National Garden Week



Join Clubs around San Diego and across the
country and celebrate National Garden Week, June 2-8, 2019. This
week promotes CGCI and NGC objectives and is a great way to
promote your Club and all the wonderful things you are doing.

Don't know what to do - visit the NGC website for a list of ideas.
Click [here](#) to download National Garden Week posters.

Share how your Club celebrates National Garden Week with other
Clubs in the District. This District Director would love to receive a
short write up and a picture of what your Club did so that it can be
shared with all in our next newsletter.



Palomar District Winter Membership Meeting

Monday, February 25, 2019

Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Majorca Room 101
1650 El Prado Blvd., San Diego, 92101

Host: San Diego County Garden Guild

Deadline: Must be received prior to February 18, 2019



9:00 am Doors Open (Enjoy morning refreshments-pollinator friendly plants for sale and raffle).

10:00 am Winter Membership Meeting

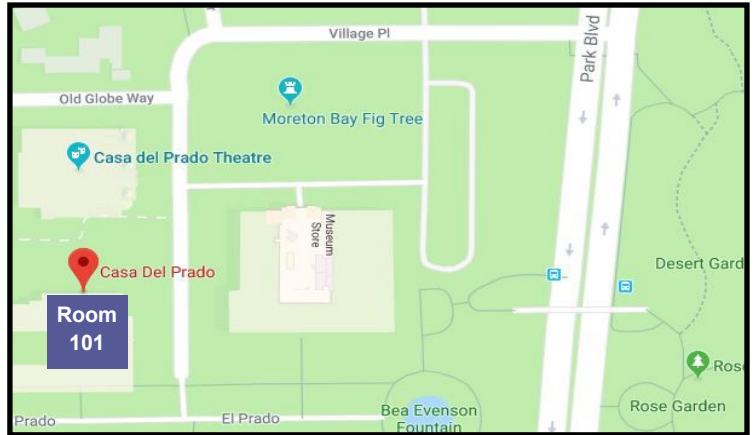
Noon Lunch

Program: *Birds of a Feather Flock Together* – A Speaker from Skyhunters Raptor Rehabilitation and Education, a non-profit organization, will be accompanied by feathered guests and discuss raptor conservation as it relates to organic gardening.

Cost: \$30.00 (Gourmet box lunch, choice of ham, turkey or veggie sandwich and gluten free option)

Directions:

- ◆ Balboa Park
- ◆ Prepare to park your vehicle in lots near El Prado



Reservation Form

✂

Name(s): _____

Club: _____

Box Lunch Choice: _____ Ham _____ Turkey _____ Veggie _____ Gluten Free Option

Check # _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Check payable to: San Diego County Garden Guild

Mail to: Cindy Lococo, Treasurer, 8030 La Mesa Blvd., #259, La Mesa, CA 91942
(619) 993-4651

Note: If several individuals are coming from one club, please send one check for all and list the names of the individuals that the check covers and their box lunch choice.





It's Flower Show Season!

Within Palomar District flower show season is fast approaching. Clubs sponsor flower shows to educate club members and the viewing public and to stimulate interest in horticulture and floral design. Flower shows also provide an outlet for creative expression and they communicate the goals and objectives of NGC. They are lots of work and lots of fun. Consider visiting a local flower show this season or better yet, consider entering a horticultural specimen or a floral design. For more information on the below listed flowers shows, visit the club's website or contact the club directly.



Local Flower Shows

March 27, 2019 - Bonita Valley Garden Club

April 13, 2019 - Poway Valley Garden Club

April 13 & 14, 2019 - Coronado Flower Show

April 27, 2019 - Temecula Valley Garden Club

May 4 & 5, 2019 - Vista Garden Club

Submitted by Adele Kelly



Club Corner:

October is a Busy Month for the Fallbrook Garden Club

Every year in October the Club participates in Scarecrow Days which includes businesses and non-profits creating scarecrows that are on display throughout the “Friendly Village of Fallbrook” during the entire month. The committee of members, chaired by Patty Vasquez, started working on our scarecrow in August. Scarecrow Days culminates in a Harvest Faire the last Sunday of October where the Club has a booth. We hand out packets of wildflower seeds to all visitors. This year’s entry was “Audrey - A Garden Shop of Horrors Scarecrow.” She was colorful Venus Flytraps (*Dionaea muscipula*), adorned with Fiddle Leaf Fig (*ficus lyrata*).

The Cactus & Succulent study group, co-chaired by Ellie Knight & Jeanne Meadow, holds a workshop prior to Halloween for the YANA (You Are Not Alone) senior citizens’ program sponsored by the volunteer Sheriff’s Dept. The members create approximately 50 small pumpkins beautifully decorated in succulent cuttings. The YANA’s are vulnerable, sometimes ill or handicapped, seniors living on their own or with a caregiver in place. The San Diego Sheriff’s Senior Volunteer Patrol team calls them every day at a designated time to make sure they are okay, as well as visits them and provides little kindnesses such as the pumpkins. The Club has made these pumpkins for over 10+ years.



The best part of these events is the club’s involvement in our community and how much fun our members have participating.

Submitted by Marci Eisenstadt, *Publicity Co-Chair*



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. Deadline: May 1, 2019



NGC Environmental Studies School

Chula Vista Garden Club, Michael Biedenbender, President, hosted the Environmental Studies School held in January 2019.

The 4-day school was held at the Living Coast Discovery Center located on the San Diego Bay approximately seven miles south of downtown San Diego and seven miles north of the international border (Bay Blvd. & E St. Chula Vista, Ca). The mission of the Living Coast Discovery Center is to:

- *Partner in collaborative research and restoration of coastal wetlands and bays.
- *Provide student-focused education through STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics.
- *Increase knowledge of coastal environments, climate change adaptation, and human coexistence with the natural resources of San Diego Bay.

Mark Valen, Professor, Southwestern Community college wrote the lecture outline and was the principal speaker.

The mission statement of the NGC Environmental Studies Schools is to teach environmental literacy to cherish, protect and conserve the living earth.

The courses teach participants environmental literacy, appreciation for the world, encourages action for sustainable development and appreciation for the interrelation of all-natural things. Particular emphasis is presently placed on land conservation, water conservation and air quality.

Course 1 included The Living Earth.
Course 2 included Land and Related Issues.

Study Books: Bringing Home Nature - Douglas Tallay and Living in the Environment - G. Taylor.

Thirty-two attendees praised the lectures and noted Mark Valen's method of creating an interesting and easily understood lecture outline. A daily tour of the native plant and animal life of the Living Coast Center paired with the content of the courses.



The attendees commented that “the CVGC hosts made us feel welcomed and comfortable, the lunch and snacks were superb and the Living Coast Discovery Center was the perfect setting.”

Click onto the YouTube URL below: “How Wolves Change Rivers” for a glimpse of the content to come in the next two courses.

<https://www.iflscience.com/plants-and-animals/how-wolves-can-save-ecosystem/>

Save these dates:

Course 3 – **Air and Related Issues**
July 15 and July 16, 2019

Course 4 - **Water and Related Issues**
July 17 and July 18, 2019

Submitted by: Margaret Selvitz

For more information on future Environmental Studies School go to: [http://californiagardenclubs.com/sites/default/files/NGCSchools/2019ENVIRONMENTAL%20SCHOOL%20REGISTRATION%](http://californiagardenclubs.com/sites/default/files/NGCSchools/2019ENVIRONMENTAL%20SCHOOL%20REGISTRATION%20)



2019 CGCI Winter Board Meeting Hosted by Palomar District

