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"Cultivate Change through Nurturing Nature"

From the Director's Garden...

Palomar District Garden Club Members,

As we step into June, I want to extend heartfelt congratulations to every club across our district. We are all slowly catching our breath after a whirlwind spring filled with **flower shows, plant sales, and garden tours**. Your creativity, teamwork, and dedication were on full display, and our communities are better for it.

This coming week, **May 11–14**, we proudly welcome members from across the state to the **CGCI Convention here in Palomar District**, celebrating the **250th anniversary of the United States** with the inspiring theme "**Seeds of Liberty**." We will enjoy **vendors, workshops, educational speakers, and fellowship** as we showcase the strength and spirit of our district.

I will be attending the **NGC Convention in St. Louis**, and I look forward to bringing back updated information, new ideas, and national perspectives to share with all of you.

As summer arrives, so does the **San Diego County Fair**, with its beloved **garden and floral design competitions**. I encourage our clubs and members to participate, volunteer, and cheer on our exhibitors — it's always a highlight of the season.

Looking ahead to July, many clubs will be installing **new executive boards**. With those transitions, please remember that **club dues to Palomar District are due to Treasurer Sharon Lowry by the end of June**. Thank you for keeping our district strong, organized, and ready for the year ahead.

And as we peek further into the calendar, the Pacific **Region Garden Clubs Convention** will be hosted this **October in Thousand Oaks** — another opportunity for learning, leadership, and connection.

Thank you for all you do to support one another, uplift your communities, and keep our district thriving. Together, we continue to **cultivate change** and **nurture nature** in every season.

Toiana



CGCI Official Calendar

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California Garden Club
(californiagardenclubs.com)

May 9, 2026
Poway Valley
Garden Club
Flower Show &
Plant Sale

May 11-14, 2026
CGCI Convention
Handlery Hotel ,
San Diego

June 10 to July 5, 2026
San Diego Fair

June 15, 2026
Palomar District Meeting
Descanso Garden Club

October 12, 13, &14, 2026
Pacific Region
Convention,
Thousand Oaks

October (TBD) 2026
Palomar District Meeting
Ramona Garden Club

February (TBD) 2027
Palomar District Meeting
Vista/Temecula?
Garden Club

Palomar District Summer Meeting

www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict

Monday, June 15, 2026

Hosted by Descanso Garden Club

Make your reservations soon!

See page 3 for details..

San Diego Fair June 10th to July 5th, 2026



We are here to have a good time meeting local garden-nerds, as well as to learn about the plants that work well in our area.

Descanso Garden Club





Palomar District Summer Membership Meeting

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Monday, June 15, 2026

Descanso Town Hall
24536 Viejas Grade Rd.
Descanso, CA 91916

Host: Descanso Garden Club
Reservations required by: June 1, 2026
Cost: \$22.00 per person
Checks payable to: Descanso Garden Club

9:30 am: Check-in, brunch, shopping
10:00 am: General Meeting
Brunch: Quiche, fruit, coffee, tea, juice
Program: "Horticultural Myth Busting"
Dawn Standke, *UC Master Gardener*



Names of Persons Attending

Total people x \$22.00 = Total enclosed \$ _____



Please send one check for all persons from your club who are coming to the meeting.

Check payable to: Descanso Garden Club

Send by June 1, 2026 to

DGC c/o Karen Garbani, PO Box 824, Descanso, CA 91916



Palomar District

East County Destinations for Palomar District Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2026

1. Guatay Mountain Nursery, Landscape & Design

27423 Old HWY 80, Guatay, CA 91931

619-473-0129

Note: Will be open 1-3 pm Mon. June 15

2. Trynn Wooden Spoon Gallery

27538 Old HWY 80, Guatay, CA 91931

619-473-9030

Note: Will be open 1-3 pm Mon. June 15

**3. Descanso Junction Restaurant
and Mercantile Shops,
and Heirloom Goods and Gifts**

8306 HWY 79, Descanso, CA 91916

619-651-2199

Note: Open daily

4. Alpine Acres Sanctuary Farm

5178 Japatul Spur, Alpine, CA 91901

619-320-4942

Note: Open 10 am-5 pm daily

Mention the district meeting for a discount

5. Viejas Casino

5000 Willows Road, Alpine, CA 91901

Note: Open 7 days/24 hrs.

6. Viejas Outlet Shops Center/Food Court

5003 Willows Road, Alpine, CA 91901

Note: Open 11am-8pm daily

7. Jacumba Hot Spring Hotel/Spa

44500 Old HWY 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934

619-766-4333



Descanso Garden Club
Descanso, CA 91916



Free Hybrid Community Workshops

Introduction to Gardening
May 2, 2026



Control Ants the Healthy Way
May 9, 2026



Grow Your Own Salsa Garden
May 30, 2026



Time: 10 - 11:30AM
In-Person Workshop
Zoom also available

Where:

9335 Hazard Way, Suite 201
San Diego, CA 92123

It's The Water That Connects Us!



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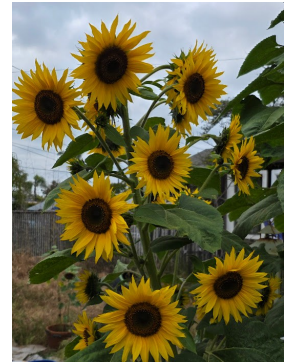


Club Corner Spotlights

Alpine Historical Museum Butterfly Garden



Spot light your club activities...send pictures to **Diana Drummey at drummedge@att.net** for the next Palomar Pruner...



Vista Garden Club Flower Show was held May 2-3 2026



Del Mar Garden Club Community Garden Day to Celebrate Coastal Gardens with Free, Family-Friendly Tours and Activities

Garden Club News / February 4, 2026

May 9, 2026 10am - 1pm

The Del Mar Garden Club (DMGC) will host its first-ever Del Mar Garden Club Community Gardens Day on May 9, 2026. From 10am to 1pm, Del Mar Garden Club member docents will be stationed within each garden to share the history, explain the unique features and specimens, and answer questions. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, ladybug giveaway, and free plant cuttings. All ages are welcome.



1: Free Parking Del Mar Civic Center - 1050 Camino Del Mar (Entry on 10th & 11th St just west of Camino Del Mar)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Trees!

Right tree, Right Place, Right Care.

Speaker: Tony Gurnoe from Tree Hugger Service

Tony is our Mary Tornborg Scholarship recipient for 2026

Carlsbad, Dove Library
1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad

Friday, May 1



33rd Anniversary Season

2025-2026



THE
FLORAL
DESIGN
FORUM

**LAST FLORAL FORUM
OF THE YEAR!**

Monday May 11, 2026

**The "Grand Finale"
Monica Lewis,
Floral Forum hostess,
NGC FS Judge
with her Creative Designs she
Answers the question:
What has Music Got to do
with IT?
And then a Raffle of her fa-
ther's Perry Pots!**

12:00 NOON

Handlery Hotel Mission Valley

CGCI Convention Kick Off

Parking \$5