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Plant Trees”

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"Plant America - Plant Trees"

From the Director's Desk...



Hello everyone and welcome to 2020. I hope everyone enjoys a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Like most of you, I am looking forward to spring and all the activities it brings within our gardening community. I spend most of my time in January digging things out, moving pots, collecting rain water and just cleaning up. Now is the time to plan for spring shows and tours. A bonus for me this winter is a hummingbird nest at the end of a branch of my Beverly Hills Apple Tree. She has been a devoted nester so far. I feed the birds under that same tree and when the apples arrive in the summer I feed lots of small creatures as well. This tree has been growing in my back yard for

37 years and has produced a huge amount of apples every year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our February District Meeting and remember to honor and enjoy our trees as they are the habitats for our wildlife. "Plant America – Plant Trees."

-Sharon

Interesting Tree Facts

From Golden Gardens eNews, Vol 12-12



- * In 1881, in Yosemite National Park, a tunnel was built through the Wawona "Tunnel" tree. It was so big that people could drive their carriages - later their cars right through. The 2,100 year old tree fell in 1969 possibly due to the tunnel damage and heavy snow.
- * A fallen coast redwood will often send up new shoots, growing new trees off of its trunk. This is called a candelabra tree.
- * Redwoods and giant sequoias were used to build many of the buildings in San Francisco, Oakland, and Sacramento in the latter 1800's.
- * Redwoods and giant sequoias are adept at, though by no means immune to surviving fire. Their bark contains no flammable pitch or resin and is extremely thick.

By Jessie Szalay - Live Science Contributor

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





CGCI Official Calendar

www.californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

February 3-6 2020

CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Long Beach
Host: Costa Verde District

April 27-30 2020

Pacific Region Annual Convention,
Silverton, Oregon

May 26-30 2020

CGCI 89th Annual Convention, South San Francisco
Hosts: Santa Clara Valley & Bay Ocean Districts



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Winter Annual & General Meeting

Monday, February 17, 2020

Where: St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church Community Room
6556 Park Ridge Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92120
Host: San Carlos Garden Club
Time: 9:30 a.m. - Doors open and shop
10:00 a.m. - Board-General Meeting/Lunch/Program
Program: "Earthquakes in San Diego" by Dr. Pat Abbott, PHD
Cost: \$25

See page 3 for additional information



Summer General Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2020

Host: Bonita Valley Garden Club

Celebrate California Arbor Week

March 7-14, 2020

Join the celebration, be a part of California Arbor Week

- Plant a tree
- Join in a community event
- Teach our youth
- Encourage community involvement
- Attract and build partnerships



California Arbor Week's Planning the Promotion Kit, go to:
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/sites/default/files/Publications/Arbor-Week-Planning-Kit.pdf>



Palomar District Winter Membership Meeting

Monday, February 17, 2020

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church Community Room
6556 Park Ridge Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92120

Host: San Carlos Garden Club

9:30 am Doors Open & Coffee Hour: Coffee and breakfast goodies
Shop at the Plant & Baked Goods Sale.

10:00 am Winter Membership and Annual Meeting

Noon Lunch

Program: "Earthquakes in San Diego" – Presented by Dr. Pat Abbott, PHD, a world renowned geologist, earthquake specialist and author.

Cost: \$25.00 (Catered Chicken Salad, Rolls, Tea, Coffee & Ice Cream Bars)

Directions:

- ◆ 8 East or West and off at College North
- ◆ College to Navajo (at the church)
- ◆ Turn right and follow Navajo to the second stoplight Park Ridge Blvd.
- ◆ Turn right on Park Ridge and at the second stop sign turn right to the parking lot at St. Dunstan's.

Reservation Form



Name(s): _____

Club: _____

Vegetarian Choice:

Check # _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Check payable to: San Carlos Garden Club

Mail to: Marj Myers, 9241 Galston Avenue, Santee, CA 92071

Contact Person: Genny Deutsch 619-583-8008

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 if they require Vegetarian Choice lunch.



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

April 18-19, 2020 - Coronado Flower Show

April 25, 2020 - Fallbrook GC Flower Show

April 25, 2020 - Poway Valley GC Flower Show

May 2, 2020 - Temecula Valley GC Flower Show

May 2-3, 2020 - Vista GC Flower Show

Submitted by Adele Kelly & Sharon Tooley

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, 2020.



Gently Worn Jewelry Fundraiser for CGCI President's Project

Suggested items to be donated: Pins, Necklaces, Bracelets, Rings, Earrings and Working Watches.

Sharon Tooley will collect donations at the Feb. District Meeting and will take them to CGCI 2020 Annual Convention. All proceeds benefit the 2019-2021 President's Project to restore San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden at San Bruno Mountain State & County Park in San Mateo.

Palomar District's 2020 27th Anniversary Season - Floral Design Forum

- When:** 1st 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

From Chairman George Speer

January 6, 2020 - "How'd they do that?" Special Educational Program featuring wonderful NGC Judges/teachers, demonstrating the ins and outs of design mechanics, backgrounds, underlayments, containers/non-containers, etc. Start the year off right.

February 3, 2020 - Dale Rekus from Point Loma Garden Club, a competitive designer (SD Fair's Top Ten) with an eye for being his own man with style. New to our stage.

March 2, 2020 - "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.

April 6, 2020 - Mitsuko Takeya, Master Instructor O'Hara School of Ikebana. Enjoy the simplicity, meaning and grace of her designs. We are pleased that Mitsuko could fit us in between her many classes.

May 4, 2020 - The "Grand Finale" is to be determined.

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.



California Blue Star Markers

We are finalizing plans for the California Blue Star Markers refurbishment project. We need just a few more markers in need of refurbishment in order to obtain Tom Snelling's services. Tom, a veteran recommended by National Garden Clubs, will travel to California at his own expense if we can provide him with 10 or markers to refurbish. So, I am asking you, **would you please visit the Blue Star Marker (s) listed below to determine whether it is in need for repair** (or as many as you or someone else can). We need your input **by January 23, 2020**.

If the marker does not need repair, please email me and we can check that marker off the list.

If the marker DOES need repair then, please

1. take a picture of the marker as close as you can
2. take a picture of its setting and send both to me.
3. Please consider if your club or district could finance the refurbishment (that leaves more money for other markers that are now orphaned as there are several whose sponsoring clubs have disbanded).

The markers I plead with you to put "eyes on" are:

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers

- * Aliso Creek I-5 S-bound rest area, 5.8 miles N of Oceanside District
- *San Diego* I-8 E-bound, Hotel Circle exit, W 4/10 mi on Taylor St. (Destroyed during a traffic accident)
- *Pacific Beach GC
- *San Ysidro I-5 S-bound at San Ysidro Border Crossing District

Blue Star Memorial Markers

- *Point Loma Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery at visitor center Point Loma GC
- *San Diego Miramar National Cemetery near visitor center District

Blue Star Byway Markers

- *Chula Vista: Serenity Garden, Veterans Park Chula Vista GC
- *Chula Vista: Rohr Park Bonita Valley GC
- *Chula Vista: Veterans Elementary School Chula Vista GC
- *Chula Vista: Veteran's Home of Chula Vista, 700 E. Naples Ct. Chula Vista GC
- *Encinitas: Scripps Memorial Hospital San Dieguito GC
- *Fallbrook: Fallbrook Village Square Fallbrook GC
- *Imperial Beach: Marina Vista Park, 800 Imperial Beach Avenue District
- *La Jolla: VA Med Ctr, La Jolla Village Dr. W of I-5, at main entry District
- *Lakeside: Lindo Lake Park, 12824 Lakeshore Drive Lakeside GC
- *Poway: Lake Poway Poway Valley GC
- *Ramona: Collier Park, 626 E Street Ramona GC
- *Valley Center: Adams Park, 28741 Cole Grade Road on fountain Dos Valles GC
- *Vista: Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive Vista GC & VFW 7041

Robin Pokorski =^..^=

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