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"Plant America - Plant Trees"



From the Director's Desk...

Hello everyone and welcome to another year of growing, showing, designing and gardening fun here in gorgeous San Diego. Our District meeting in February will be hosted by Poway Valley GC with guest speakers Greg and Robin Pokorski. Also attending will be our California Garden Clubs Inc. President Carol Vallens who will tell us about her President's Project "Building the CGCI Scholarship Fund". I will again pass around the President's Project can for donations during the meeting so please bring your ones, fives, tens, etc.

Many thanks go to Bernardo Gardeners GC for hosting our last meeting in October. Their scheduled speaker could not make it, so Diana Drummey, our current Southwestern Judges Council Chair filled in with a fun and creative floral design presentation.

Since spring is almost here, this February District meeting will conclude with club announcements about upcoming events. There will be one minute for you to announce events and also please bring flyers or postcards to distribute as reminders.

Last year was a banner year for our gardens with all the rain and mild temperatures. But, as I write this at the end of December, we are behind in our rainfall - but still hopeful!

I hope everyone will attend our February meeting and take the chance to speak with our guests Carol, Greg and Robin since they bring years of experience and knowledge about garden clubs and CGCI.

See you next month,

- Sharon Tooley

Man & Woman of the Year

It's that time of year to recognize a special person who has done an outstanding job within your club and community. Please send your recommendations to our Woman of the Year Janice Schock (jschock@cox.net) from Poway Valley Garden Club.

Deadline for entries is **March 31st, 2024.**

Let's honor our hardworking men and women!



CGCI Official Calendar

www.californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

January 29, 2024

CGCI Virtual Winter Board Meeting

May 19 - 22, 2024

CGCI Annual Convention
Wyndham Hotel, Sacramento
Host: Golden Foothills District

CGCI School Calendar California

February 3 - 4, 2024

Environment School, Series 7
Course 3, Modesto, CA

March 2 - 4, 2024

Environment School, Series 7
Course 4, Modesto, CA

March 6 - 8, 2024

Flower Show School Course 1
Sponsor: Red Bluff Garden Club

June 21 - 22, 2024

Landscape Design School, Course 1
Sponsor: Southern CA Garden Club

July 12 - 13, 2024

Landscape Design School, Course 2
Sponsor: Southern CA Garden Club

July 26—27, 2024

Landscape Design School, Course 3
Sponsor: Southern CA Garden Club

August 9 - 10

Landscape Design School, Course 4
Sponsor: Southern CA Garden Club

Don't Be Late!

Submissions for the
next Pruner are due
Friday, May 1, 2024

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Palomar District Calendar

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Palomar District Winter Membership Meeting

Monday, February 19, 2024

Where: Templars Hall in Old Poway Park 14134 Midland Rd,
Poway, CA 92064

Please park on street or in gravel lot on east side of Midland Road

Host: Poway Valley Garden Club

Time: 9:00 a.m. - Doors open/Registration/Club & Chair Mailboxes/
Shopping/Raffle (*cash only*)

9:15 a.m. - Coffee/Tea/Breakfast

10:00 a.m. - Board-General Meeting

Program: Keynote Speakers Greg & Robin Pokorski will educate us
on the 4 NGC schools:

- * Environmental School
- * Gardening School
- * Landscape Design School
- * Flower Show School

Cost: \$20

Reservations required by February 12, 2024

See page 3 for additional information

Mark
your
Calendar

What are Club Delegates?

In addition to club president/s as voting members of Palomar District, clubs are allowed to have voting delegates attend district meetings based on their club membership. 25 members or less, one delegate; 26 to 50 members, two delegates; 50 to 100 members, three delegates and increase one delegate for every 50 members after 100.

Blue Ribbon Certificate Awards

Blue Ribbon Certificate Awards for this past year are due to Sharon (djsj21643@aol.com) by **January 31st**. Go onto the California Garden Clubs website and click on Awards. Go to the column on the right and click on Blue Ribbon Certificate - fill out and email to Sharon. Thanks!

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I  Gardening

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 **Cost: \$20.00** Tickets for Designer Raffle Baskets will be available for sale,
6 tickets/\$5.00 (cash only). Succulent Bowl Centerpieces will be
available for sale. 

Name(s):

Club Name: _____

Check # _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Check payable to: **Poway Valley Garden Club**

Mail check to Debby Brennan, 13856 Sagewood Dr. Poway, CA 92064.



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. *Written by Adele Kelly*

2024 Local Flower Shows



2024 Flower Show School

The Red Bluff Garden Club will be sponsoring a four course NGC, Inc approved Flower Show School. Course I will be held March 6-8, 2024, in Red Bluff, California.

We are offering our school at a great rate and the only one scheduled for California to date. Please share our Flower Show School brochure with your club members. It is so important to train new Flower Show judges and provide opportunities for those already in the positions.

Thank you.

Dottie Renstrom, Red Bluff Garden Club, Flower Show School Chairperson
The Flower Show School flyer will be available on our District Website.



CGCI President's Project 2023-2025

CGCI President Carol Vallens has announced her President's Project:
"Building the CGCI Scholarship Fund"

The purpose of the project is to raise funds to increase the scholarship dollar amount awarded per recipient and/or to increase the number of scholarships awarded. Costs for a four year college education have increased yearly since 1978. CGCI has more scholarship applications from well qualified and worthy students than funding available. The project will add to the Scholarship Donation/Life Membership Fund and correct the imbalance between the growing need and CGCI's ability to meet the need.

Donations can be made online or via mail. The forms to donate can be found the [CGCI website](#).

Watch for the donation "Can" at every District meeting!

Group Tax Exemption Renewal "GTEP"

If your group uses GTEP please go to the CGCI website to renew by the end of this month. The information to renew is found under Member Benefits.

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Palomar's Floral Design Forum

Palomar's Floral Design Forum is held at:
Rancho Penasquitos Library 13330 Salmon River Rd, San Diego, CA

The program for the 2023-24 season is available [here](#).

***January 8, 2024 Jon Martinez, Professional, lead designer Pacific Events.** Creative learning. Don't miss his fast paced, ever changing ideas.

February 5, 2024 Welcome to **Debra Warriner from the Ichiro School of Ikebana.** Learn some of the changes from other schools and appreciate the beauty and elegance of design.

March 4, 2024, A special designer, **Dyanna Madro, brings Miniatures.** aka **Petite Designs.** NGC Master, Flower Show Judge & Winningest Designer at the San Diego Fair this year.

April 1, 2024 "FLOWER POWER" Our most popular Program. Watch as 4 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.

May 6, 2024 – The "Grand Finale" "garden club" designer(s) will inspire, educate and WOW you with their exploration into the world of design.

[The Floral Design Forum can be found here on our District Website.](#)

Palomar District Directory Updates & Corrections

Page 4: Treasurer's email:
palomardisttreasurer@gmail.com

Page 11: Crown Garden Club of Coronado
Treasurer: Lisa Daniels nadolisa692@gmail.com

Page 12: Dos Valles Garden Club
Spelling correction on President's name: Robyn Shultz
Spelling correction on Treasurer's name: Lacie Moretti

Page 13: Lakeside Garden Club
Correction on President : Jean Cabanilla 760-562-2629 j_cabanilla@hotmail.com

Page 14: Point Loma Garden Club
Co-President: Gail Trimble 619-823-1011 trimble.gail@gmail.com
Co-President: Audrey Clark 619-917-7432 audrey.g.clark@gmail.com

Page 15: Poway Valley Garden Club
Correction to Board Meeting: Via Zoom
Ramona Garden Club, Correction on member count: 79

Page 17: Village Garden Club of La Jolla
Correction to meeting location: 4321 East Gate Mall, San Diego, CA 92121

Page 18: Coronado Floral Association
Correction to Treasurer: Fran Rogers franrogers25@gmail.com
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Correction to Representative email: ccveech@gmail.com
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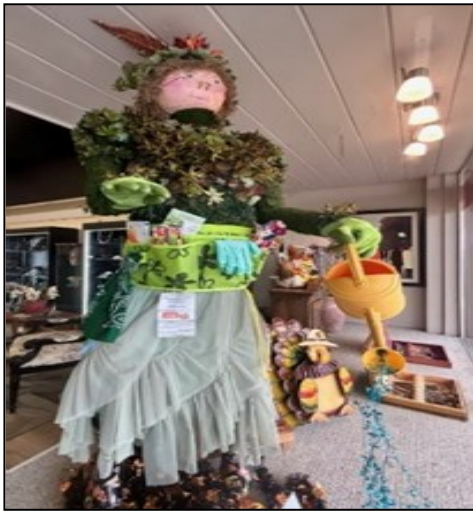
Club Corner

Festive Times with Fallbrook Garden Club

Fallbrook is an unincorporated area in the northeast corner of San Diego County. The Fallbrook Garden Club (FGC) was established in 1931, making FGC a charter member of what is today California Garden Clubs, Inc. Mabel Richardson was the first President of FGC. During October and December, FGC is all about community.

October festivities start with **Scarecrow Days** and the Harvest Faire, which the Club has participated in for 12 years.

Local businesses and organizations create many scarecrows. They are displayed throughout the town from October 1 until the end of the month, on the sidewalks, shop windows, or even on top of buildings. Beginning in August, FGC's members started working on "Mabel," the scarecrow. This year, members created "Mabel the Gardener". Her jacket was covered in succulents.



"Mabel, The gardener"



FGC's booth at the Harvest Faire

In the middle of October is the **Fallbrook Harvest** Faire, where FGC members volunteered at the Club's booth promoting the benefits of being a member, as well as the CGCI and NGC projects, while handing out handmade packets of California wildflower seeds to the visitors. The Club shared the booth with Fallbrook Fire Safety Council as a community service. The visitors were educated on how to prevent fire risks. They were told about a chipping event where all their trimmings/cuttings would be chipped free of charge, thus helping clear their properties from fire danger.

At the **FGC Pumpkin Succulent Workshop**, San Diego County Sheriff's Volunteer Patrol, and Club members worked together at a member's home, decorating 25 pumpkins with donated succulent cuttings from member's gardens. Then, the sheriff's volunteers delivered the pumpkins to the community's homebound a week before Halloween.

The assorted decorated pumpkins were made for the San Diego County Sheriff's YANA (You Are Not Alone) Program. FGC has been decorating the pumpkins for the YANA program for over 10 years



Members decorating pumpkins