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Director's Theme:

**Gardening
Having a Hard Time?**

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Director's Message

Message from the Director

I attended a Dedication of Blue Star Memorial Marker on Memorial Day installed by the Vista Garden club in Brengle Park in Vista. The plaque is installed in an area in the park planted with draught tolerant California native plants, and planted by members of the Vista Garden Club. Most of the plants are seedlings now and it's a work in progress. It's easy to visualize how beautiful the landscape will be in a few years. The dedication of the Blue Star Memorial was done by Robin Pokorski, the President of CGCI.

This was the second Blue Star Memorial Dedication I have attended and each time I found it to be a deeply moving experience. I will be attending another one next month that President Pokorski will again be dedicating. It is her wish to be able to do the dedication ceremony for all of the Blue Star Memorial Markers that are installed in the State. I cannot tell you which club will be doing the installation because the members are surprising one of their members with the plaque placement.

On June 6th, I am driving to Woodland Hills to attend the State Convention and I am eagerly looking forward to seeing the many acquaintances that I met at last year's convention. I will be reporting to you at our Organizational meeting on June 23rd. See you then.

Jerry Thirloway, District Director





Palomar District Organizational Meeting:
June 23, 2008

Where: Casa del Prado, Room 104
San Diego Floral Library
Balboa Park
Please Note Room Change

Time: 9:30 AM Coffee and Danish
10:00 Meeting

Each club is encouraged to attend this lively, ground-covering meeting. It is here that our duties for the up-coming year are selected and the dates for them. We should also find out the meeting sites and programs to be provided. We also are informed of the mission of CGCI, Region and NGC within the framework of this District. The Director will be giving us the report from CGCI's convention held June 5-9, 2008 and anything that pertains to our District. Awards are given out to any club who entered and won at CGCI level. So do plan to join us, especially the club presidents, editors and delegates.

Please be advised to remember that you need to send in the information on your club to our Yearbook Editor, Cielo Foth ASAP. She needs this information to prepare the Interim Yearbook to distribute to each club at the June Organizational Meeting. Your assistance will be appreciated.

We have a brand new club to make welcome into the Palomar District family. San Diego Garden Club held its initial brunch meeting on April 19, 2008. (They are located on Date Street downtown and will bring a valuable array of gardening expertise to share). We hope they will be joining us at the Organizational Meeting this June.

National Garden Clubs, Inc., **Landscape Design Study Program**, Course 1 and 2 will be held in Temecula this September. Course 1 will be on September 2-3 and Course 2 will follow immediately on September 4-5. Both courses

will be from 8:30 AM to 5 PM at the Temecula Public Library Community Room, 30600 Pauba Road., Temecula.

To obtain a flyer; a brochure and the schedule of events, log onto www.californiagardenclubs.org and click on Calendars and Events, then scroll down to Educational Schools and then down to Landscape Design Study. Everything is there.

Flower Show School – Class 1
Aug. 21-23, 2008

Palomar District and Southwestern Judges Council unite to sponsor a badly needed Flower Show School, August 21-23, 2008 at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas. Annuals/biennials, and cacti & succulents, specifically sunflowers and sedum will be feature in Class I along with instruction on Traditional Designs. Classes will be taught by nationally recognized instructors, Tina Tuttle and Gina Jogan. Great teachers from the east coast right in our own backyard. This is the first of four classes that will be taught at Quail. The School is not only designed for aspiring Flower Show Judges but also for anyone involved in Flower Shows and gardening in general. There is a one day fee for those wanting to study only design or horticulture. This is an opportunity not to be missed! Meet others interested in what you are interested in and bring a friend.

*A brochure with all the details is available at www.cagardenclubs.org.
Come Join the Summer Fun !!*

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CGCI News

CGCI is anticipating its convention on June 5-9, 2008 at the Hilton Woodland Hills. Robin Pokorski has once again ensured a Parliamentary workshop for those of you who have missed it. They are really well done and informative. Not dry at all! There will be a tour of the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden and the *Trail of Trees*, and a Blue Star Memorial Marker dedication. The popular Awards Banquet and exhibit rooms. Multiple workshops will be offered for all members attending. There will also be business meetings, of course and the final banquet on Sunday evening. The convention is a great place to learn, meet new people and listen to everyone's joys and problems. It is packed full of information and fun. Our District Director will be there to lend his able hand.

The Fall Board meeting will be held on September 8-11, in Grass Valley. If you are planning on a vacation up in the Gold mining area, you might consider attending for a day or so. The Holiday Inn Express will be the destination just in case.

Are you joining in the fun of planting heirloom flowers and vegetables this season? If so, remember to document it with photos during their growth and send them to Sharon Thorne who is the chair for CGCI's entry in the Pacific Region's Unified Project *Planting Heirloom Seeds*.

CGCI is looking for members who would like to join the Board of Directors. There are some chairmanships open and a couple can be done in the comfort of your own home and you would not be required at board meetings, but would be most welcome. Just contact Robin Pokorski at Robin@juno.com

At the Fall Board meeting, there is an opportunity for Consultants to refresh your certificates. Grass Valley has a superb line-up of speakers and a great tour.



Regional News

The Pacific Region's convention was held this year in Portland, Oregon. A tour up and down the beautiful Columbia River followed to the delight of everyone who attended.

Congratulations are due to the states in the Pacific Region who received 16 *Let's Go Native* NGC/Principal Financial Group grants. The grants from \$300 to \$1000 totaled \$7250.



National News

A project designed to fulfill the NGC mission of civic responsibility is Penny Pines. From its beginning in California it has expanded to all 50 states since 2004. Reforestation should be a priority of all. The obvious benefits are the air quality changes that trees bring to the environment as well as soil retention which helps eliminate mud slides.

Barbara May, NGC President

Landscape Design Study Courses offered in our District begin this September. NGC has sanctioned Course 1 and 2, to be held in Temecula on September 2-3 and September 4-5, 2008. CGCI State Chairman, Pat Clayes will assist with the exams. Felicia Hogan and Pat Clayes have worked very hard at putting together this marvelous assortment of classes and lectures. For more information please contact Pat at patclayes@aol.com or Felicia at Felicia10@roadrunner.com. The Temecula Public Library Community Room at 30600 Pauba Rd., Temecula is the meeting site.

*If Nature put not forth her power
About the opening of the flower,
Who is it that could live an hour?
Alfred Tennyson*



Events

June, 2008

- 1-7 National Garden Week.**
5-9 CGCI 77th convention. Woodland Hills, Hilton Hotel. Chair: Rita Disilets, 818-781-4537 or Rita@neteze.com. Special guest: Barbara May, NGC President. *Gardening, A Global Link.*
- 8** Learn from award-winning designer David Root as he teaches abstractions and manipulation of unusual plant material. These tips and tricks will make you look like a pro. Bring a floral knife, clippers, wire cutters, and scissors. All other materials will be provided. Cost: Members \$55, non-members \$60. Advanced registration required. Call 760/ 4363036 x206.
- 14** Historic Garden Tour of Six Gardens in Point Loma and Mission Hills presented by San Diego Floral Association. 10 – 4. \$15 presale or \$20 on the day of event. Tickets at Mission Hills, Walter Andersen, Kniffings and Weidner Nurseries. For more: 619-232-5762 or www.sdfloral.org.
- 14 thru July 6** San Diego County Fair containing a complete Flower and Garden Show. San Diego Horticulture Society, San Diego Rose Society, San Diego Floral Society and many other local groups will be represented.
- 14** San Diego Horticulture Society presents Robert Herald will present images and narrative about his tour guide last June of the best gardens in Philadelphia. \$5 non-members. www.sdhortsoc.org. 760-295-7089.
- 21** Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. 10-3. 858-694-2860.
- 23 Palomar District** Organizational Meeting. Casa del Prado. 9:30 coffee. 10 AM meeting. **Room 104.**

July, 2008

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- 23-25** Flower Show symposium, San Mateo. Contact: Shane Looper, 650-871-0172 or SLooper@sbcglobal.net.

August, 2008

- 1-2** Gardening Study School, Course 2, Series 20. Soka University, Aliso Viejo. Betty Jackson, 949-589-9077 or betty@andersonjacksongroup.com
- 11** SD Hort Society presents Pat Welsh and *The Secret Life of Cool-Season Crops*. This is specially geared to winter vegetables. \$5 non-members.
- 21-23** Flower Show School, Course 1, Encinitas. Contact: Laura Crenshaw, 619-435-1631 LRock1221sbcglobal.net

September, 2008

- 2-3 NGC's Landscape Design Study Program, Course 1.** 8:30 – 5. Temecula Public Library Community Room, 30600 Pauba Rd., Temecula 92592.
- 4-5 NGC's Landscape Design Study Program, Course 2.** 8:30-5. Temecula Public Library Community Room, 30600 Pauba Rd., Temecula 92592. Open to all students, both members and non-members to its educational program in landscape design under the guidance of CGCI. Sponsor: Palomar District. Chairman: Felicia Hogan, 4188 Carleton Way, Temecula, 92592. 951-587-8181 or Felicia10@roadrunner.com
- 8-11 CGCI Fall Board meeting.** (A change from GG/4-1-08). Grass Valley.
- 23-25** Flower Show School, Course 3, Modesto. Registrar: Nancy Smith, nancy@dsmiths.net or Judi Picinini, jpicinini@aol.com

March 31 – April 2, 2009

Pacific Region Convention.
Las Vegas, NV.

January 2010

CGCI Winter Board Meeting,
San Diego. Time and Place TBA.

April 22=24, 2010

Pacific Region Convention,
Spokane, WA



CGCI President Robin Pokorski and Director Thirloway at dedication of Blue Star Memorial in Brengle Park, Vista, May 2008.



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