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**It's Easy Being Green**

September, 2009



## Director's Message

Welcome back! It gives me great pleasure to once again congratulate Mission Hills Garden Club for winning the CGCI membership contest and to all of the clubs that made it possible for the District to bring home the certificate for the largest increase in District-wide membership so "Let them have cake...!" We will be celebrating this wonderful accomplishment at our Fall Board Meeting, October 26. Robin Pokorski and George Speer will be bringing the cake and Rita Desilets, CGCI 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President/Membership Chairman, will also be on hand. Does your club have a membership chairman? If so, why not invite them to join us at the October meeting and maybe treat them to lunch as a way of saying thank you for a job well done. And don't forget to wear your "Halloween Hat" and enter the contest. See the article inside for all the details.

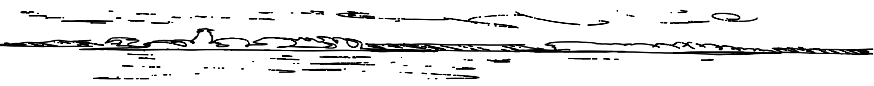
And don't sit down yet, because as soon as we get through the Fall Board meeting it will be time to host the CGCI Winter Board meeting, January 8-10, 2010. Details in the following article and in upcoming e-mails.

And "thank you" again to all who attended the Leadership Workshop (32 members representing 13 clubs). It was a huge success and I sense many would like to see it repeated in some format...we will work on that (after January). Thanks to George Speer and Joan Patten for their parliamentary and financial knowledge and remember all of us are available if you would like a presentation tailored to your club.

It's been a busy summer and will be an even busier fall and winter but hopefully we will all learn together and most important have **FUN!** We have made some changes to the way the district functions and lots more are coming including the tedious task of reviewing/revising our district bylaws. Stay tuned.

*Jane*

Correction to Palomar District Yearbook  
Page 5 – Organizational Meeting is **June 21**, 2010, not June 28  
*Apologies from the Editor!*





## Palomar District Fall Meeting, October 26, 2009

**Where:** Windmill Restaurant  
890 Palomar Airport Rd.,  
Carlsbad

**Time:** 10:30 AM

**Agenda:** Business meeting. Lunch; then  
*Hats off to Halloween!!!*

**Program:** *Let them have Cake . . .* with  
Robin Pokorski and George  
Speer.

**Host:** Palomar District Executive  
Board

**Special Guests:** Robin Pokorski, George Speer  
and Rita Desilets

(We are celebrating the District's win in the CGCI membership contest—"It's the Cake AND the Frosting too!")

Please note the following changes to the District Meeting format:

**NO** "nametag" and "registration" assignments. Wear club nametag (blank tags will be available); District treasurer will coordinate luncheon check-in.

**NO** \$15 donation from "host" clubs for the raffle  
Agenda, minutes and financial report will be sent electronically before the meeting

**Sales tables:** Vista, Dos Valles, Fallbrook, Mira Costa, Carlsbad & Temecula *may* have sales tables (they would have been the "host" clubs under old system)

**Centerpieces/Table décor:** *Each club attending* (that could be 21 of you!) is asked to bring something to decorate ONE TABLE; item will be raffled; it can be a plant, craft item (birdhouse, garden sign etc), floral arrangement etc; should be decorated for Halloween. **CHALLENGE:** do not spend more than \$5 – use something from your club's stash of stuff and spruce it up with pumpkins or orange ribbon.

**Hat Contest:** Wear a hat decorated for Halloween and enter the contest...modest prizes will be awarded for Most Creative, Scariest and Most Beautiful (or something like that).

**Deadline:** Cost for the lunch is \$25 per member and is due into Joan Patten by October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Coming Up: CGCI Winter Board Meeting

January 7-10, 2010

The Dana on Mission Bay  
1710 West Mission Bay Drive, (next to Sea World)

**Theme:** Water and Fire

**HOST:** Palomar District

**T**HIS IS THE BIG EVENT for the year!  
**Chairman:** Joan Blankenship, 858-488-5618,  
[jblankenship@san.rr.com](mailto:jblankenship@san.rr.com).

The committee chairmen are in place, the perfect venue has been selected and now it will be time for all members in the District clubs to step up and offer their assistance. There are many opportunities for everyone to become caught up in. Meeting other gardeners from all over the state is truly a FUN happening.

## AND FOR THE FIRST TIME...

Palomar District will hold its Winter Board Meeting during this weekend.

**When:** Saturday, January 9, 2010

**Where:** The Dana

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Agenda:** Business meeting

**Guests:** CGCI District Directors & Club Presidents from other districts

Following the District meeting, you are invited to attend lunch, any of the workshops scheduled for the afternoon and/or stay for dinner and program Saturday evening. Details on costs for meals will be available soon.

As hosts we will need volunteers for:

-Registration table (Thursday afternoon, Friday all day and Saturday morning...suggest clubs close to the venue might fill the Thur/Fri slots)

-Raffle tickets and drawing

-Act as "host" at a table—lunch or dinner

## Raffle Prizes Needed

Raffle Chairman: Susan Puma

[swpuma@puma-appsci.com](mailto:swpuma@puma-appsci.com).

One easy and successful way for Districts hosting a CGCI meeting to raise funds is to sponsor a raffle. Each Palomar club is asked to contribute one item or basket of goodies. Examples: a wine basket (perhaps featuring local area wines), a gourmet appetizer basket, a gardening assortment or a single item such as an art piece...the more imaginative, the better. Please note that many of those attending the

meeting will be flying in or carpooling so, bear in mind weight and size. Also, potted plants, if included, should not be larger than 4 inches. Non-perishable items/baskets may be brought to the Fall Board meeting or to The Dana on Thursday, January 7, 2010. Thanks in advance for your fantastic basket.

## San Diego Floral Association

Oct. 20, 7:00 PM. Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

Program: Amy Stewart's new book, *Flower Confidential*, explores the fascinating intersection of nature and technology in the international flower market. She will share with us her travels around the globe to discover how this market works and how it has changed the nature of flowers and our experience with them. Don't miss this author of four award winning books as she presents a mind-stretching evening about flowers, a topic dear to all members and friends. S DFA members, friends and the public are invited to attend this free lecture.

### Floral Design Forum 2009-2010

**Chairman: Marcia Townsend**

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First Monday of the Month

October - May

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Carlsbad Women's Club

3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad, CA 92008

- Oct. 5** Bob Gordon, AIFD, San Louis Obispo. Past President, CGCI. Bob is a favorite of our group. "What's Your Flowers Signature?" will be his topic.
- Nov. 2** Gudy Kimmel, Award winning designer, instructor and Flower Show Master Judge. "The Splendors of Fall's Wonders".
- Dec. 7** They're back. Don't miss "Flower Power". Three NGC designers creating designs with unknown containers and plant material. Also their signature designs.
- Jan. 4** Pauline Sechi, California Garden Clubs, 2008-2009, "Creative Flower Arranger of the Year" will

present "Designs In A Contemporary Manner"

- Feb. 1** Mitsuko Takeya, Ikebana Instructor. Come see the beauty simplicity can bring to your designs.
- March 1** Just in time for helping with ideas to finish off your designs for this year's flower shows. Our own Palomar District NGC Designers will be creating and answering questions about designs from the NGC Flower Show Handbook.
- April 5** Joy Parker, from Joy4Designs in the state of Washington. How to take your designs one step above, with man made materials.
- May 3** Diana Calvillo de Chapa, award winning sculptor and designer from Monterrey, Mexico. Her program will be "Impressions of Mexico". Don't miss this exciting colorful program.

*Thou visitest the earth and watered it . . .  
Thou waterest its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth . . .*

*The pastures of the wilderness drip,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,  
the meadows clothe themselves with  
flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.*

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## CGCI FALL BOARD MEETING September 10-13, Concord Hilton: a recap

### Highlights:

- 2010-11 liability insurance rates reduced
  - \$1.00 per capita (was \$1.50)
  - Additional insured certificate - \$20 (was \$30)
  - Late fee - \$20 (was \$25)
  - Minimum premium for small clubs of less than 20 members - \$25 (was \$35)
- Ratified 5 clubs for 501c3 group exemption including Bonita Valley GC (brings total to 111 clubs throughout the state)
- Ratified 7 new clubs (including Master Gardeners of SD)
- CGCI now has toll free telephone number: 888-702-2075; currently goes to voice mail and CGCI President will respond; set up so anyone can be assigned to respond.
- 3-year calendars now available (2011-13); \$5 each, including plastic cover; contact George Speer or District Director will take orders through December for pick up at Winter Board.
- Effective July 1, 2010 Golden Gardens publications schedule will change to quarterly (4 issues instead of 5 per year), full color, subscription price remains the same - \$6.00 per year/individual or \$5.00 per year/per subscription for 100% clubs.



## Regional News

**Sandy Ford** was installed as the new Pacific Region Director in June of 2009. She

has been very active in Idaho Garden Clubs as their Treasurer and Awards Chairman (both very exacting positions). Congratulations.

As part of the NGC's push to plant daffodils, Sandy encourages all of us to think about ordering them now. It would be nice to donate and plant some at your local senior centers, nursing or assisted living homes. The joy they bring will be continued for years.



## National News

**Renee Blaschke**, of Smithville, TX was installed the 41<sup>st</sup> President of NGC at the 2009 convention in

Houston. Robin Pokorski, immediate past president of CGCI was installed as the NGC Recording Secretary. In addition the CGCI Landscape Design Council brought home the prestigious Herbert Bond Owens silver trophy for the most outstanding program of continuing landscape design education. Mary Lou Goodwin, LDC Chairman, Greg Pokorski, LDC Treasurer, Robin Pokorski, CGCI Past President and Pat Clayes, LDC Secretary were on hand to accept the award. The CGCI Council was selected as the best in the nation for organizing two Landscape Design Schools, presenting 20 Certificates of Honor to individuals and companies for good land use and outstanding gardens, offering tours and enrichment lectures for LD consultants at CGCI Board Meetings and Conventions, and presenting an Educational Display at club, district meetings, and county fairs.

Congratulations to the newly accredited NGC Landscape Design Consultants from Palomar District:

Barbara Hayes -- Temecula Valley GC  
Felicia Hogan -- Temecula Valley GC  
Marj Myers -- San Carlos GC  
Susan Puma -- Temecula Valley GC  
George Speer -- Dos Valles GC  
Deedee (Jean) Speer - Dos Valley GC  
Pam Tharaldson -- Temecula Valley GC

**O**ur new NGC President's motto is: *The World Around Us --- Love it--- Beautify It --- Protect It*. She requests of all of us to share and spread golden rays of sunshine on those dedicated members who for years have been contributing, active members across this country. Many are now no longer in their homes or unable to physically garden any longer. Reward them, won't you? Bring some sunshine into their lives, take a potted daffodil. Also, encourage your club to adopt a facility; a hospital, public building or a Blue Star site, in your town where you can share these rays of sunshine. One bulb at a time. Also remember the children. Expose them to nature and all Her wonders. Create a childhood memory for them. They are our future.

## September, 2009

- 22-23 Gardening Study School, Course 1.  
Golden Foothills District, Loomis.  
29- **NGC** Fall Board Meeting, St Louis, MO.  
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## October, 2009

- 3-4 Sustainable Gardening symposium  
organized by the Pacific Horticultural  
Foundation  
5 Floral Design Forum.  
26 Fall District meeting. The Windmill.

## November, 2009

- 2 Floral Design Forum.

## December, 2009

- 4-5 December Nights --- Balboa Park.  
7 Floral Design Forum.

## January 2010

- 4 Floral Design Forum.  
7-10 **CGCI Winter Board Meeting**, The  
Dana, San Diego. Joan Blankenship,  
Chairman [jblankenship@san.rr.com](mailto:jblankenship@san.rr.com)  
9 Palomar District meeting at The Dana  
on Mission Bay.

## February, 2010

- 1 Floral Design Forum.  
18-20 Flower Show School IV with Gina Jogan  
and Tina Tuttle at Quail Gardens,  
Encinitas. Laura Crenshaw,  
[lrock1221@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lrock1221@sbcglobal.net) registrar.  
26-28 Spring Home/Garden Show, Del Mar

## March 2010

- 1 Floral Design Forum.  
24-28 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show  
San Mateo Event Center.

## April, 2010

- 5 Floral Design Forum.  
10 Ramona GC Garden Tour/Plant Sale.  
8-11 California State Flower & Garden Show  
Cal Expo, Sacramento  
CGCI statewide flower show "A Walk  
Through California"  
17 Mira Costa Hort club Plant Sale,  
Oceanside, WalMart.  
17-18 Coronado Flower Show (Crown GC).  
20-21 Gardening Study School, Course 2.  
Golden Foothills District, Loomis.

- 22-24 Pacific Region Convention, Washington  
State Federation of Garden Clubs hosts  
the convention in Spokane, Washington  
at the **Red** Lion Hotel right on the **river!**  
24-25 Dos Valles Flower Show/Plant Sale.

## May, 2010

- 3 Floral Design Forum.  
8 Mission Hills GC Garden Walk.  
12 *Bonita In Bloom* Garden Tour, Bonita  
Valley GC.  
14-16 **NGC** Convention, Atlanta, Georgia.

## June, 2010

- 4 Carlsbad GC Garden Tour.  
4-7 **CGCI** Convention, Westlake Village  
Hyatt, Channel Islands District,  
Westlake Village.  
21 Palomar District organizational meeting,  
Casa del Prado, Room 101, Balboa  
Park. *Please note this different than the  
Yearbook.*

## September, 2010

- TBA** **CGCI** Fall Board meeting. Host: Valley  
Lode District.  
21-22 Gardening Study School, Course 3,  
Golden Foothills District, Loomis.  
23-26 **NGC** Fall Board meeting.



A sign of pure nature:  
a Chrysalis complete  
with thread. Taken in a  
new succulent  
planting.

Deadline for the next Palomar Pruner will be  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Please send your articles to  
the editor at [jblankenship@san.rr.com](mailto:jblankenship@san.rr.com)