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*Director's Theme:*

## It's Easy Being Green

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<http://palomardistrict.tripod.com>

**gar-den-ing** (gard'ning): n. *the art of killing weeds and bugs to grow flowers and crops for animals and birds to eat.*

## Spring 2010

### From the Director's Desk....



Happy New Year to all!

Once again a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported and/or attended the CGCI Winter Board meeting. Special thanks to Chairman Joan Blankenship and her merry band of elves that made it happen:

*Tour: Jerry Thirloway, Floral Design Coordinator: Pauline Sechi, Opportunity Drawing: Susan Puma, President's Reception: Jerry & Geri Mae Thirloway, Hosts: Marcia Townsend, Tote Bags: Betsy Corey, Programs/speakers: Joan Blankenship, Audio/Video: George Speer, Sales Tables: Lynne Batchelor, Pages: Deedee Speer, Appreciation Booklets: Wilma Parker and Treasurer: Joan Patten*

The experiment in holding our own winter meeting in conjunction with the CGCI meeting worked and several other districts are contemplating the same scenario when their turn comes to host a state board meeting. So once again Palomar District is on the "cutting edge" (or maybe just teetering on the edge).

And speaking of experiments, you will find a new column in this issue under the heading "Club Corner..." featuring excerpts from the presidents reports. What a lot of stuff you are doing...it certainly made me tired just to listen, but it's also what makes me proud to represent this district and be able to pass along your activities and accomplishments to colleagues around the state.

The wonderful rain will make it really easy to be green this spring and I look forward to your flower shows and garden tours. Don't forget the CGCI convention is June 4-7 in nearby Westlake Village and we will see you at the District summer meeting June 21.

Enjoy your garden...

*Jane*

### **PALOMAR DISTRICT WANTS YOU!**

*We're looking for five people to serve on the Nominating Committee. If you are willing/available to serve, let your Director know by March 15...otherwise we might just draw names!*



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## PALOMAR DISTRICT

### Summer Meeting Monday, June 21, 2010

**Where:** Casa del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (9:30 – coffee!)

**Agenda:** *General Business meeting:* Report from CGCI convention; Awards; bylaws  
*Workshop:* New officer orientation (parliamentary procedure, district/state info, finances); Roundtable discussion

**Lunch:** “Brown bag”

**Who should attend:** District officers and committee chairmen, ALL club presidents (incoming and outgoing) and delegates. Club treasurers or other members are welcome.

This will be a combined general business meeting and planning/orientation session for the coming year. Please plan to stay for the entire time

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## CLUB CORNER...

### Bernardo Gardeners:

Club yearbook incorporated original artwork by club members including the full-color cover painting of a member’s garden done by two artists. Owners of gardens on the annual garden tour receive a book of photos of the gardens taken the day of the tour.

### Fallbrook GC:

Established a program to award monies to garden-related nonprofit groups in their community. Beneficiaries this year are Friends of the Fallbrook Library (garden books for the new library), Save Our Trees group and the Fallbrook Beautification Alliance.

### La Jolla GC:

Is participating the the NGC project “Daffodils Across America”. Some 200 bulbs were planted in front of the church where they hold their meetings; future plantings will feature narcissis to facilitate naturalization.

### Mission Hills GC:

Created a brochure of examples of drought tolerant gardens in the community; the gardens are easily visible from the street.

### Ramona GC:

For the second year the club “shared” a general meeting with Poway Valley GC; are in process of creating a club cookbook which will include “heirloom” recipes handed down from family members.

### San Carlos GC:

Held their annual Christmas luncheon and auction to benefit the scholarship fund; will hold a flower and art show at the San Carols Library in April.

### San Dieguito GC:

Has begun the redesign of the therapy garden at Scripps Hospital using drought tolerant plants; held a “Tea in the Garden” fundraiser; decorated the gazebo and Christmas tree at the San Diego Botanic Garden and created centerpieces for the SDBG Benefactor Dinner.

### Temecula Valley GC:

They are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary; experimenting with co-presidents; published thei second cookbook in partnership with a local olive oil company; teamed with the local Rose Society for their annual flower show; provide seeds, fertilizer and soil amendmets to a local middle school for their garden.

### Village GC of La Jolla:

Sponsoring the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Meet the Masters in March with featured speaker Nancy Clarke, former Chief Floral Designer at the White House.

*If you have questions about any of these programs or projects, please contact the club...I’m sure they would be willing to share their experiences.*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

## WILMA PARKER

...on her induction into CGCI’s “Circle of Poppies” at Winter Board...a special honor bestowed on those who have given extraordinary length of service to CGCI and confers a permanent position on the Board of Directors. Nominees must be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board. Wilma becomes the 7<sup>th</sup> member of this esteemed group and it is a well-deserved recognition.



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## CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC

**March 24-28:**

### San Francisco Flower & Garden Show

San Mateo Event Center - *“Flower Lobby”* - Slow down as you walk through the lobby and take in expert floral design from California Garden Clubs, Inc.

(CGCI) [www.sfgardenshow.com](http://www.sfgardenshow.com)

**April 7-9:**

### Flower Show Symposium

Sacramento, CA

Contact: Gloria Aminian, 661-833-8176 or

[GAminian@bak.rr.com](mailto:GAminian@bak.rr.com)



**April 8-11:**

### 7<sup>th</sup> Standard Flower Show

#### *“A Walk Through California”*

Part of the California State Flower & Garden Show at Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA (in conjunction with the Flower Show Symposium)

Advance registration required for all entries

Deadline – March 30

Contact: Shane Looper (650) 871-0172

Dolores Moffat (925) 556-5449

**June 4-7:**

### CGCI 79<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION

**Where:** Hyatt Hotel, Westlake Village, CA

**Host:** Channel Islands District

**Co-Chairmen:** Jean Reilly & Beverly Brune

**Highlights:** Awards Night, Judges Council Banquet, Youth Luncheon. Tours: Reagan Library/Air Force One, Getty Museum/Malibu...and more...

**April 28**

CGCI President Maryanne Lucas will present **Landscape Design Award** to the City of Solana Beach for drought tolerant design of the **Solana Beach Coastal Rail Trail**  
4pm – Cliff Street Bridge

CGCI Website: [www.californiagardenclubs.org](http://www.californiagardenclubs.org)

Publication: *Golden Gardens*

## PACIFIC REGION

Washington, Alaska, California,  
Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, Hawaii



**April 22-24:**

### 66<sup>th</sup> Pacific Region Convention

Red Lion Inn, Spokane, WA

Highlights: Tours: High tea/lunch, historic Davenport Hotel, Spokane City gardens; Leavenworth, WA; Design Banquet – Ikebana

*Did you know that since the 1930s Spokane has been known as the “Lilac City”? The Lilac Festival is held each year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May. Something to think about if you are planning a trip to the Northwest.*

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**Ever wondered what clubs, districts and states in our region do? Here’s a sample...**

Nevada: a Plant it Pink project at UNLV with the Women’s Softball team – pink snapdragons and tulips were planted at the stadium; a Golden Days project is being created at the “Touch and Smell Garden for the Blind”.

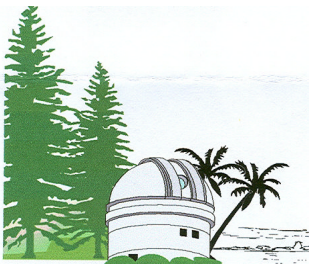
Washington: the Federation offices are housed in State Headquarters House built in 1898; the annual gala will feature designer Mary Huntoon.

Alaska: Their SIX (that’s not a typo) member clubs in the state federation are scattered over 1300 miles and have only the short summer growing season to garden. Talk about challenges! But they manage to include plant sales, flower shows and community beautification projects.

Arizona: Promoting the increased use of websites for clubs, participation in Home/Garden Shows and youth gardening.

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*Do you subscribe to WACONIAH, the Pacific Region newsletter? See [www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org) for details.*



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## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

**May 14-16**

NGC Convention

Omni Hotel, Atlanta GA

See [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) for details



### NGC Projects:

#### **GOLDEN DAYS**

*The Golden Days project promotes and encourages the plantings of daffodils with emphasis on remembering senior members. Clubs are also encourage to develop mass plantings of daffodils at retirement centers, public buildings, Blue Star Memorial sites, etc.*

#### **BEAUTIFY BLIGHT**

*Beautify Blight is designed to encourage garden clubs, districts and/or regions to partner with community leaders or government agencies AND one or more organized youth group/s to identify a blighted or unsightly area within their community and develop it into a community garden area.*

#### **PLANT IT PINK**

*National Garden Clubs Inc. and Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the largest breast cancer organization, announce Plant It Pink, a multi-faceted initiative designed to support Susan G. Komen for the Cure's mission to save lives and end breast cancer forever.*

Would your club like to get involved in one of these projects? Go to [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) and click on "special projects".

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**Annual:** *Any plant that dies before blooming*

**Perennial:** *Any plant which, had it lived, would have bloomed year after year.*

And don't forget our own District projects:

***Petals for Patriots:*** Distributing flower arrangements monthly to Balboa Naval Hospital and the Camp Pendleton Wounded Warriors Center. Want to join in or know more? Contact Meridith French ([frenchfoto@cox.net](mailto:frenchfoto@cox.net)) south county, or Ellen McGrath-Thorpe ([carlsbadgardenclub@hotmail.com](mailto:carlsbadgardenclub@hotmail.com)) north county

***Speaker/Tour listing:*** Need a program or tour idea? The listing has been distributed to all clubs and is also available on request. To obtain a copy or submit an entry contact Ellen McGrath-Thorpe ([carlsbadgardenclub@hotmail.com](mailto:carlsbadgardenclub@hotmail.com))

### Palomar District Man and Woman of the Year

Nominations for the MOTY/WOTY award are now being accepted. The award is given to a member of a District Club in recognition of exceptional or significant service to the District. The recipient does not have to have served in an official District capacity (elected office, chairmanship etc). Nominations may be submitted via letter or e-mail to Evalyn Rodgers, 1518 Calle Orquideas, Encinitas, CA 92024 or e-mail: [evalyn7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evalyn7@sbcglobal.net). Deadline – April 1, 2010. The award will be presented at the June 21 meeting. Previous recipients are listed on pages 21-22 of the District yearbook.

**Seed:** *costly, but highly nutritious form of bird food sold in handsome packets printed with colorful pictures of flowers and vegetables.*



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## CALENDAR 2010

### MARCH

- 1** **Palomar District Floral Design Forum**  
Designs from the NGC Handbook
- 4** **Village GC of La Jolla**  
“Meet the Masters – Nancy Clarke”  
[www.villagegardencluboflajolla.com](http://www.villagegardencluboflajolla.com)
- 24-28** **San Francisco Flower & Garden Show**  
San Mateo Event Center, San Mateo, CA  
[www.sfgardenshow.com](http://www.sfgardenshow.com)

### APRIL

- 5** **Palomar District Floral Design Forum**  
“Designing With Manmade Materials”  
Joy Parker, Washington
- 7-9** **Flower Show Symposium**  
Sacramento, CA
- 8-11** **California State Flower & Garden Show & CGCI Flower Show**  
“A Walk Through California”  
Cal Expo, Sacramento  
[www.calstategardenshow.com](http://www.calstategardenshow.com)
- 10** **Ramona GC Garden Tour/Plant Sale**
- 15** **Bernardo Gardeners Garden Tour**  
[www.bernardogardeners.org](http://www.bernardogardeners.org)
- 16-17** **San Carlos Flower Show**  
San Carlos Library
- 17** **Mira Cost Hort Club Plant Sale**  
Oceanside WalMart
- Poway Valley GC Flower Show**  
9am-3pm, Old Poway Park
- Encinitas Garden Festival & Tour**
- 17-18** **Coronado Flower Show**
- 20-21** **Gardening Study School, Course 2**  
Golden Foothills Dist, Loomis, CA
- 24-25** **Dos Valles Flower Show/Plant Sale**  
Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 9:30am-4pm  
31020 Cole Grade Rd, Valley Center  
[www.dosvallesgardenclub.org](http://www.dosvallesgardenclub.org)
- Fallbrook GC Flower Show**  
[www.fallbrookgardenclub.org](http://www.fallbrookgardenclub.org)
- 22-24** **Pacific Region Convention, Spokane, WA**

### MAY

- 1-2** **Vista GC Flower Show & Plant Sale**  
Sat 2-6pm; Sun 10am-4pm, Brengle Terrace Park Recreation Center, 1200 Vale Terrace, Vista  
[www.vistagardenclub.org](http://www.vistagardenclub.org)
- Temecula Valley GC Flower Show**  
[www.temeculavalleygardenclub.org](http://www.temeculavalleygardenclub.org)
- 3** **Palomar District Floral Design Forum**  
“Impressions of Mexico”  
Diana Calvillo de Chapa, Monterrey, MX
- 8** **Mission Hills GC GardenWalk**  
10am-4pm [mhgcgardenwalk@gmail.com](mailto:mhgcgardenwalk@gmail.com)  
[www.missionhillsgardenclub.org](http://www.missionhillsgardenclub.org)
- La Jolla GC Gardener’s Market**  
9am-2pm, Chase Bank Patio, Girard St
- 12** **“Bonita in Bloom” Garden Tour**  
Bonita Valley GC
- 14-16** **NGC Convention, Atlanta, GA**
- 22** **Fallbrook GC Garden Tour**  
[www.fallbrookgardenclub.org](http://www.fallbrookgardenclub.org)
- San Dieguito GC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

### JUNE

- 4** **Carlsbad GC Garden Tour**  
Details: [carlsbadgardenclub@hotmail.com](mailto:carlsbadgardenclub@hotmail.com)  
[www.carlsbadgardenclub.org](http://www.carlsbadgardenclub.org)
- 4-7** **CGCI Convention**  
**Westlake Village Hyatt**  
Westlake Village, CA
- 21** **Palomar District meeting, Casa del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park**
- 27** **San Diego Floral Design Competition**  
San Diego County Fair 10am-2pm  
Info: [speercgcimbrshp@aol.com](mailto:speercgcimbrshp@aol.com) or 760-212-6339

#### San Diego County Master Gardeners:

[www.mastergardenerssandiego.org](http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org)

March 27 - Spring Seminar

7:45am-3pm, University of San Diego

Come early for the best selection of ornamental and edible plants, bulbs, garden décor, and gently-used gardening books for sale to seminar attendees. Sale hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A secure hold area will be available to store purchases while you enjoy seminar sessions.

*(Did you know you can add your garden event to the Master Gardeners calendar?)*



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**Tickets will be sold at the door**

**The Village Garden Club of La Jolla**

## Meet the Masters 2010

is honored to present

**Nancy K. Clarke**

**Former White House Chief Floral Designer**

A lecture, demonstration & picture presentation of her career serving six United States Presidents

**Thursday, March 4, 2010**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Sherwood Auditorium, MCASD, La Jolla**

**Reception following at St. James Hall**

\$55 VGCLJ members \$65 non-members

Includes Lecture & Reception

Complimentary Valet Parking at all Events

\$250 per person Includes Private Cocktail Party

Wed. March 3rd in a La Jolla home

plus Lecture and Reception.

**Information & reservations visit our website**

[www.villagegardencluboflajolla.com](http://www.villagegardencluboflajolla.com) OR

call (760) 814-1410

OR mail check to:

**The Village Garden Club of La Jolla**

## Mission Hills Garden Club's Garden Walk

*"A Walk to Remember-Kate Sessions and her Legacy in Bankers' Hill"*

**Saturday, May 8, 2010**

10-2:30pm – Tickets - Mission Hills Nursery

1525 Ft Stockton Dr, San Diego

10-4pm – gardens open

2-5 pm – Wine in the Garden at Mission Hills Nursery!  
An inventory of Kate's favorite plants will be available for purchase as well as garden crafts, souvenirs and artists' raffle donations

Water and food vendors provided. Artists and musicians will be entertaining along the route

Advance ticket sales at Mission Hills Nursery, Walter Anderson's

Nursery, and Pay Pal on line after April 1

[www.missionhillsgardenclub.org](http://www.missionhillsgardenclub.org)



**Happy Anniversary**

**San Dieguito GC**

**50 Years!**

*San Dieguito Garden Club*

invites you to our

*"50th Anniversary Tea in the Garden"*



For Tickets: send check made out to San Dieguito Garden Club at 1105 Santa Maders Court, Solana Beach, CA 92075-1620

## 5th Annual Encinitas Garden Festival & Tour

Orpheus Park, Encinitas, CA

10am – 4pm

Gardeners Market FREE

Features a self-guided walking tour of more than 20 secluded gardens in the southern part of Leucadia, a community of Encinitas.

Advance garden tour reservations on sale March 1, 2010

### TICKETS

In advance: \$21 – adults; \$7 - children (up to age 10)

\*Day of event: \$25 – adults; \$10 – children

\*space available

[www.encinitasgardenfestival.org](http://www.encinitasgardenfestival.org)