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*Director's Theme:*

## It's Easy Being Green

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Website: <http://palomardistrict.tripod.com>

Major changes coming soon to our  
website...watch this space for details!

## Summer 2010



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

Hard to believe summer is here!

There are two reasons for the flags "flying" on our front page...the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is almost upon us – *Happy Birthday America!* And the newest addition to the **Blue Star** Memorial project was dedicated June 26 at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. Congratulations and thank you to the Point Loma Garden Club for this very special tribute to all who have served in the Armed Forces.

Did you know

- this is the 168<sup>th</sup> Blue Star Memorial or Marker in the state of California?
- the 15<sup>th</sup> in Palomar District? Can you find all 15?
- there are 18 dedicated Blue Star Memorial Highways in California?
- There are Blue Star Memorials and dedicated highways in all 50 states as part of a National Garden Club program?

To learn more about the Blue Star program check your CGCI Yearbook or the CGCI and NGC websites. See photos of the dedication later in this issue.

Congratulations also to all of the individuals and clubs honored with awards at the 2010 CGCI Convention. Keep up the good work.

The adoption of the bylaws changes at the June meeting means some major changes to the way we do business. See the District meeting report in this issue for details.

Thanks to all who submitted photos...what fun! We will try to have some in each issue.

*And on a personal note...happy 101<sup>st</sup> birthday to my Mom!*

*Jane*

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

Time to start thinking about electing officers for the 2011-13 term. If you are interested and willing to serve or would like to nominate someone, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

Ellen McGrath-Thorpe, Carlsbad GC [edellen@hotmail.com](mailto:edellen@hotmail.com) (760-931-9863)

Georgie Sutor, Ramona GC, [GeorgieHMA@aol.com](mailto:GeorgieHMA@aol.com) (760-788-5961)

Emily Troxell, Poway Valley GC, [etroxell@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:etroxell@mail.sdsu.edu) (858-748-1025)

Starr Rausch, Temecula Valley GC, [starrausch@verizon.net](mailto:starrausch@verizon.net) (951-677-4895)

Lynn Paine, Vista GC, [paineLJ@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paineLJ@sbcglobal.net) (760-724-1127)

Alternate: Suzanne Michel, Point Loma GC, (619-295-6850, no e-mail)



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## PALOMAR DISTRICT

### Fall Board Meeting Monday, September 27, 2010

**Where:** South Bay Botanical Garden  
Southwestern College  
900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Agenda:** **Business meeting**  
Distribution of materials from CGCI Fall  
Board Meeting

**Lunch:** Box lunch - \$TBD (we'll keep it low!)

**Who should attend:** District officers, committee chairmen and club presidents. Other club members are welcome.

Following the business meeting we will tour the South Bay Botanical Garden.

#### Directions to the campus:

**From 805N or 805S**  
Exit East "H" Street. Go Right onto East "H" Street. Go approximately 3.5 miles. Turn Right on Otay Lakes Road

**From 5N or 5S**  
Take 54E to 805S. Exit East "H" Street. Go Right onto East "H" Street. Go approximately 3.5 miles. Turn Right on Otay Lakes Road

### Floral Design Forum

New season begins Monday, October 4  
Carlsbad Woman's Club  
3320 Monroe St, Carlsbad

Local favorite "J.R." will be the guest designer  
Registration for the entire season is \$70 (8 sessions). Contact **Marcia Townsend**, 760-749-4976 ([marciadeane@vcweb.org](mailto:marciadeane@vcweb.org)) to register or for further details.

## CLUB CORNER...

### Carlsbad GC:

\$800 scholarship to a Horticulture student at Mira Costa; \$500 grant to the Magnolia Elementary School PTA to purchase a locked shed, \$300 grant to the Rancho Carlsbad Seniors to buy a light weight rototiller for the Boys and Girls Club of Carlsbad; hosted pot-luck luncheon to honor Dos Gringos for their generosity in providing the flowers for the Petals for Patriots.

### Chula Vista GC:

Arbor Day - planted two fruit trees at a restored historical home; scholarships to Southwestern College horticulture dept; worked with city of Chula Vista to name a new hybrid geranium the "Chula Vista Geranium" to celebrate the Chula Vista Centennial in 2011.

### Crown GC:

Celebrated their **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** with special luncheon.

### Dos Valles GC:

"Hope for Heroes" – one or more boxes of "goodies" shipped monthly to military overseas; two \$1000 scholarships; annual flower show; established new therapy garden at local school.

### Mira Costa Horticulture Club:

Annual Pie and Ice Cream Day in addition to regular program; Tours - Quail Gardens, Sunshine Nursery (Encinitas); Bamboo Headquarters (Vista), Armstrong Nursery (Oceanside); Patrick Anderson's Garden (Fallbrook); Cuyamaca College Demonstration Gardens (San Diego): Annual Plant Sale; two \$1000 scholarships to the Horticulture Department at Mira Costa College; Petals for Patriots

### Point Loma GC:

Installed and dedicated Blue Star Memorial at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery (see photos elsewhere in this issue)

### San Carlos GC:

April art and floral design show "A Show in Living Color" in the San Carlos library with paintings by the Foothill Art Association; three \$500 scholarships to Cuyamaca College botanical students; St. Therese Academy garden - In keeping with Michelle Obama's project to prevent and conquer childhood obesity, the students are growing healthy food

### San Dieguito GC:

Celebrated their **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** with "Tea in the Garden".

### Vista GC:

"Dig and Divide" workshops at member's homes to propagate plants for plant sale; kid's garden class (ages 5-12) - teaching them about: different kinds of gardens, how to make dirt (composting), why birds, bees and butterflies are important in our gardens, propagation, seeds and how to plant them and how to enter a flower in a flower show; club participated in a home tour sponsored by another organization (identified plants and answered gardening questions; annual flower show.



Congratulations!

**Blue Ribbon Certificates of Achievement**

to

**Bonita Valley GC, Carlsbad GC, Dos Valles GC, Fallbrook GC, Mission Hills GC, Point Loma GC, Poway Valley GC, Ramona GC, San Carlos GC, San Dieguito GC, Temecula Valley GC & Vista GC**



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## PALOMAR DISTRICT

### General Meeting, June 21, 2010 Balboa Park

#### Financial Report:

Beginning balance Dec 2009:	\$18,791.26
Income Winter Board \$ 8,322.03	
Income general	314.00
CGCI Award	8.33
Expense Winter Board	\$17,345.07
Expense General	734.80
Ending balance June 2010	\$ 9,355.75

#### Motions adopted:

- To elect Nominating Committee slate as presented
- To repay \$500 to CGCI (grant for LDSP)
- To restrict balance of \$1342.23 from LDSP for use in support of District educational programs
- Budget:
  - To increase travel expense for District Director to \$2500 (from \$1500)
  - To approve budget as amended
- Bylaws:
  - To consider the recommendations “as a whole”
  - To approve recommendations as presented

#### Summary of Bylaws revisions (major changes only—complete revised versions will be printed in the 2010-11 Yearbook)

##### Article V - Meetings:

- Minimum of four meetings each year, three Board meetings and one Annual Membership meeting
- Board meetings – Fall and Summer and immediately preceding Annual Membership meeting (Winter)
- Annual membership meeting voting eligibility: Board of Directors and club delegates

##### Article VI – Board of Directors

- Composition: elected and appointed officers and committee chairmen of Palomar District, club presidents and members of the (district) Advisory Committee. (Note: club delegates are no longer members of the board of directors)

##### Article VII – Chairmen and Committees

Establish three Standing Committees:

- (New) The Advisory Committee, comprised of former Palomar District Directors, shall meet a minimum of once per year or at the call of the Chairman to discuss policies and procedures. The immediate past District Director shall act as chairman. A majority shall constitute a quorum.
- The Floral Design Forum (no change in structure or purpose)
- (New) The Education Committee shall create and promote interest in educational opportunities that may be offered through Palomar District, CGCI and National Garden Clubs, Inc. e.g. Flower Show School and Symposium, Environmental, Gardening Studies and Landscape Design Studies Schools, or other organizations that share the objectives and principles of NGC.

#### Misc:

- Palomar District will host the CGCI Convention in 2010 – date/place to be determined. All clubs will be asked/expected to participate in some way.
- The Speaker/Tours list has been updated and will be distributed to all clubs; Chairman requests recommendations be sent to her for regular updating.
- Clubs reminded to report all Penny Pines purchases to both District and State Chairmen (there is an award for the most plantations purchased in a year!)
- Floral Design Forum will resume in October, registration forms available; full schedule available soon.
- Clubs offered opportunity to be true “host” of a district board meeting (Fall or Summer) and use it as a fundraiser:  
The “host” club would:
  - Select/provide venue (can be inside or outside; same as where they hold meetings or other option)
  - Provide refreshments (anything from pot luck provided by club members to box lunch from local spot)
  - Determine cost to attendees (suggest charge be \$5 or \$10 over the cost/person to club but something less than \$15)
  - Keep all profit!

Depending on location the club “might” provide the program (tour of local garden-related point of interest or club project); other options – speaker, demonstration, workshop.



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## CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC



### 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Report

Westlake Hyatt, Westlake Village, CA

Attendance: 148 voting members

285 total registered

29 local club volunteers

Special guest: Pacific Region Director, Sandra Ford

Tours: Getty Villa, Malibu and Reagan Library

- Currently 282 member clubs with over 22,000 members
- Banners can be ordered online and a free banner bag comes with banner and stand order
- New CGCI website will launch July 4...watch for details.
- Speakers/workshops covered wide range of topics including Parliamentary procedure; conservation & your property; rain gardens/no-grass gardens; green roofs/living walls; Calif natives in the landscape; the new website; floral design for beginners and leadership workshop for club presidents
- Approved two funds to support Scholarship program: *CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund* and the *CGCI Planned Giving Endowment Fund*
  - o Endowment Fund has following donation levels: Platinum - \$2500; Gold - \$2000 Silver - \$1500; Bronze - \$1000 Copper - \$500 Benefactor - \$30,000 and up
  - o Become a "charter member": donate before May 19, 2011 (close of next convention) and be invited to special event in San Luis Obispo, weekend of June 3, 2011. Details to follow.
- Youth Awards:
  - o 2 posters - 1<sup>st</sup> in the Pacific Region
  - o 1 HS essay - 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Region
  - o Scholarships:
    - CGCI Scholarships (\$2000 ea) to Jessica Corcoran and Maggie Maratsos (Fallbrook/Palomar District)
    - NGC Scholarships (\$3500 ea) to Charlotte Chan and Maggie Maratsos

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

Publication: *Golden Gardens*

### CGCI Fall Board

September 14-17

Hyatt Regency, Palm Springs

Tour to the Living Desert/Speakers/workshops

Special contest: **Recycle, reuse, repurpose old jeans!**

Make something useful...handbag, quilt, table runner place mat, door mat etc...be creative!

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$25**

Entry to your District Director by September 1.

*Details will be sent to club presidents via e-mail...stay tuned!*

### CGCI Awards

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

Award of Merit:

**Kay Harry**, Pt Loma GC

CGCI Flower Arranger Of The Year:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place/\$30-**Pauline Sechi**, Fallbrook GC

"Designer's Choice" Award:

1<sup>st</sup> Place/\$50-**Pauline Sechi**, Fallbrook GC

Most CGCI Life Memberships: **Palomar District** (3-way tie)

C-2 Penny Pines Plantation Award:

1<sup>st</sup> Place/\$100-**Temecula Valley GC**

G-10 Photography/Single Photograph:

Tie/1<sup>st</sup> place/\$25-**Kathy Hargrove**, Pt Loma GC

Achievement For A Single Event:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place/\$25-**Vista GC**

FS-8 Flower Show Award Of Excellence:

1<sup>st</sup> Place/\$100-**Dos Valles GC**

California Flower Show Achievement Award Standard Show:

FS 1 Class 10: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, **Point Loma GC**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Vista GC**

*(Note: In the following categories entries must score 90+ points to earn a blue ribbon; blue ribbon recipient with highest score receives "overall" first place.)*

PR-5 Website: Overall 1<sup>st</sup> Place/\$50-**Carlsbad GC**

Blue ribbon: **Dos Valles GC**,

Red ribbon: **Vista GC**

FS-6 Flower Show Schedule:

Overall 1<sup>st</sup> Place(Class 4)/\$10-**Point Loma GC**

Blue ribbon: **Poway Valley GC**

Community Impact Award: **Vista GC** (Red ribbon)

Club Program Award: **Vista GC** (Yellow ribbon)

Club Touring Award: **Temecula Valley GC** (White ribbon)

Publication other than yearbook or newsletter: **Vista GC** (Blue ribbon)

Club Newsletter: Blue ribbon: **Dos Valles GC**

White ribbon: **Ramona GC**

Club Yearbook (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbons awarded in each class (size of club); must score 92+ to earn blue ribbon; blue ribbon recipient in each of the 7 classes with highest score is named Best of Class, receives a rosette and \$25 AND goes on to regional and national competition)

Blue ribbons: **Bernardo Gardeners, Carlsbad GC, Fallbrook GC, Point Loma GC, San Dieguito GC, Temecula Valley GC, Vista GC**

Red ribbon: **San Carlos GC**

White ribbon: **Ramona GC**



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## PACIFIC REGION

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



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

Nevada: Growers Study Guild of Nevada dedicated a Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker at the Las Vegas Police Memorial Park.

Alaska: elects their state officers this year to be installed in 2011 so the new officers can learn from the current officers what the job is all about.

Oregon: President's project is Penny Pines for Oregon. Clubs are collecting coins at our meetings, and planning fundraising projects, as well as saving our discarded cell phones and ink cartridges to add more coins to the collection.

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

## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

**Ongoing 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".

### NEW from NGC Member Services

#### The BLOOMIN' BAG!

This high style, light weight bag features a three dimensional open rose (8-1/2" x 10"). on the front of the bag. Constructed of the finest soft faux-leather, accented with goldtone hardware, reinforced bottom, top zip, one outside zip pocket, lined interior, inside pocket, with additional compartments inside. 10" high x 12" wide, with two 7 1/4" handles. Available for \$36.00 plus shipping in several colors.



Go to [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) and click on Shopping!

### Is your club interested in putting on a Flower Show but doesn't know how or where to start?

NGC has created a package to encourage clubs to hold Standard Flower Shows. The package will contain a model schedule for a Small Standard Flower Show (SSFS) with choices of titles that a club may adapt to suit their needs. Other items in the package will include entry tags with information on where to order them and how to complete them and samples of appropriate awards ribbons. Any club that has never had a flower show or has not had a Small Standard Flower Show in the past five years is eligible to participate. A Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to clubs that complete this new venture.

Check the NGC website for details

**Artichoke:** The only vegetable as troublesome to eat as it is to grow!



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## CALENDAR 2010

### July

**1 Dues are DUE...CGCI & District**

### September

- 14-17 CGCI Fall Board Meeting**  
Hyatt Regency, Palm Springs
- 15 Palomar Pruner deadline/Fall issue**
- 21-22 Gardening Study School, Series 21, Course 3**  
Loomis Library, Loomis, CA
- 23-26 NGC Fall Board Meeting**  
Great Falls, MT
- 27 Palomar District Fall Board Meeting**  
Southwestern College, Chula Vista

### October

- 1 CGCI & District quarterly dues**  
Final day to pay CGCI dues to avoid  
Delinquency
- 4 Floral Design Forum**
- 12-14 Flower Show School, Course 1**  
Folsom, CA

### November

- 4-5 Landscape Design Study Program**  
Series 24, Course 1  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
Palos Verdes Peninsula
- 9-10 Environmental Studies School, Course 3**  
San Mateo, CA

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**Garden:** One of a vast number of free outdoor restaurants operated by charity-minded amateurs in an effort to provide healthful, balanced meals for insects, birds and animals.

### District Projects:

**Floral Design Forum:** Bringing the best in floral art and artistry to San Diego County. Contact Marcia Townsend ([marciadeane@vcweb.org](mailto:marciadeane@vcweb.org)) for details.

**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 ([edellen@hotmail.com](mailto:edellen@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 ([edellen@hotmail.com](mailto:edellen@hotmail.com))

**Blue Star Memorials:** Is there a suitable location in your area for a Blue Star Memorial or Marker? A public park or garden or cemetery with military section? Go to the CGCI website, [www.californiagardenclubs.org](http://www.californiagardenclubs.org) under "What We Do" to find the procedure for participating. Note the prices for the markers increased May 1 so contact the CGCI Blue Star Chairman for details.

### Garden Clubs are made up of volunteers, so what makes a volunteer?

- Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer (and those who can do "most" join a garden club)
- Volunteers do not necessarily have the time... they just have the heart
- If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito.
- Real charity doesn't care if it's tax-deductible or not
- Volunteers don't get paid...  
not because they're *worthless*,  
but because they're *priceless!*



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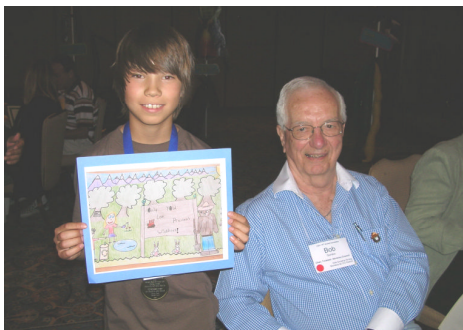
## OUT AND ABOUT...



*Palomar District display*



*Some of the Smokey Bear poster winners...  
With Smokey & Miss Penny Pine!*



*Michael Iwai (4<sup>th</sup> grade) – 1<sup>st</sup> Place CGCI  
& 1<sup>st</sup> Place Pacific Region with Bob  
Gordon, former CGCI President*

**A glimpse of the 79<sup>th</sup>  
annual convention**

### **Petals for Patriots 2009-10**



*Mission Hills GC*

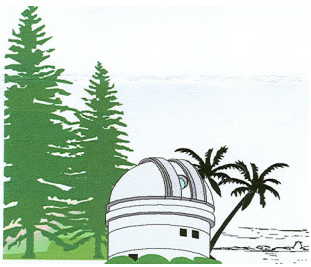
*Saying "thank you" to Dos Gringos & David Root*



*Ellen McGrath-Thorpe, Joan Saunders of  
Dos Gringos & David Root*



*The finished product*



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## Point Loma GC Blue Star Memorial Dedication

June 26, 2010



*Unveiling the memorial...*



*George Unrine, CGCI Blue Star Chairman, Maryanne Lucus, CGCI President, Kathy Hargrove, President, Pt Loma GC, Commander Clete Strausbaugh, Executive Officer Naval Base Pt Loma*



*Pt Loma Garden Club members*

*Plantings installed by Pt Loma GC*



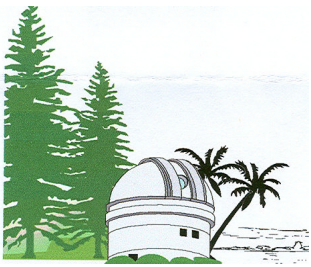
*The tables are set...*



## San Dieguito – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea



*And tea is served...*



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*Bernardo Gardeners Board  
Romeo Camozzi-Treasurer, Freddie Cusack-Secretary, Liliane Dickinson-President, Diane Scharar-Vice president*



*San Dieguito Board: Jane McKee, installing officer, Barbara Camarillo-Vice President, Suzanne Spector-Corresponding Secretary, Robert Snyder-Treasurer, Jane Wilkerson-Recording Secretary & Geri Thirloway-President*



*Poway Valley Board: DeAnne Cole-Treasurer, Pat Walter-Corresponding Secretary, Sylvia Hampton- Recording Secretary, Sharon Tooley-President, Ann Dahnke & Rosemary Anderson-Co-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, Donna Payton, Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*



*Incoming Crown GC President Ginny Osgood & outgoing President Shannon Plaver*



*Ramona co-presidents Carol Wilson & Teri Schmidt & installing officer Jane McKee*



*Vista GC President Lynn Paine presents life membership to Carol Cotton*

*See you in September...*