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"Come for the knowledge
...stay for the friendships"

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From the Director's Desk...

Happy New Year!

As we salute 2011, we will keep our eyes on the future - 2012 and 2013. I hope you have had a wonderful Fall season in your club. Even though it is officially Winter, too soon we will be planting our gardens, setting up flower shows and dusting off our swim suits.

The Palomar District Meeting on January 30th is the Winter Board meeting and the Annual General Membership meeting. So in addition to all Presidents, all delegates are expected to come and all members are encouraged to attend. Please, be aware of deadlines for getting your reservations in, since this a plated meal. Our Host club, CHIRP has worked hard to give a wonderful day.

Presidents are expected to provide a written report to the Director and encouraged to give an oral report. Reports should be not more than 2 minutes and are best done on one subject, program or event. Please, let me know if you are or are not going to report orally.

We have some opportunities to grow our involvement in the San Diego County, and look forward to our Winter Meeting.

George



PALOMAR DISTRICT

Winter Board & Annual Membership Meeting

Monday, January 30, 2012
Host: CHIRP Garden Club

Where: Viejas Casino Dreamcatcher Lounge
5000 Willows Road, Alpine, CA 91901

Time: 9:00 am - Coffee/registration
10:00 am - Board Meeting
11:00 am - General Meeting/Program

Lunch: \$30

Menu options:

Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap
(Grilled Chicken Breast with Romaine Lettuce, Parmesan Cheese & Zesty Caesar Dressing wrapped in Spinach Tortilla served with fresh fruit)

OR

Pasta Primavera (vegetarian)
(Seasonal vegetables tossed in creamy Alfredo Sauce served over Fettucine Noodles)

Rolls, Beverages and dessert included

Program:

Nancy Conney, "Raptor Rehabilitation"

Note: Nancy will have a couple of birds of prey...
an owl and a hawk
Awesome!

Registration/Reservations:

- Checks payable to CHIRP
- Mail to P.O. Box 532, Alpine 91903
- Include name and meal choice for each person being registered
- **DEADLINE:** January 20 (NO LAST MINUTE RESERVATIONS)

Directions:

Take I-8 east to Willows Road exit
Turn left after exit, follow Willows to casino
Dreamcatcher Lounge is inside the casino...follow the signs

Who should attend: District Officers, Committee Chairmen, Club Presidents and Delegates. Other club members are welcome.



Floral Design Forum

NEW Location
Joslyn Senior Center

210 E. Park Avenue, Escondido

First Monday: October—May
Single session: \$12 (District Garden Club member)
\$15 (non-member)

Jan 9 - "Flower Power"
NOTE: this session will be 2ND Monday due to New Year's weekend
Feb 6 - TBA
Mar 5 - NGC Designs

Questions: Contact Marcia Townsend
(760)749-4976 or marciadeane@vcweb.org

Follow the Forum on
[FACEBOOK](#)

CLUB CORNER

Bernardo Gardeners: "Christmas Wonderland" at the Library. The special holiday greeting created and installed by club members included trees, plants (which will be permanently placed in the library garden), lighted deer, a goose and Santa.

Dos Valles GC: Continued the club tradition of decorating the Valley Center Library for the holiday; "Hope for Heroes" project sent 3 boxes of Christmas items and warm socks to Marines serving overseas.

Fallbrook GC: La Paloma School garden project includes weekly lessons on making healthy food choices as well as hands-on work in the garden for the children.

La Jolla GC: Collected note cards at their holiday luncheon to be distributed via Meals on Wheels to those unable to get out on their own.

CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC



February 6-9, 2012

Winter Board Meeting

The Cliffs Resort, Pismo Beach, CA

Host: Montana de Oro District

- Workshops: Tree grafting, website design, IRS requirements/updates
- Speakers: Dr Matt Ritter—California trees; Melinda Lynch—"Tablescapes from the Dollar Store"
- Tours: Piedros Blancos Lighthouse, seal rookery, Hearst Castle

CGCI Nominating Committee Wants YOU!

The following offices are open for consideration to be filled for the 2013-2015 term: 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee is charged with finding the best qualified candidates available for all positions.

Please let a member of the Nominating Committee know if you are interested in one of these positions. Kathy Bramhall (Chairman), Nancy Johnson, Carole Lung, Merrilee Ray, Sandy Rogers, Margaret Strachan, Carlotta Wixon. Contact Kathy Bramhall if you wish to complete a personnel form.

For a job description from the CGCI Bylaws for the above positions, see pages 130-131 of the 2011-2012 CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

CGCI Awards due January 10 (for calendar year 2011)



- CGCI Lifetime Achievement Award
- CGCI Lifetime Service Award
- CGCI Man of the Year Award
- CGCI Woman of the Year Award
- CGCI Gardener of the Year Award
- Award of Honor
- Award of Merit (3)
- Youth Leader of the Year Award
- CGCI Flower Arranger of the Year Award
- Gardening Consultant of the Year Award
- Landscape Design Consultant of the Year Award

- B-1 Civic Development Award
- B-3 Civic Landscape Award
- B-4 Landscape Design Advocate Award
- C-1 Conservation Projects
- C-3 Restoration & Reforestation Fund Promotion Award
- C-9 Bird Conservation
- C-10 Backyard Habitat Award
- C-13 Butterfly Conservation Portfolio
- G-5 Membership Promotion Award
- G-7 Touring Award
- G-8 Club Program Award
- G-9 Seminar & Workshop Award
- G-11 Achievement for a Single Event
- G-16 Ways & Means
- G-18 Garden Therapy Award
- C-6 Photography Award: California Wildflowers
- G-6 Photography Awards - Photo Collection
- G-10 Photography Awards - Single Photograph
- G-17 Photography Award - California Arboretum/ Botanic Garden(s) Collection
- HT-1 Horticulture Award
- HT-2 Memorial Planting Award
- HT-3 Best "Green" Recipe Award
- HT-4 Photography: Home Garden Award
- HT-5 Home Garden Tour Award
- PR-1 Publicity Press Book Award
- PR-2, Sec. 3 - Article by an Individual
- FS-1A CA Flower Show Achievement Award
- FS-1B CA Flower Show Achievement Award, Small Standard Show
- FS-9 CA Flower Show Achievement Award, All Horticulture Show
- FS-5 Designer's Choice Award
- FS-6 Flower Show Schedule Award
- FS-7 Flower Show Staging Award
- FS-14 Flower Show Table Setting Award

Entries for the above will be judged at the Winter Board Meeting. Don't miss out!

AND

Have you submitted your Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement scoresheet? It was due to Palomar Director January 1...but you may still have time to get it in.



PACIFIC REGION

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



Mark your calendars:

July 26-28, 2012
Pacific Region Convention
Anchorage, Alaska

July 21-25
Pre-convention Tour
Fairbanks to Anchorage
Click [here](#) for brochure and details

July 29
Anchorage Garden Club
Annual City Garden Tour



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS



NGC Special Projects:

Plantings for Public and Special Places—Gardens with Edibles, Container Gardens, Trees and Shrubs, recognizes ALL garden club service to communities. Clubs, districts and regions will be awarded Certificates of Appreciation and Participation by the NGC President.

Details regarding categories and monetary awards will be printed on the [NGC website](#). To receive this recognition, participants are asked to submit an online form, available on the NGC website, along with a before and after digital photo. Submission deadlines are **April 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013**

Do you already have a community project that might qualify? Existing projects may be enlarged, past projects may be refurbished and new projects may be created. Check out the application form on the NGC website.

Some suggestions to think about:

- **Gardens with Edibles:** Have you heard about Truck Farming? This interesting concept has legs (wheels) that offer a mobile teaching tool, right on the spot! Check the NGC website for details.
- **Container Gardens:** Think outside of the box! Endless opportunities for teaching children to grow their own greens, right in a pot! Condo dwellers design unique containers and install a unique drip watering system. Much, much more to think about!
- **Trees and Shrubs:** Encourage plantings of shrubs to accent your Blue Star Markers. Research your state tree and promote plantings in your community and schoolyard gardens. Consider plantings for erosion prevention. Endless ideas!



CALENDAR

2012

January

20-21 NGC Executive Committee Meeting, Albuquerque, NM

30 **Palomar District Annual Meeting**

February

6-9 **CGCI Winter Board Meeting**
The Cliff's Resort, Host:

14-16 Flower Show Judges Symposium, Handlery Hotel, San Diego, CA

March

21-25 [San Francisco Flower & Garden Show](#) - CGCI is a sponsor. discounts for CGCI members. Includes standard flower show, *The World Around Us*,

April

4-6 Wildflower Conference
Palmdale, CA

12-20 CGCI sponsored tour to Holland
Floriade Horticulture Show
8 day river cruise

17-19 Flower Show School
Course 4, Sacramento River
Valley District

20-21 San Carlos GC: Flower & Art Show
"A Show in Living Color",
A creative pairing of paintings and
floral arrangements, San Carlos
Public Library,
7265 Jackson Dr, San Diego
(FREE)

28-29 Fallbrook GC 80th Flower Show
Fallbrook Community Center

May

16-20 NGC Convention, Buffalo, NY

June

3-9 **National Garden Week
CGCI Convention**

Double Tree, Sacramento, CA
Host: Sacramento River Valley
District

CGCI 82nd Annual Convention

June 3-7, 2013

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Mission Valley

Chairman: Jane McKee

Registrar: Joan Patten

Following is a list of the Committee Chairmen needed. A brief descriptions of the duties and responsibilities of each are on the website. Please consider where you would like to serve!

Registration:

Badges/Tickets/Packets

Credentials

Tour(s):

General (open to all attendees)

Spouses

Design Coordinator: **Pauline Sechi**

Main Lobby

Tables (4 meals)

Programs/Workshops

*Raffle

Awards Room

Exhibit Room

Hospitality Room

Hosts

Pages

Vendors

Entertainment

*Each club and affiliate will be asked to provide at least one raffle prize. Individuals may also donate items. Prizes can be single items—framed photo, potted plant, piece of "garden art" etc OR a basket/container with a variety of smaller items. You have plenty of time to collect items and put together your usual clever and creative prizes.

Remember—"size counts"! Many attendees travel some distance and have limited space.

Deadline for the Spring 2012 issue—March 15, 2012

Share your news! Send to pdgardenclubnews@gmail.com