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

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From the Director's Desk...

Wow! Comments to me after the PD Fall Board, from number of people: "This was a great meeting" – "One of the best PD meetings ever" – "That was the best!" I know that I am not bad at presiding over a meeting but not that good. So I asked "why?"

Every one of those people said " Cathey Anderson and her two topics: Ag in the Classroom and how the support from the local Garden Club (Dos Valles), when she was an AG teacher in the Middle School, led to a county wide program that would enjoy participation from the our local clubs. For more information go to www.sdfarmbureau.org. And then her second topic: Teaching Farming in Africa. After retiring, she decided that she wanted to make a difference, to be significant. She ran into a program* that used her talents for teaching Ag, in Africa. What a passion and what a history of a people tied to tradition and then what fantastic results they are having. *The real name for that program is "Farming God's Way".

Other highlights from the meeting:

- Joan Patten's explanation of the requirements for all non-profits to file certain forms in a timely manner or risk losing their non-profit status. Use the "George Perko" form to make sure your club is in compliance! (*Editor's note: the form is available on the District website—"members only" page*)
- Pat Claves, gave us all a heads up on the Awards program for this year and the fact that is about \$3000.00 available in awards prizes to clubs and individuals. She also emphasized the new 3 page entry for some awards. And I suggest that another great reason to enter for a CGCI Award is that it may give one or more of the other CGCI clubs some inspiration and/or information to do a similar event or project.
- To borrow a phrase from last term: *The Excitement is growing!* Jane McKee, announced that the contract is signed for CGCI Convention 2013 right here in San Diego. As Chairman of the convention she will be looking for tour ideas, program ideas and for clubs to take on tasks for the convention. At our Winter Board plans will be unveiled.
- Plans are progressing for sponsoring the NGC School on Environmental Studies with Lynne Batchelor as Chair.

If you were there, this is just a trip down memory lane. If you missed it, my brief description is not enough and you missed the hospitality of Dos Valles Garden Club and a wonderful lunch.

Have a Fabulous Fall,

George



PALOMAR DISTRICT

Winter Board/Annual Meeting

Monday, January 30, 2012
Host: CHIRP Garden Club

Where: Viejas Casino, Dream Catcher Lounge
5000 Willows Road, Alpine

Time: **Board Meeting:** 10:00 AM
General Meeting: 11:00 AM

Agenda: Annual membership meeting

Program: Nancy Conney: *"Raptor Rehabilitation"*

Lunch: \$TBD

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



Petals for Patriots

In July, following their annual convention in La Costa, the California Association of Flower Growers and Shippers donated over \$100,000 worth of cut flowers to the P4P project. Led by David Root a group of garden club volunteers and friends created over 600 bouquets which were delivered to the wounded service men and women recovering at Camp Pendleton and Navy Hospital in San Diego, the Veterans Home, Veterans Village Recovery Center and VA Hospital San Diego. **Thank you** to all the volunteers.

What do you get when you divide the circumference of a **pumpkin** by the diameter?
PUMPKIN PI
(groaning courtesy of the WACONIAH!)

CLUB CORNER

Dos Valles GC: They're back! The calendar girls have returned to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Valley Center. "Grin & Bear It 2012" is available for \$18.

Fallbrook GC: Members celebrating birthdays during the current month receive one free raffle ticket at the meeting that month...a nice way to say "thank you"

Village GC of La Jolla: A sneak peak: 2012 "Meet the Masters" will present Shane Connelly, floral designer to the British royal family.

Want to see your club highlighted here?
Send your club newsletters
pdgardenclubnews@gmail.com



Floral Design Forum

NOTE NEW Location
Joslyn Senior Center
213 E. Park Avenue, Escondido

First Monday: October—May
Season subscription: \$70
Single session: \$12 (District Garden Club member)
\$15 (non-member)

October 3: Carvill Veech
"Hidden Containers"
Can you create a design/arrangement without a container? Join us to learn this and many other clever ideas.

Coming November 7: Susan Butler

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

Follow the Forum on
[FACEBOOK](#)

CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC



Project Mission Blue

(New to CGCI)

A CGCI and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy project to increase lupine diversity by propagating and planting pathogen-resistant summer lupine and varied lupine. It is the hope to stabilize the Mission Blue Butterfly community during years of fungal outbreak and allow these populations to increase over the long term. Tax deductible donations for the Project Mission Blue should be made payable to "CGCI" and sent to Chairman Shane Looper, 213 Carmelo Lane, South San Francisco, CA 94080. Information: http://www.sfncps.org/mission_blues

CGCI Liability Insurance Plan

The CGCI Liability Insurance for the 2012-2013 policy term will remain the same:

- \$.75 per capita rate
- \$20 minimum premium for small clubs
- \$20 each - additional insured certificates
- \$20 late fee

Any questions, contact CGCI Liability Insurance Chairman, [Gloria Aminian](#). A complete description of the plan can be found on pages 28-29 of the 2011-2012 *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

Penny Pines

Did you know that Penny Pines is an NGC project? Although it started in California in the 1940s, NGC adopted the program a few years ago and donations can now be designated for any reforestation project in the U.S. Forms and information are available on the CGCI website and links are on the District website.

Summary:

- ◆ Select a National Forest and send your check directly to the Forest office with the appropriate donation form. A certificate will be sent to your club or the designated recipient.
- ◆ Report your donations to both the District and CGCI Penny Pines chairmen...reports are used to track donations for the Penny Pines Award (\$\$ to the winners!)

Palomar District Chairman

Elaine Wilson

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CGCI Endowments

Bob Gordon, Chairman

Charter Membership in the Endowments is open until June 3, 2012. You may donate in any amount, and donations are cumulative. Please make your check out to "CGCI" and send to Bob Gordon, 1532 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Indicate in the memo line which Endowment you would like to support:

- **CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund** or
- **CGCI Endowment Fund**

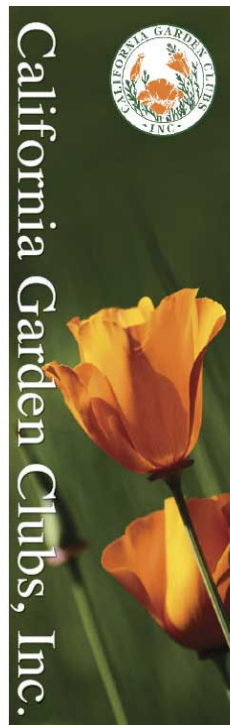
Full descriptions of both Funds can be found on pages 155-158 of the 2011-2012 Yearbook, Manual & Roster.

All donors will be invited to the "thank you" reception and dinner with CGCI President Julie West, June 4, 2012 (just prior to the CGCI Convention). Dinner will be free to all donors of \$500 or more. All are invited to this semi-formal event. Details will be given at CGCI Winter Board Meeting.

Levels of giving

Amounts include monies donated now or included in your Trust or Will.

- Copper: \$500
- Bronze: \$1,000
- Silver: \$5,000
- Gold: \$10,000
- Platinum: \$15,000



BANNER... Does your club have one?

A banner personalized with the name of your club can be ordered from the CGCI website (details and pricing included there):

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/banners>

How awesome would it be to see these on display at our District meetings!

PACIFIC REGION

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



Ever wondered what our colleagues in the Pacific Region are up to...check out their websites:

- Washington: wagardenclubs.org
- Arizona: azgardenclubs.com
- Oregon: oregongardenclubs.org
- Nevada: nevadagardenclubs.org
- Idaho: gcii.org
- Alaska: alaskagardenclubs.org

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC

Parliamentary Tidbits

“Minutes...NOT Hours” was the topic of a workshop by NGC Parliamentarian, Joan Corbisiero at the 2011 NGC convention. Thanks to CGCI & Pacific Region Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski for the following highlights from that workshop:



What are Minutes?

Record of proceedings of a meeting of a deliberative assembly; legal record; record of what was DONE, not what was said; should not be used as a substitute for a newsletter; should not be used as a review for absentees as to what occurred at a meeting.

Contents of Minutes

- **First paragraph** - Name of organization, kind of meeting (regular or special, adjourned, annual), date, time convened and place, who was presiding and who the secretary was, presence of a quorum, whether minutes of previous meeting were approved.
- **Body** - Separate paragraph for each subject matter:
- **Motions** (except if withdrawn) as amended, name of maker (if important) but not seconder, disposition (adopted or defeated).
- **Reports:** Written reports need only be recorded as having been given. On file - to be kept for length of time as determined by organizational policy. Oral reports need not be recorded "en toto" - only as desirable to record historical fact. (What is in the minutes should not be at discretion of person giving report.) Any action on a committee recommendation (this will be a main motion).

Minutes continued...

- **Notices** - of notions, points of order, appeals of chair's rulings and whether or not sustained.
- **Last paragraph** - Hour of adjournment, secretary's signature, notation of date of approval.

NOTE: A new Robert's Rules of Order has just been published...the first update in 11 years! Look for the new version for the most up-to-date guidance.

NGC is now on ...

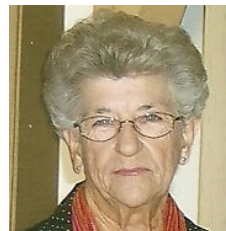


- Go to www.flickr.com/nationalgardenclubs to see photos from clubs and districts around the country.
- Would you like your photos included? Send them to the NGC Flickr Chair, Robin Pokorski: robinp@juno.com
- Show off your projects, programs and special events!

MEMBERSHIP PAYS!

CGCI won **NGC's Membership Contest** with the greatest number of new clubs and earned the honor of naming a magnificent new variety of African Violet. “California Victory” may be ordered through the NGC website, and the order form can be found on the CGCI website by [clicking here](#).

This African violet, grown by Lyndon-Lyon Greenhouses, is a semi-miniature variety with single/semi double pansy-shaped blooms of white with a distinct wavy green edge and light purple highlights randomly scattered about the flower face. Wavy medium green foliage enhances the striking blooms.



Remembering

JoAnn Gould

Chula Vista Garden Club
Flower Show Judge Emeritus
Palomar District Director 1982-84
CGCI President 1993-95

Gardener, environmentalist, floral designer, mentor and friend!

CALENDAR

2011

October

- 3 **Floral Design Forum - Carvill Veech**
- 8-9 **Landscape Design Study Program, Series 25, Course 2**, Host: Colfax Garden Club, Colfax. CA
- 15 2nd Annual Farm Tour Day, 9:30am-3:30pm
Reservations required: www.sdfarmbureau.org or (760) 745-3023, Deadline - October 11
- 15-16 **Landscape Design Study Program, Series 25, Course 3**, Host: Colfax Garden Club, Colfax. CA
- 18-20 **Flower Show School, Course III**, Host: Sacramento River Valley District
- 22-23 **Landscape Design Study Program, Series 25, Course 4**, Host: Colfax Garden Club, Colfax. CA
- 25 3rd Annual Teacher Resource Fair sponsored by San Diego Ag in the Classroom, San Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke Building, 230 Quail Gardens Dr, Encinitas, 4 - 6 pm. Information (760) 745-3023. FREE but reservations required by October 18
- 28-29 **Gardening Study & Landscape Design bi-refresher**, Valley Center Library, Host: Dos Valles GC; co-chairmen: Nancy Abernethy & Barbara Watzke, Information: (760) 746-4047

November

- 2 **Flower Show 101**, 12:30pm: Dittus Hall, Redwood Terrace Retirement Residence, 710 W. 13th Ave, Escondido (760) 728-6622 (Everything you need to know to put on a standard flower show)
- 7 **Floral Design Forum - Susan Butler**
- 7-8 **Environmental Study School, Series 4, Course 4**, Host: Bay Ocean District, San Mateo, CA
- 19 San Carlos GC: Holiday Luncheon & Auction 10:30am, San Carlos Methodist Church, 6554 Cowles Mountain Blvd, San Diego, Information: (619) 583-8008

December

- 5 **Floral Design Forum - Gudy Kimmel**

2012

January

- 9 **Floral Design Forum - "Flower Power"**
- 10-14 California Native Plant Society Conservation Conference, Town & Country Resort, San Diego; Information: www.cnps.org/2012
- 20-21 NGC Executive Committee Meeting, Albuquerque,
- 30 Palomar District Winter Board/Annual Meeting**
Dream Catcher Lounge, Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, CA, Host: CHIRP GC

February

- 5-9 **CGCI Winter Board Meeting**, The Cliff's Resort, Pismo Beach, Host: Montana de Oro District
- 6 **Floral Design Forum - TBA**
- 14-16 **Flower Show Judges Symposium**, Handlery Hotel, San Diego, CA

March

- 5 **Floral Design Forum - NGC Designs**

April

- 2 **Floral Design Forum - TBA**
- 4-6 Wildflower Conference, Palmdale, CA
- 9-10 **"Blooming Art"**, Bonita Valley GC, Bonita Cultural Center
- 12-20 CGCI sponsored tour to Holland Floriade Horticulture Show, 8 day river cruise
- 14 Poway Valley GC Flower Show
- 17-19 **Flower Show School Course 4**, Host: 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)
- 21-22 **Coronado Flower Show**
Redlands Horticulture Society's 100th Flower Show
- 27-29 **Dos Valles GC Flower Show**
- 28-29 **Fallbrook GC Flower Show**, Fallbrook Community Center

May

- 5 **Temecula Valley GC Flower Show**
- 5-6 **Vista GC Flower Show**
- 7 **Floral Design Forum - Sandy Williams**
- 16-20 NGC Convention, Buffalo, NY

June

- 3-7 **CGCI Convention**, Double Tree, Sacramento, CA
Host: Sacramento River Valley District
- 3-9 National Garden Week
- 18 Palomar District Summer Board Meeting**
Coronado Public Library, Winn Meeting Room, 640 Orange Ave, Coronado, CA Host: Crown GC
- 26 San Carlos GC: 50th Anniversary celebration

July

- 26-28 Pacific Region Convention, Host: Alaska State Federation of Garden Clubs

September

- 17-20 **CGCI Fall Board**

Watch for updates!

CALENDAR NOTES

Mark your calendars!

CGCI 82nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 3-7, 2013

Host: PALOMAR DISTRICT

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Mission Valley

Watch for details on the convention program and volunteer opportunities. ALL clubs will be asked to participate and support the district.

Stay tuned.....

Jane McKee
Chairman, Convention 2013

ATTENTION:

**Gardening Consultants &
Landscape Design Consultants**

Is it time to update your certificate? Here is your opportunity...

October 28-29 BI-REFRESHER

Valley Center Library

29200 Cole Grade Road, Valley Center

Sponsored by Dos Valles Garden Club

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: October 19

Information: Barbara Watzke (760) 746-4047

To receive credit for refreshing you must be a member of an affiliated garden club and complete the required forms. HOWEVER the course is open to ANYONE interested. It's a great way to find out what the NGC schools are all about.

The application form is available on the District website: www.californiagardenclubs.org/palomardistrict on the "member only" page.

Highlights of the bi-refresher:

- Winter care in the southwest
- Vertical gardens
- Small garden plantings
- Pest control and water efficiency
- Successful California gardens
- Creative landscape design
- Renewal of the Balboa Park Japanese Garden and Huntington Gardens
- Tour to Euro-American propagators home of "Proven Winners"
- Optional tour of Balboa Park Japanese Garden

Did YOU know...

There are several ways that the District keeps you informed...

Palomar Pruner:

- The "official" quarterly publication of Palomar District is available to all affiliated club members.
- It is automatically sent to Club Presidents, Treasurers, Newsletter Editors and District Delegates. The current distribution list also includes all who "subscribed" to the Pruner in the past. If you know someone who would like to receive a copy send a request to pdgardenclubnews@gmail.com.
- There is no charge, but please remember that the Pruner is ONLY available electronically.

District Website:

www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict

- In addition to general information on the District and its member clubs, projects/ programs and events you will find links to a variety of documents (guidelines for treasurers, dues bills, non-profit guidance and information etc).
- Plus some fun stuff like the Photo Gallery.
- The website is updated on a regular basis so check it often.

"News & Notes":

- An e-mail supplement to the Pruner to alert you to updated calendar items, special announcements and general reminders between Pruner issues.
- When this appears in your e-mail "inbox" (from "pdgardenclubnews") please open and read...it may have just the information you are looking for.