

# The Palomar Pruner

Summer 2012



## From the Director's Desk...

**WOW!** What an exciting month and summer isn't over. Garden Club Members from Palomar District have been stepping it up these last few weeks to make the Garden Clubbers known in the District.

Sonja Longley (Vista GC) won the San Diego County Floral Design Competition, beating out a field of 17 professional, amateur and garden club Floral Designers. Congratulations!

At last count, Sandi Lord (Vista GC) and Dyanna Madro (Bernardo Gardeners) were battling it out for the sweepstakes award for amateur Floral Arranger of the 2012 San Diego County Fair. With all the designs that the PD designers did, they were all wonderful. That is 2 sets of up to 6 designs each week for the duration of the Fair. Other members of Palomar clubs also contributed.

Note: Jayna Wittevrongel (Vista Garden Club) is the Coordinator for the Paul Ecke Jr. Flower and Garden Show for the SD Fair. That is all the gardens, cut and designed flowers, the vignettes and Flower Show Stage.

Jane McKee (Fallbrook GC) continues to move on through the preparation for CGCI Convention 2013 in San Diego. What a delight to have such leadership and organization.

Plans are set for the Award and Leadership workshops. See specifics elsewhere in your Pruner. Please, signup as quickly as possible so that we can have literature and snacks for all (and be sure that we will have enough room).

Floral Design Forum has been re-established and is GOOD TO GO! Send those \$70.00 Checks to Joan Patten for the 2012-2013 season. Thanks to a number of clubs taking the "properties responsibility" and Marcia Townsend (Dos Valles Garden Club) for coming back as Chairman. A hint of the programs to come...a designer from England, a group from Mexico and an instructor for a Sogetsu School. You will get ideas for home entertaining, Flower Show Designs and playing with flowers included with the inspiration, information and entertainment. Bring a Friend or two to the first program in October. Details will be out shortly for your yearbook.

Finally, just one more day at the Fair. Thanks to all the clubs that were able to work in "a day at the Palomar District Booth, talking "garden clubbing" and educating the public on the Blue Star Marker program started in 1945 by National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the proposed Blue Star Memorial Marker for Miramar National Cemetery.

*Come for the Knowledge,  
Stay for the Friendships*

George



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**Theme**  
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# PALOMAR DISTRICT

## Fall Board & General Membership Meeting

Monday, September 24, 2012

Host: Dos Valles Garden Club

**Where:** St Stephens Church  
31020 Cole Grade Road,  
Valley Center, CA

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Lunch:** \$10

**Program:** TBA

### Who should attend:

This is a **Board** meeting **AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

- District Officers, District Committee Chairmen, Club Presidents AND Club Delegates.
- Other club members are always welcome.

We will be voting on the annual budget and proposed bylaw amendments. See pages 3 & 4.

### Congratulations and Welcome to the Executive Committee:

Sandra Graff, Bonita Valley GC  
was appointed to complete the term of 2nd Assistant Director.

### Palomar District Yearbook 2012-13

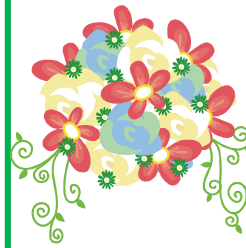
Do you have a special event (flower show, garden tour, annual fundraiser) that you want included in the Yearbook Calendar?

Send details to

**Adele Kelly (akelly@san.rr.com)**

by

July 31, 2012



## Floral Design Forum

Will return Monday, October 1  
Joslyn Senior Center  
210 E. Park Ave, Escondido

Details on 2012-13 season will be available soon. Check the website for updates.

## CLUB CORNER

### CONGRATULATIONS to the

#### Blue Ribbon Clubs...



- Bernardo Gardeners
- Bonita Valley Garden Club
- Carlsbad Garden Club
- CHIRP Garden Club
- Crown Garden Club
- Chula Vista Garden Club
- Dos Valles Garden Club
- Fallbrook Garden Club
- Point Loma Garden Club
- Poway Valley Garden Club
- Ramona Garden Club
- San Carlos Garden Club
- San Dieguito Garden Club
- Temecula Valley Garden Club
- Village Garden Club of La Jolla
- Vista Garden Club

### Mark your calendars...

- Wednesday, **August 29, 9:30am-1:30pm**, Cardiff Library: **Leadership Workshop**: Especially for NEW presidents and treasurers.
- Wednesday, **September 19, 10am-2pm**, Poway Library: **Awards Workshop**. The NGC & CGCI Awards process has changed. CGCI Awards Chairman, Pat Claves, will lead the workshop.

Watch your e-mail inboxes for details including a reservation form. The workshops are sponsored by the District and are FREE!

**Palomar District Budget  
2012-2013**

(Approved by Board of Directors, June 18, 2012)

	Proposed 2012-2013	Approved 2011-2012	Actual thru 5/31/2012
<b>Operating Revenue</b>			
Member Dues	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,771.00
Affiliate Dues	50.00	25.00	50.00
Ways and Means(Raffle)	100.00	350.00	113.50
Miscellaneous	100.00		
Awards			45.00
Blue Star Memorial Marker	500.00		
Education Fund	500.00	500.00	
District luncheon revenue	4,500.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,650.00</b>	<b>9,975.00</b>	<b>4,979.50</b>
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>			
Affiliated Memberships	40.00	100.00	40.00
District luncheon expense-members		4,500.00	
District luncheon expense-guests	200.00	200.00	105.00
CGCI Presidents Project	100.00	100.00	
District Flower Show		500.00	
Blue Star Memorial Marker	1,450.00		
Programs	600.00	600.00	300.00
Donation			
Officer Expense			
Director - Travel	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,458.52
Director - Admin	100.00	100.00	212.62
Corresponding Secretary	25.00	25.00	
Treasurer - Admin	50.00	50.00	
Treasurer - Tax Filings	20.00	20.00	20.00
Chairman Expense			
Amenities and Awards	150.00	150.00	
Yearbook	250.00	400.00	161.95
The Palomar Pruner (newsletter)	100.00	100.00	
Education-Environmental School	500.00	500.00	
Screen Purchase	200.00		
Speaker Purchase	750.00	750.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	50.00	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,085.00</b>	<b>10,645.00</b>	<b>2,318.09</b>
<b>Under/(Over) Operating Budget</b>	<b>(1,435.00)</b>	<b>(670.00)</b>	<b>2,661.41</b>

**BYLAWS**

Notice of proposed amendments to the bylaws of **PALOMAR DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**

**AMENDMENT #1:**

Article IV—Officers, Section 6. Duties

**Now reads:** B. The **First Assistant Director** shall:

- 1) Preside at meetings in the absence of the Director.
- 2) Represent the District at CGCI Board meetings and Conventions if the Director is unable to attend.
- 3) Be program chairman.

**Amend** by striking out words ~~3) be program chairman~~ and inserting the words "3) be membership chairman"

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Article IV--Officers, Section 6: Duties

**Now reads:** C: The **Second Assistant Director** shall:

- 1) Perform the duties in the absence of the Director and First Assistant Director.
- 2) Represent the District at CGCI Board meetings and Conventions in the absence of the Director and First Assistant Director.
- 3) Coordinate district meeting arrangements including venue, meal and beverage service and amenities"

**Amend** by striking out words ~~3) Coordinate district meeting arrangements including venue, meal and beverage service and amenities~~ and inserting the words "3) be program coordinator for the District meetings and a resource for Clubs hosting a District meeting"

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- 3) be program coordinator for the District meetings and a resource for Clubs hosting a District meeting

**Recommended by:** The Executive Committee

**Rationale:** To update the bylaws to reflect current responsibilities.

**Blue Star Memorial Marker**

Coming to

**Miramar National Cemetery**

Palomar District is working with officials at the new Miramar National Cemetery and the Department of Veterans Affairs to install a Blue Star Memorial Marker on the grounds of the cemetery.

Once the final approval is obtained the location of the marker will be decided. Dedication is tentatively expected to be June 2013.

The price of the marker is \$1450 and a special fund has been established to collect donations. \*

The donation form is attached as the last page of this newsletter.

- Donors need not be members of a garden club (invite your friends or family members to participate)
- Donations may be made in "honor" or "memory" of someone.
- Donors and honorees will be recognized and listed on the "Donor Wall" to be established on our website if requested (see the check box on the form).
- Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

\*Excess funds raised will be used for future markers.

For updates and additional information go to the District website (Projects & Programs/Blue Star Memorials)



# CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC



June 3-7, 2012  
**81st Annual Convention**  
**Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento, CA**  
**Host: Sacramento River Valley District**

### Highlights:

- Special guest: NGC President Shirley Nicolai
- Reception & dinner honoring CGCI Endowment Fund Charter Members
- Tour to UC Davis Arboretum
- Awards banquet
- Judges banquet: "Golden Moments", designs created by local area floral designers

### Business summary:

- Liability Insurance annual premium rates remain 75c per capita; Additional Insured Certificate fee increased from \$20 to \$25; late payment fee remains \$20.
- *Golden Gardens*:
  - Effective July 1, 2013 *Golden Gardens Magazine* will be available ONLINE only
  - Monthly e-newsletter will be renamed "Golden Gardens Online"
  - Final four print issues will be distributed to subscribers from July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013; Subscription rate for the final year will remain \$6/individuals, \$5/100% clubs
- Bylaws:
  - Added the office of Communications Director to the elected Executive Committee: "The Communications Director shall oversee: (a) creation and distribution of publications including, but not limited to *Golden Gardens e-news*, Yearbook, Manual and Roster, press releases and brochures and (b) the CGCI website."
  - This new position is effective at close of the 2013 convention.
- New state project: Raise \$15,000 to upgrade and restore an irrigation system and associated infrastructure for the desert garden at the visitor's center at the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Project to be supported by clubs and districts until the stated goal is achieved.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To the following Awards recipients  
(2011 awards year)

### Special Awards:

- Award of Merit:  
Sandy Duncan, Chula Vista GC
- Flower Arranger of the Year:  
3rd Place, Pauline Sechi
- Designer's Choice:  
1st Place, Pauline Sechi (\$50)



### Clubs/Individuals:

- Flower Shows:
  - FS 1-A: 1st Place, Poway Valley GC
  - NGC 5D: 1st Place, Vista GC
  - FS-8 Award of Excellence (Tie):  
Vista GC (\$50) (highest score by judges)
- Yearbooks (by club size):
  - 1st Place CGCI (\$50) & 1st Place NGC:  
Village Garden Club of LaJolla
  - 4th Place: Dos Valles GC
  - 4th Place: San Carlos GC
- C-10 Backyard Habitat:  
1st Place, Barbara Weiler (\$25)
- G-6 Photo Collection:
  - 1st Place, Trudy Snell
  - 4th Place, Pauline Sechi
- G-10 Single Photo: 1st Place, Pauline Sechi (\$50)
- G-11 Achievement/Single Event:  
3rd Place, Vista GC (\$20)
- G7 Touring: 1st Place, Vista GC (\$50)
- HT-3 Best "Green" Recipe:  
2nd Place, Barbara Weiler (\$30)
- Public Relations:
  - PR-1 Press Book:  
2nd Place, Dos Valles GC (\$25)
  - 3rd Place, Vista GC (\$15)
  - PR-2 Newsletters: HM, Bernardo Gardeners
  - PR-2 Article/Individual:  
1st Place, Pauline Sechi (\$15)
  - 3rd Place, Rose Crawford
  - PR-2 Publications (tie):  
2nd Place Bernardo Gardeners (\$10)
  - PR-5 Website: 3rd Place, Vista GC (\$20)
- Youth: Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters  
3rd Place, Zoey Morrisette (Dos Valles)  
3rd Place, Mackayla Coley, (Dos Valles)

**Sweepstakes/Club (by club size): Dos Valles GC**

### Districts:

Most Standard Flower Shows in District: Palomar

**Sweepstakes (most club awards): Palomar**

**CGCI 82nd Annual Convention  
June 3-7, 2013**

*"Fun in the Sun in San Diego..."*

*Explore the possibilities"*

Chairman: Jane McKee  
**cgciconvention2013@gmail.com**  
Registrar: Joan Patten  
Crown Plaza Hotel, Mission Valley

**Thank you** to the clubs and individuals who volunteered to chair the various committees for the 2013 Convention. The complete list is available on the website.

Plans are moving along swiftly and we hope to be able to announce the programs and workshops at the District Fall Meeting.

**Volunteers**

- There will be many opportunities for everyone to participate. Some of the committees will need extra hands so if you identify a place where you would like to volunteer (registration table, selling raffle tickets etc) contact the club in charge and offer your services.

**Raffle:**

- Each club and affiliate is 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.

**Exhibits:**

- Traditionally the exhibits are prepared by CGCI Committee Chairmen to promote their particular area of interest i.e. membership, Penny Pines, special projects etc.
- For 2013, each club and affiliate of Palomar District is invited to prepare an exhibit highlighting the group's activities.
  - Space: 4' (1/2 of 8' table)
  - Suggest tri-fold display board
  - Handouts and/or an example (floral arrangement, sample craft etc) are welcome
  - Watch for the Exhibit Request Form (must be submitted to help us with space planning)

**NOTE;** A special e-mail address has been established for all convention related information...

**cgciconvention2013@gmail.com**

Please direct all questions, suggestions and comments to this address.

Thank you!  
Jane

Club Banners... The following is from Banner Chairman Rita Desilets: "Orders have been pouring in from **Palomar District**, CGCI's 2013 Convention hosts."

**Wahoo!** What a display there will be...  
Have you ordered YOUR banner yet?

**PACIFIC REGION**

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



**Mark your calendars:**

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

**April 21-24, 2013**  
Pacific Region Convention will be in  
Santa Rosa, CA

**Fun facts from around the region...**

**Arizona** held a "Contain your Enthusiasm" contest featuring unique containers filled with a variety of plantings.

**Nevada** state organization has its very own building!

**Idaho:** members of one garden club pooled their leftover Christmas ornaments to decorate a tree and donated it to a local Veteran's Center.

**Alaska:** The Wildflower Garden Club maintains a wildflower trail at the Alaska Botanical Garden.

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC**

**Website:**

NGC's website ([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)) has a new look...check it out! The majority of the site is public but for club and member-specific information you will need to login:

Userid: member  
Password: proud



(NGC website continued)

And you can now “shop online” using a credit card...just select your product and add it to your cart. Please note it’s still a work in progress so keep checking if you don’t find what you are looking for the first time.

**Awards:**

The NGC Awards process has changed. Check the Awards section of the website for the NEW application form and list of available awards.

**“Keeping in Touch”**

Do you receive this quarterly publication, a supplement to The National Gardener? If not you can read in online—FREE

**CALENDAR**

**2012**

**July**

31 Presentation of check for \$1000 to Anza Borrego Desert State Park from the new CGCI Special Project.

**August**

19-21 **Flower Show School, Course 1**  
South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes  
Host: So Cal Judges Council

29 **Palomar District Leadership Workshop.**  
Cardiff Library, 2081 Newcastle, Cardiff-by-the-Sea

**September**

6-9 **CGCI Fall Board**, San Mateo, CA  
Host: CGCI Exec Cmte

19 **Palomar District Awards Workshop**  
Poway Library, 13137 Poway Rd, Poway

24 **Palomar District Fall Board & General Meeting.** Host: Dos Valles GC  
St Stephens’ Church, Valley Center

25-29 NGC Fall Board, Little Rock, Ark

**October**

12-13 **Gardening Studies School, Course 1**

**December**

7-9 December Nights: “Carols & Songs of the Season”, Balboa Park

**2013**

**January**

7-9 **Flower Show School, Course 1**  
South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes  
Host: So Cal Judges Council

30-31 **Gardening Studies School, Course 3**, Encino

**February**

5-7 **CGCI Winter Board**, Auburn, CA  
Host: Golden Foothills District

18 **Palomar District Winter Board & Annual Meeting.** Host: Fallbrook GC, Grand Tradition, Fallbrook

**March**

28-29 **Gardening Studies School, Course 4**, Encino

**June**

3-7 **CGCI 82nd Annual Convention**, San Diego  
Host: Palomar District

**August**

12-14 **Flower Show School, Course 1**  
South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes  
Host: So Cal Judges Council

**2014**

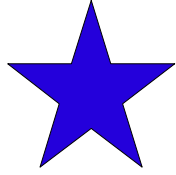
**January**

6-8 **Flower Show School, Course 1**  
South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes  
Host: So Cal Judges Council

**June**

5-9 **CGCI Convention**, Glendale  
Host: San Fernando Valley District

Do you have a special event you want included in the District Calendar (Pruner or website)? Send details to:  
**pdgardenclubnews@gmail.com**



# California Garden Clubs, Inc., Palomar District

## *Blue Star Memorial Marker Fund*

### Miramar National Cemetery

I wish to make a contribution to the Special Fund, established by the Palomar District of California Garden Clubs, Inc., for the installation of a Blue Star Memorial Marker in the Miramar National Cemetery.

I would like to be invited to the dedication ceremony (tentatively June 2013)

I would like my name to be included on the "Donor Wall" listing on the Palomar District website

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Donation is

\*In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\*In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\*honorees will be listed along with the donor name on the website Donor Wall if box above is checked.

Please make check payable to:

**Palomar District Miramar Blue Star Fund**

and mail to:

**Blue Star Memorial Marker for Miramar National Cemetery**

**Attn: D. Cole, 13711 Vista Poniente Dr., Poway, California 92064**

Enclosed is check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

An acknowledgment will be mailed to you upon receipt of your check. If excess funds are collected, they will be used for additional Blue Star Markers.

*The Blue Star memorials honor those who have served in the Armed Forces...  
past, present and future.*

# *Thank you!*

Palomar District is one of 28 geographical divisions within California Garden Clubs, Inc., and includes 24 garden clubs, 2 affiliate organizations and over 2000 members in San Diego and southern Riverside Counties. We promote gardening, floral design, civic beautification, environmental responsibility and the exchange of information and ideas.

Palomar District is a 501(c)(3) organization; Tax ID #330801783; listed on the California Registry of Charitable Trusts, Registry #119469. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.