



# The Palomar Pruner

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## FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

Dear Fellow Gardening Enthusiasts,  
Aren't we the luckiest people to be living in this temperate climate? Just seeing the floods, snow and ice in other parts of the country is enough to inspire us to get out in our gardens for hours of digging, planting, weeding and pruning. I hope everyone has recovered from busy but wonderful holiday seasons (Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza, Ramadan, New Years, Valentine's Day, Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays, Lunar New Year) and that you now ready to return to our garden club activities.

Please plan to attend the Palomar District Meeting in Bonita on Monday, Feb 24, at 10:00 at the Bonita Golf Course at 5540 Sweetwater Road. It will give you an opportunity to learn all of the latest happenings in the state and district and to hear a great program. Please mark your calendars now for our final meeting of the year on June 16 hosted by the Chula Vista Garden Club. You will hear all about the great program they have planned at our meeting on Monday. Our three southern clubs (Coronado, Bonita, Chula Vista) each hosted a meeting this year; thank you so much!!! Next year three more clubs have an opportunity to feature their community and to turn a profit as well. Please step up and volunteer to host one of our district meetings. Continued.....



## Directors Message Cont.

If you haven't attended a Design Forum, you have missed out on some great programs. The Forum is designed to provide information for both beginning and experienced designers as well as to provide an opportunity to network with interesting people. We have some great programs scheduled. On March 3 you will see a demonstration of the various National Garden Club designs, just in time for you to get inspired before your flower show. I still have a few designs available for demonstration, so don't be shy just email me to volunteer to be a designer. On April 7 you have an opportunity to see Flower Power in operation as 3 designers race against the clock to create a design from material, container and theme that is a surprise to them.. On May 5 Gude Kimmel will inspire and amaze you with table artistry. Shinoda Design Center gives us a meeting place for free, sets up the tables and chairs and advertises our program on their website. We hope to repay their generosity by being good customers and using this opportunity to purchase their fantastic accessories. If you patronize Shinoda, please tell them that you appreciate their support for Palomar District. Design Forum meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 12:30 at Shinoda Design Center on Miramar Road.

The season of flower shows is fast approaching. Each show is so unique; I hope everyone has a chance to attend all of them. Don't forget to give Jane McKee the information about your show, so she can post it on the district website and we can all attend. Since your club has already done the work for the show, please think about applying for one of the flower show awards. In order to do this, you must register your show.

Happy Spring!



## Palomar District's 2013-2014 Floral Design Forum

### **New Venue: Shinoda Design Center**

**Objectives:** To bring the finest floral designers to San Diego County; promote appreciation of floral art forms; develop skills in critiquing floral art; improve individual skills for in home floral decorating; learn skills for flower show exhibition; encourage members to enter flower shows and promote floral arts in the community. The forum is open to anyone interested in floral design.

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, October thru May, 12:30

**Where:** **Shinoda Design Center**

7170 Miramar Rd., San Diego, 92121

**Fees:** \$12/ session for NGC/CGCI members  
\$15/ session for non-members

**March 3, 2014 Designs of National Garden Clubs.** Education, inspiration and enjoyment – just in time for the flower show season. Over 20 designs to view and learn about as NGC Judges explain the ins and outs of each design.

**April 7, 2014 Flower Power** one of the most popular programs Watch as 3 local designers first race against the clock to complete a design from material, container and theme that is a surprise to them . Plus each designer will show a “signature design”, 3 designs are completed in a “round robin” fashion and finally a wrap up design is done.

**May 5, 2014 Gudrun Kimmel, NGC Master Judge** We saved one of the best for last. Designer and teacher she is bringing ½ of her club to see her program on **Table Artistry**. Her collection of table wear and fabrics plus her innovative ideas will inspire you for the rest of the year.

Reminder, that California Garden Club, Inc. members are able to **shop at Shinoda Design Center**. Unless you have a resale license, you will have to pay sales tax at the time of purchase.



## **The Bernardo Gardeners Club's Holiday Party**

Held at the beautiful Bernardo Heights Country Club on December 12, 2013. The day was perfect from the delicious food, friendship, music from the singing group, Rhapsody, to the outpouring of holiday spirit. Our guests from Serenity House enjoyed themselves as well. Little Tory was showered with attention and his mom was a most gracious guest. We presented a cash donation to Elizabeth Carson, Donations Co-ordinator and Food Services who accepted with deep appreciation on behalf of Serenity House and thanked us for all the new toys and toiletries donated by our members. We take pride and pleasure in helping the residents of this fine center and look forward to our annual Holiday Party complete with a luncheon and entertainment all year long.

Thank you,  
Audrey Koble  
Webmaster  
Bernardogardeners.org

## **POINT LOMA GARDEN CLUB**

### **December Nights:**

The Point Loma Garden Club participated once again with an outstanding holiday tree in the San Diego Floral Association's Festival of Trees, their gift to the community.

Jan Kugler chaired this year's December Nights' Christmas tree event with committee members Jeanne Irwin and Brenda Ferich, two very creative members. San Diego Floral Association chose the overall theme of "Holidays Around the World". In concert with this theme, our committee chose "Nordic Noel" to represent a holiday from Norway. Our club's Nordic tree started with Jeanne Irwin's festive Nordic Gnome, a traditional aspect of Norwegian Christmas decorations. Four members, Jeanne Irwin, Brenda Ferich, Sue Dunwoody, and Patricia Lynch, volunteered to paint birdhouses in Norwegian rosemaling designs. Jan Kugler created two large felt



reindeer to crown the top of the tree along with the traditional Santa Lucia candle light crown. Brenda Ferich created red and straw colored paper hearts for the tree. Club members offered their hydrangea blooms which were sprayed a snowy white and surrounded red roses. The overall effect was a treat to behold. Pat Kent, Jan Thorensen, Jean Massard, Dolly Hartman, and Diane Murdoch were the elves who decorated and placed all the candle lights, floral blooms, birdhouses, and other decorations on the tree. What a team effort!

Our club's Nordic tree was viewed by 20,000 guests to the Floral display. If we had a dollar for every photo taken of the tree, we could pay our rent for a year. The club can be very proud of the tree and the creators.

The San Diego Floral Association thanks our club for participating in this community event.

### **Cabrillo National Monument Lighthouse Decorating:**

On Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, a team of PLGC elves decorated the living quarters in the Point Loma Lighthouse with period-appropriate items, including the popcorn and chili strings that were made at the workshop following the September meeting. In attendance were President Dale Rekus, Community Service/Cabrillo National Monument Holiday Decorations Chair Suzanne Michel, Kay Anderson, Carol Tira, Kathy Walsh, and Sharon Miller.



You are cordially invited to attend the Crown Garden Club of Coronado's Annual Demonstration Luncheon

## A Flower Show... Weather or Not

Featuring Noel Tribbey AIFD, CFD



Thursday, February 27, 2014  
9:30 am - Coffee/Social  
Coronado Cays Yacht Club  
30 Caribe Cay Boulevard North, Coronado, CA 92118  
Demonstration, Luncheon, Auction and Drawing  
For information call Chairperson Sandy Shortt - 435-9015 or 858-7878  
(Reservation deadline Feb. 20, 2014 - Seats assigned in order of check arrival)  
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NAME(S) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ or more listed below

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed at \$50 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check(s) for the total must accompany your reservation.

Luncheon - Soup, salad with choice of salmon or chicken breast (circle one)

If you are reserving for more than one person, Please write a C or S after each name  
(tells us whether they want chicken or fish)

Mail reservation and check to Mary Benube, 45 Aruba Bend, Coronado 92118-5271




## THE VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB OF LA JOLLA

### Meet the Masters 2014

presents

**Eddie Zaratsian**

MASTER FLORAL DESIGNER, EVENT PLANNER and AUTHOR

one of  five top florists  London  the Financial times February 2012

Floral Demonstration and Lecture Reception follows

## March 6th 1:30 p.m.

at the

### Auditorium at TSRI

10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive San Diego, CA 92121 COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING

\$55 VGCLJ members \$65 non-members

FOR RESERVATIONS

Send checks payable to VGCLJ to: Meet the Masters P.O. Box 783 La Jolla, CA 92038

For further information: call 858-459-4846 or visit our website [villagegardencluboflajolla.com](http://villagegardencluboflajolla.com)

## PACIFIC REGION

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



**Director Elaine Gunderson**

[Theme: Expand Horizons – Conservation Rainbows](#)

Project: It's Our World! It's Our Responsibility!

Plant Seeds of Knowledge and Stewardship

### **CA - Wildflower Conference**

Sunday April 6, 2014 - Tuesday April 8, 2014  
500 E. Steuber Road, Tehachapi, CA 93561

La Quinta Inn & Suites, 500 E. Steuber rd,  
Tehachapi, CA 93561

Co-Chairmen: Marrilee Ray and Wanda Hewett

The Wildflower Conference registration fee is \$90.

This includes the Sunday evening reception, all lectures/workshops on Monday, dinner and entertainment at Restaurant 85 on Mon eve, and the tour Tuesday morning.

Rooms are \$79 for single/double occupancy. Make reservations

at the La Quinta Inn & Suites by calling 661-823-8000

Mention California Garden Clubs, Inc. to receive the special

\$79 rate. A complimentary continental breakfast is provided. Reserve by March 20, 2014.

## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC



### ***Plan Events to Celebrate National Garden Week in Your Community***

Use this week to encourage pride in communities and cooperation among groups interested in educating the general public on the importance of general gardening information. The more involved in the community that your garden club can be, the more awareness we can generate for National Garden Club and everything we do!

Ideas include:

- Sponsor a hands-on "How Do You Select Flowers/Shrubs for Your Garden" workshop at an area nursery.
- Beautify a manageable blighted area with the cooperative efforts of another group.
- Host a member garden tour - include a water garden, a vegetable garden, a rose garden, etc.
- Conduct a "Get to Know Us" event at the public library.

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**Annual Historic Garden Tour**

**Canyon Rims and Valley Views: Gardens of University Heights**

**Saturday, May 17, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Tour maps, tickets, will call, garden market place**

**Old Trolley Barn Park, 1998 Adams Avenue**

**Tickets on sale from March 15**

**\$20 in advance || \$25 day of event**

**Tickets at local plant nurseries and online at [sdfloral.org](http://sdfloral.org)**

San Diego Floral Association's annual "garden tour with a difference" ventures to University Heights where 125 years as a distinctive San Diego neighborhood is being commemorated. Anchored by a charming business district along Park Boulevard and Adams Avenue, the neighborhood is full of carefully tended historic homes representing every architectural style of the past century.

One of San Diego's oldest communities, University Heights spreads across a mesa overlooking Mission Valley. It was home to the famed Mission Cliff Gardens, an ostrich farm, an experiment with silk worm production and a State Normal School. A neighborhood sign in the shape of a trolley car celebrates the area's history as a destination for the trolley line running from downtown San Diego.

On the day of the tour, Old Trolley Barn Park on Adams Avenue will feature a garden market place of artisans and garden vendors. Tickets and maps will be available at the park. Online tickets available at [sdfloral.org](http://sdfloral.org).

Join San Diego Floral Association on May 17, 2014 (the weekend after Mother's Day) for a delightful day of gardens, history and discovery in University Heights

Questions? Call our office at [619-232-5762](tel:619-232-5762) in Balboa Park

## RECON Native Plants, Inc.

**February 18, 2014**

The "rainy season" is just around the corner (fingers crossed!).

It's been a historically dry winter so far, and with the drought now official, using **water-wise** plant material has never been more important! We recognize the challenges that drought can bring to our customers and we are committed to doing everything we can to help.

For our restoration customers, the lack of rainfall has made plant establishment even more challenging as they are forced to irrigate large numbers of plants in challenging and remote locations without the help of Mother Nature. With this in mind, it is even more important to use plant material that is ready for "real world " conditions and will be ready to thrive once planted. Our **unique growing process**, which includes growing in **full sun**, using **native soil**, and practicing **controlled drought**, yields a stronger plant that is ready to hit the ground...growing!

For our landscape customers, the recent drought has just added to the existing sense of urgency to choose **water-wise** plant material for landscape projects. We are excited that so many landscape architects, designers, and homeowners are pursuing native plants for their water-wise projects, and we look forward to being a helpful resource as well as a reliable source for this material. We are constantly striving to provide **unique, beautiful, and hardy** native plant material in the container sizes that our landscape customers prefer.

### Upcoming Events

#### 1. What: **Native Garden Tour presented by Garden Native and CNPSSD**

Tickets are \$25 each, children 12 and under are free. CNPS discount code "manzanita"

Get more information and buy tickets at **GardenNativeTour.org**

Where: **San Diego County** (Solana Beach, Encinitas, Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido)

When: **Saturday March 29 and Sunday March 30 from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM**



#### 2. What: **RECON Native Plants Spring Native Plant Sale**

A huge selection of your favorite native plants will be available at great prices!

Where: RECON Native Plants, **1755 Saturn Blvd, San Diego, 92154**

When: **Saturday March 22 from 9 AM to 3 PM**

Email: [patrick@reconnativeplants.com](mailto:patrick@reconnativeplants.com)

Phone: [619.423.2284](tel:619.423.2284)

Fax: [619.423.0632](tel:619.423.0632)

Web: <http://www.reconnativeplants.com>

[www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict)

# CALENDAR

## February

**5 -7**

Flower Show School, Course II, Diablo Foothills District Co-Chairman Victoria Lucido and Dolores Moffat 13-15:

13-16

CGCI Winter Board Meeting - Glendale Hilton, Host: Arboretum District; Chairman: Shirley Stewart

**24**

Palomar District Winter Board & Annual Meeting - Bonita Golf Course, 5540 Sweetwater Road, Bonita, CA 91902-2137; 10:00 am (Board Meeting); 11:00 am (Annual Meeting/lunch/program);

Lunch: \$24.00; Host Club: Bonita Valley Garden Club

**27**

Crown Garden Club of Coronado. Annual demonstration and Luncheon. "Flower Show, Weather or Not", featuring Noel Tribbey AIFD CFD. 30 Caribe Cay Blvd North. Coronado.

## March

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The Floral Design Forum: new location at Shinoda Design Center, 7170 Miramar Road, San Diego, CA 92121-2316. 12:30 pm.

NGC Designs

**6**

Village Garden Club of La Jolla, "Meet The Masters 2014", at TSRI, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr, San Diego 92121. 1-30pm at the auditorium. VGCLJ \$55, non members \$65. Call 858-459-4846 for info

**21-23**

San Diego County Orchid Society, A Symphony Of Orchids, show and sale. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108 Fri 3-7, Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4. Admission \$7.

## April

**5**

Fallbrook Garden Club All-horticulture Flower Show - "A Country Garden" Fallbrook Community Center, 341 Heald Lane, Fallbrook; 1-5 pm, No admission; plant sale, entries

welcome. Information: [www.fallbrookgardenclub.org](http://www.fallbrookgardenclub.org)

**6-8**

CGCI Wildflower Conference, La Quinta Inn & Suites, Tehachapi, Co-Chairmen: Marrilee Ray and Wanda Hewett

**7**

The Floral Design Forum: new location at Shinoda Design Center, 7170 Miramar Road, San Diego, CA 92121-2316. 12:30 pm.

Flower Power: Designers compete against the clock

**11-13**

Dos Valles GC Flower Show

## **April**

**12**

Poway Valley GC 36<sup>th</sup> Standard Flower Show on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm at Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. Admission is free. The Show will include a wide variety of horticulture and design and the public is encouraged to enter. Also featured will be the Club's annual "Giant Plant Sale" where you can find great bargains. For more information and how you can enter the Flower Show, view our website at [www.powayvalleygardenclub.org](http://www.powayvalleygardenclub.org) or contact Emily at [858-748-1025](tel:858-748-1025) or Adele at [858-673-8728](tel:858-673-8728).

26-27

Coronado Flower Show

Redlands Horticulture & Improvement Society Flower Show

30-May 4:

NGC Convention - Norman, OK

## **May**

**3**

Temecula Valley GC Flower Show

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Vista GC Flower Show

**5**

The Floral Design Forum: new location at Shinoda Design Center, 7170 Miramar Road, San Diego, CA 92121-2316. 12:30 pm.

Gudrun Kimmel: Table Artistry

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Bonita Valley Garden Tour. Call Glennalie Coleman for info 619-479-9607. Tickets \$15, \$20 at the door.

**17**

San Diego Floral Association Annual Historic Garden Tour - Canyon Rims and Valley Views: Gardens of University Heights. Saturday, May 17, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tour maps, tickets, will call, garden market place Old Trolley Barn Park, 1998 Adams Avenue. Tickets on sale from March 15 - \$20 in advance || \$25 day of event. Tickets at local plant nurseries and online at [sdfloral.org](http://sdfloral.org)

## **June**

5-9:

CGCI Convention - Glendale Hilton; Host: San Fernando Valley District; Chairman: Robin Pokorski

**16**

Palomar District Summer Board Meeting - Southwestern College, Room L238 North & South, 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista, CA 91910-7223; 10:00 am (Board Meeting); Lunch/Program: TBA; Host Club: Chula Vista Garden Club

## **July**

1-3

Pacific Region Convention, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho

9-11

Flower Show School, Course III, Diablo Foothills District Co-Chairmen Victoria Lucido and Dolores Moffat

## **September**

3-5

CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Host: Cascade District. Co-Chairmen: Anne Capes and Carolyn Hoyum

# **Palomar District Winter/Annual Meeting**

Monday, February 24, 2014

Host: *Bonita Valley Garden Club*

Location: Bonita Golf Course, 5540 Sweetwater Road, Bonita, CA 91902 - 2137

- 9:30 AM: Hospitality
- 10:00 AM: Board Meeting
- 11:00 AM: Annual Meeting/Lunch/Program

**Lunch: \$24.00 Per Person (reservations required)**

Chicken Piccata with a Lemon Caper Sauce

(includes Garden Salad with Dressing, Roasted Red Potatoes, Vegetables, Beverages)

Vegetarian dishes upon request

**Program: Living Coast Discovery Center, Chula Vista**

Check payable to: Bonita Valley Garden Club

Mail to: Bea Putian, 1165 Kostner Drive, San Diego, CA 92154 - 3803

Information: (619) 690 - 2053; email: [b\\_putian@yahoo.com](mailto:b_putian@yahoo.com)

If you send check for more than one person, please provide the names of those attending.

**Reservation deadline: February 15th, 2014**

