

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear CGCI members,

Isn't it amazing how quickly time flies? I hope you all had a lovely holiday season and that the new year is off to a great start! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our fall district meeting hosted by Bernardo Gardeners. It was held in Old Poway Park which gave us the opportunity to see the fabulous work they have done on the gardens there. In addition we enjoyed a super lunch and a very interesting program on *Creating a Water Wise Garden* by Linda Beiser.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our annual membership meeting which will be held at the beautiful Wilson Creek Winery in Temecula at 10:00 on Monday, February 23. Not only will you have an opportunity to see fellow garden enthusiasts, vote in our elections, find out about lovely garden tours and flower shows, purchase items, learn the latest from CGCI but you will hear a fantastically interesting program provided by the Temecula Olive Oil Company.

Are you interested in learning more about horticulture, flower design, putting on a flower show, producing winning entries, etc? We have the answer for you. Our very own Southwest Judge's Council is sponsoring a Flower Show School. This will be four one weekend courses over the course of two years. The first school will be held September 21, 22, 23, 2015 at San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Gardens). This course will be taught by the vastly entertaining and knowledgeable sister team of Tina Tuttle and Gina Jordan. For questions and advance information contact Diana Drumme at 619-978-9592 or drummedge@att.net.

A huge thank you goes to our nominating committee of Geri Thirloway (San Dieguito), Genny Deutsch (San Carlos), Sherry Rudrud (Bernardo Gardeners), Adele Kelly (Poway), their chair, Barbara Weiler (Dos Valles) and our alternates Dale Rekus (Pt, Loma) and Ramona Valencia (Ramona) for providing our slate of officers for 2015-17. The slate is: Lynne Batchelor for District Director, Adele Kelly for 1st Vice President, Lynn Paine for 2nd Vice President, Sharon Tooley for Recording Secretary and Ruth Myers for Treasurer. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

It was an honor to be a part of the dedication ceremony for the Blue Star Memorial Marker which we placed at Miramar in November. It had a special meaning for me as my 95 year old father is a World War II veteran. It was a very moving ceremony with many special guests in attendance including our state president, the national committee chair for Blue Star Markers and a host of local politicians and celebrities. Kudos to the vision and persistence of George Speer and Ronnie Dale who brought this project to fruition.

The season for garden tours and flower shows is just around the corner. Please remember to send details of them to Jane McKee (jmckee@aol.com) for posting on the website and to Susan Curie (curriesusan@gmail.com) for inclusion in the Pruner. We all love to attend these lovely events!

Finally there are four more wonderful programs from Design Forum which meets the first Monday of the month at 12:30 at Shinoda Design Center on Miramar Road. Our remaining outstanding programs are

February 2, 2015- Mitsuko Takeya, Instructor in the Sogetso School of Ikebana.

March 2, 2015 "FLOWER POWER" Our most popular Program. Watch as local designers race against the clock to complete a Surprise Package design from material, container and theme.

April 6, 2015 Noel Tribby, AIFD

May 4, 2015 Gudrun Kimmel, NGC Master Judge, Designer and Teacher

Hope to see you there!

Happy Gardening, Lynne



Winter Board & Annual Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2015

Host: Temecula Valley Garden Club

Wilson Creek Winery

35960 Rancho California Road,

Temecula, CA 92591-5088

10:00 a.m. (board meeting)

11:00 a.m. (annual meeting/lunch/
program)

Lunch – \$30.00



Summer Board Meeting

Monday, June 29, 2015

Host: Master Gardener Association of
San Diego

9335 Hazard Way, San Diego, CA

92123-1222

10:00 a.m. (board meeting)

Lunch – Cost TBA

Palomar District's Floral Design Forum 2014-2015

Chairman: Lynne Batchelor & Sandra Graff Treasurer:
Joan Patten

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

WHEN: 1ST Monday, October thru May 12:30pm

WHERE: **Shinoda Design Center, 7170 Miramar Rd., San Diego, ca 92121**

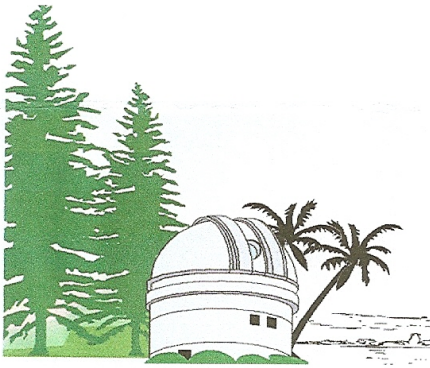
FEES: Choose \$70 – all 8 program season pass subscription (save \$50 over Non-member session tickets, or \$12/session NGC members \$15/session non-members.

February 2, 2015- Mitsuko Takeya, Instructor in the Sogetso School of Ikebana, Enjoy the simplicity, meaning and grace of the Ikebana school.

March 2, 2015 “FLOWER POWER” Our most popular Program. Watch as local designers race against the clock to complete a Surprise Package design from material, container and theme. Then, like a 3 ring circus, they show a “signature Design”, a “round robin” and then a “wrap up” design.

April 6, 2015 Noel Tribby, AIFD Just in time for Spring and Flower Shows, he masters the use of flowers, containers and inspires. All the materials, etc. will be a part of the raffle.

May 4, 2015 Gudrun Kimmel, NGC Master Judge, Designer and Teacher, she brings the new look “downward thrust” or “Cascading” and she’ll show how to use fruits and vegetables with your flowers.



Palomar District Blue Star Memorial Miramar National Cemetery

PROMISES TO KEEP by William Arthur Werd

I will do more than belong, I will participate
 I will do more than care, I will help
 I will do more than believe, I will practice
 I will do more than forgive, I will forget
 I will do more than teach, I will inspire
 I will do more than give, I will serve
 I will do more than earn, I will enrich
 I will do more than be fair, I will be kind
 I will do more than be a citizen, I will be a patriot
 Finally
 I will do more than be friendly, I will be a true friend



L-R: Andrea Little, NGC Blue Star Chairman, George Speer, Palomar District Blue Star Ceremony Chairman, Rita Desilets, CGCI President, Ronnie Dale, Palomar District Blue Star Chairman, Lynne Batchelor, Palomar District Director

The Blue Star memorials are a tribute to the United States Armed Forces ... those who have served, are currently serving or will serve in the future.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. adopted the Blue Star Memorial Highway project in 1946.

The official design of these first markers was presented to National Council in 1947 featuring the icon of the blue star used on blue star flags. In 1947 California adopted the program and highways 40 and 99 were dedicated. These markers can only be placed on highways that have been dedicated with a resolution through the state assembly. The first five markers were dedicated in 1948. There are now 18 dedicated highways within the state and 58 highway markers.

The price, effective May 1, 2014, is \$1410 for either of two large markers which includes shipping increase by freight lines, and \$470 for the by-way markers.

Price is subject to change.

There are now three types of markers available

Highway markers,

By-way markers

Memorial markers.

The memorial markers approved in 1994 are to be placed at National Cemeteries or V.A. Medical Centers.

There are eight of these markers in the state.

Correction to Palomar District Yearbook 2014-2015:

Pages 3, 12 and 20

Change Joan Patten's email address to vcjoanpatten@gmail.com.

Page 9

Change Sandra Graff's phone number to (619)475-0551.

Page 19

Change Sandra Graff's zip code to 92139-2949.

Please submit corrections to Adele Kelly at akelly@san.rr.com.



National Garden Clubs
OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Our history dates back to 1891

The first garden club in America was founded in January 1891 by The Ladies Garden Club of Athens, Georgia. On May 1, 1929, 13 federated states became charter members at an organizational meeting in Washington, D.C. In 1935, the National Garden Clubs established headquarters at Rockefeller Center in New York City. A permanent headquarters building in St. Louis was dedicated May 10, 1958.

Today, National Garden Clubs, Inc., (NGC) is a not-for-profit educational organization headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri USA, adjacent to the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Our organization comprises 50 state garden clubs and the National Capital Area, nearly 6,000 member garden clubs and nearly 200,000 members. Additionally, NGC has 70 national affiliated organizations within the United States and nearly 300 international affiliated organizations with locations ranging around the globe including: Canada, Mexico, South America, Bermuda, South Africa, Australia and Japan



A Letter From President Linda Nelson Garden Clubs are Making a World of Difference

During these next two years, my focus will be to show how garden clubs are making a world of difference and to lead our members and organization to understand that our choices matter because they have a direct impact on the environment and the health of our planet earth.

I'm proud to report that garden clubs have always been at the forefront of recycling efforts; providing tens of millions of dollars in donated time and resources. Additionally, we have donated nationwide to Penny Pines, Green the Gulf, Running Waters, the Fallen Hero Memorial, Hurricane Katrina, and to the east coast clean up after Hurricane Sandy. We give with our time, money, hearts and hands to make things better.

Gardeners are a special kind of people that we want and need in our communities. Gardeners clean, grow and beautify our public and private places with tapestries of native plants. We bring design and landscaping concepts to life and help save blighted areas with an intention of serving each other, as well as the cities and towns in which we live.

PALOMAR DISTRICT CLUBS



Bernardo Gardeners Club's Annual
Spring Garden Tour
Apr. 18th

Featuring

Six fabulous Gardens in the Rancho
Bernardo and Poway communities
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
TICKETS \$20

Tickets can be purchased at Walter
Andersen's Nursery in Poway (12755
Danielson Court) or at any of the six (6)
Gardens. One Garden's address will be
revealed prior to the Tour date.

Our largest fundraiser, with proceeds to
support our many community projects, has
become a widely anticipated multi-commun-
ity event involving many home gardens,
each with a flair of their own. Whether they
be native, succulent, English Garden or
other themes, you will come away in awe
and be inspired with some terrific ideas for
your own home!

Please note: The Gardens are not walker or
wheelchair accessible

Co-Chairs Diane Scharar, and Jeanne



18th Annual Sage & Songbirds
Festival & Garden Tour
May 1-3, 2015
JOIN US FOR THE 18th ANNUAL
SAGE & SONGBIRDS GARDEN TOUR

3-DAY GARDEN TOUR OVERVIEW:
Five beautiful home gardens, filled with
sensational succulents, natives and other
drought-tolerant botanical treats--and host to
local birds & butterflies--will be featured on this
year's tour, PLUS 2 bonus sites--a
Hummingbird Haven Patio, AND, repeated by
popular demand -- a raptor rehabilitation
faciliity. That's a total of 7 places to see with
only one ticket purchase!

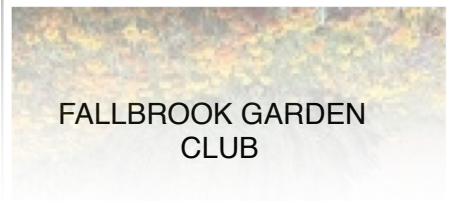
GARDEN TOUR DETAILS - May 1-3, 2015, 10
am - 4 pm. Ticket valid all 3 days. Self-guided
tour. Ticket includes map.

Go at your own pace, stay as long as you like
in each garden. One visit per site, per ticket.

TICKET PRICE: \$20/person. Early bird price -
\$17.50 by April 15

Visit chirp.org for updates





FALLBROOK GARDEN CLUB

Biennial Garden Tour

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Starting point: Tickets/Maps & Market Place :
Fallbrook Historical Society Museum grounds
260 Rockycrest, Fallbrook
Gates open: 8:30a.m.
Gardens open: 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Tickets: \$20 (advance), \$25 (at the gate)
Reservation forms available February 1
fallbrookgardenclub@gmail.com

Market Place will include: Plant Sale, Raffle,
Vendors
Plus the Historical Society's three museum
buildings will be open

Proceeds benefit Fallbrook Garden Club's
Scholarship Fund and a variety of community
projects

BEYOND
THE GATE

MISSION HILLS GARDEN CLUB

MAY 10
2014
9AM-4PM
MISSION HILLS NURSERY
1525 Ft. Stockton Dr., 92103

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GARDEN WALK
Ticket Cost \$25 Presale | \$30 Day of Event
Purchase Tickets at Mission Hills Nursery,
Walter Andersens Nursery or online at
MissionHillsGardenClub.org

The Village Garden Club of La Jolla presents

Expressions in Art & Flowers

A two day event!

April 29th and 30th, 2015

Torrey Pines Christian Church, Hashinger Hall Auditorium

Invite your family and friends to join us in viewing the displays of original art, with each piece interpreted by a creative floral design.

Our members' artistic and floral design talents have delighted everyone for 13 years!



Preview Show

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 – 4 pm – 7 pm

Live music, refreshments, no host bar

Show, Social and Program

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Social Hour 9 am – 10 am

Program and Meeting 10 am – Noon

Live music, refreshments

Opportunity Drawings and More - Plenty of free parking

Prepaid Reservations by Mail preferred by 4/24

Send check payable to VGCLJ to:

Village Garden Club of La Jolla

c/o Expressions in Art & Flowers

P.O. Box 783, La Jolla, CA 92038

Location of Events

Torrey Pines Christian Church

Hashinger Hall Auditorium

8320 La Jolla Scenic Dr. North

La Jolla, CA 92037

Cost – Limited tickets available

Wednesday, April 29 - \$20 non members

Thursday, April 30 - \$15 non members

Members are free for both events

Prepaid Mailed Reservations names will be on our "Prepaid" list at the door where you can pick up your nametag.

Tickets also available at the door.

Prepaid Reservations Recommended

For Reservation Form and more information, please visit: www.vgclj.com

BONITA VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

A Flower and Garden Photography and Garden Art Competition and Exhibition

Sponsored by the Bonita Valley Garden Club

"BONITA IN FOCUS"

Show Open Wednesday – Saturday
10am-4pm

March 18, 2015 to May 8, 2015

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center
4355 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902

Open to the Public Free Admission

All Interested Amateur Photographers
Invited to Enter

Exhibitor Rules Available at the
Museum

For an e-copy of the schedule and all
entry categories: carvill@san.rr.com

Reservations are required for 3-
dimensional garden art pieces
Information and Reservations
619-405-5769

Fri., March 13 – 10am-4:00pm -
Entries received outside the Museum
Wed., March 18- 10am-4:00pm - Show
opens
Fri., March 20 - 5:30pm-7:30pm –
Reception at the Museum
Sat. May 9 - 10am-12pm - Pick up all
entries



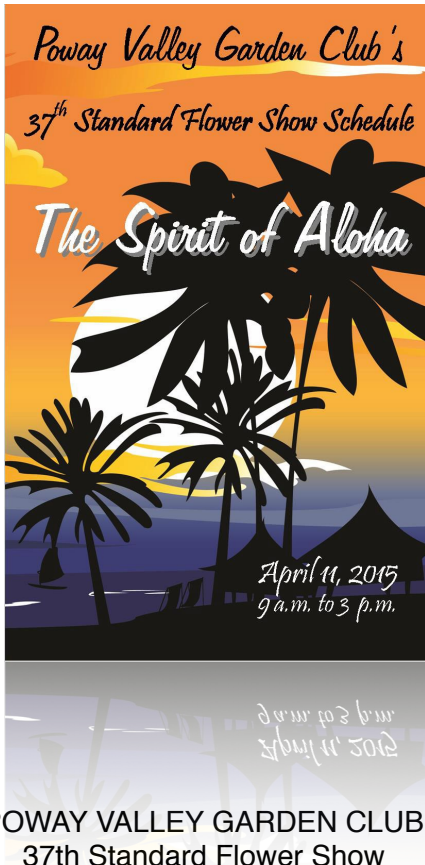
www.coronadoflowershow.com

2015 CORONADO FLOWER SHOW

Saturday, **APRIL 18**, 1pm—
5pm

Sunday, **APRIL 19**, 10am—
4pm

Entries accepted Friday, April 17,
4pm—6pm and
Saturday, April 18, 7am—9:30am



POWAY VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
37th Standard Flower Show
The Spirit of Aloha

Entries from the Public invited in all divisions.
Handicapped Accessible
Open & Free to Public
April 11, 2015 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Old Poway Park
14134 Midland Road, Poway, CA, 92064
Co-Presidents Donna Payton, Roy Wilburn
Flower Show Co-Chairs
Emily Troxell..858-748-1025



Point Loma Garden Club

We are proud to announce a Standard Flower Show
The Gardens of Balboa Park,
Saturday, April 11, 10am - 4pm 2015.
The show is free and open to the public. The competition is open to any amateur gardener or designer. There is no fee to enter.
Westminster Presbyterian Church Hall
3598 Talbot Street San Diego, CA 92106

The 2015 Plant Sale

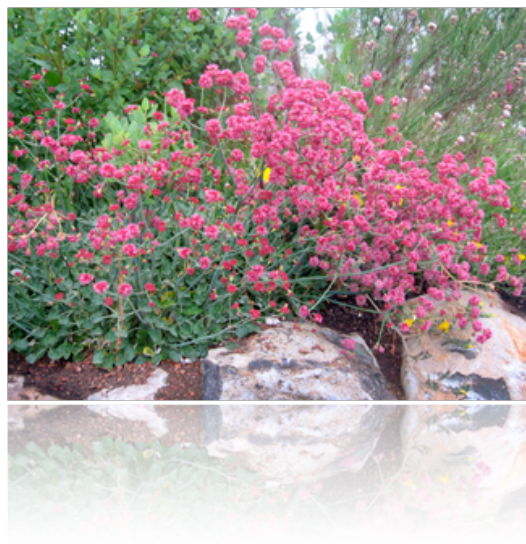
The plant sale will take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 3598 Talbot Street (east of Canon Street) in Point Loma on Saturday, April 11, from 10 AM to 4 PM. It will be held in conjunction with the Standard Flower Show announced above.
Come join us and take home heirloom tomatoes, unusual vegetables and herbs, beautiful patio container plants and specimen, water wise and native plants. Plan to visit La Chic Boutique for new and gently used items. Have your gardening questions answered by Master Gardeners.
Proceeds provide, in part, ongoing philanthropic support for local college scholarships and community organizations. Thank you for your continued patronage and support!

CROWN GARDEN CLUB
DEMONSTRATION LUNCHEON
February 26 at 9-30am
Featuring Beverly Ireland
Coronado Yacht Club
30 Caribe Blvd N, Coronado 92118
\$35. Call Patty Jepson 435-7185

THE VISTA GARDEN CLUB WELCOMES YOU TO
THEIR 81 ST STANDARD FLOWER SHOW
NATURES PALETTE
Saturday, May 2, 2015, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm
Sunday, May 3, 2015, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
PLANT SALE Saturday, 12:00-5:00 pm
Sunday, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Jim Porter Recreation Center, Brengle Terrace Park
1200 Vale Terrace • Vista, California

Poway Garden Club

The Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center of Pauwai is a 5-acre site rich in Kumeyaay-Ipai local history. The City of Poway began acquiring the various parcels which comprise the Center beginning in 1987 to preserve the site as a significant American Indian cultural site. The Friends of the Kumeyaay, the San Pasqual Band of Indians, and the City of Poway have worked together to develop a vision for the property and to start on the development of a replica Kumeyaay Village. Docents also offer interpretive tours to educate the public in the heritage practices of the ancient Kumeyaay.



PLANT OF THE MONTH from Vista Garden Club

Eriogonum grande var. *rubescens*

Red Buckwheat

Red Buckwheat is native to the Channel Islands and has red flowers that bloom throughout the summer. This attractive buckwheat is compact and mounding with small leaves and brings welcome color to the landscape in the summer and fall. Red Buckwheat is versatile and is useful on slopes, in borders, in rock gardens.

One of the best butterfly magnets around, it blooms June-October, providing lots of summer color for your habitat, native or dry garden. The shortest, most delicate looking of the "Buckwheat's," it's also evergreen, forming a nice, low, dense 1' x 3' mound of spoon shaped leaves, green above & wooly below. Cut back the dead flowers to encourage more blooms and prune back one third after flowering season to encourage healthy growth the next spring

BARE BONES

By
Cathy Wilson

,
Red Bluff
Garden Club

Anyone who studies garden design knows that a garden needs structure. This structure is referred to as the "bones." These bones provide the focal points of interest. Some of these bones are living and some are hardscape. They are all usually permanent and can include evergreen or deciduous trees, ornamental shrubs, hedges, walkways, arbors, fencing, fountains, benches or statuary.

Winter is the best time of year to analyze your garden beds because there are no distractions from blooming annuals and perennials. These areas have now become bare. One must simply focus on the entire landscape as a whole. Be sure to include the borrowed views of your neighboring landscapes as they blend in with yours and create an overall vista. From this panorama, you are able to decide what needs to be added or subtracted from your design plan.

Evergreens are the obvious bones, but deciduous trees and shrubs become skeletons that can provide winter interest. Some have interestingly colored or peeling bark, some have catkins, while others are weeping or contorted. Visit your local nursery to check out what is available before they leaf out so that you can appreciate these bare essentials. A wonderful selection which is a favorite in my yard is *Corylus* or otherwise known as "Harry Lauder's Walking Stick. It has sensational gnarled and twisting branches with showy catkins.

On a sunny, warm day, walk through your garden and take the time to critique areas that need reassessment. Is it different heights, depth, shapes, patterns or textures that you need to create a more pleasing area?

Another important note remember your seasons. Providing seasonal interest year long is a key element in planning. Maybe a new pathway is in order to improve function for moving from one space to another. Perhaps a water feature would enhance an area and could become the end point of a destination or used to welcome guests to your entrance. Gardening is like art. It is your canvas. It is what separates your garden as your space, your own haven.

I encourage you to visit your nurseries and speak to the professionals who can answer your questions and maybe even offer some helpful suggestions. Remember, be creative and really enjoy your garden.

Cathy Wilson
Red Bluff
Garden Club

Balboa Park Centennial Celebration Events**Committee of One Hundred**

Throughout 2015

This online digital archive will preserve the important details of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition—the people and the places, the events and the stories, the souvenirs and ephemera. It will include books, booklets, periodicals, passes and tickets, photos and albums, correspondence, paintings, drawings, and video. Members of the public can contribute to this online digital archive by sending us photos or allowing us to photograph or scan their items. Examples from the collection are now on view in the Casa de Balboa on a video monitor by the stairwell. Visit c100.org to contact us and to follow our progress.

c100.org · (619) 981-4521**Panama-California Exposition Digital Archive****San Diego Floral Association**

Throughout 2015

Throughout the centennial celebration year, 45-minute docent-led tours will showcase the horticulture, origins, and design of Balboa Park's historic Botanical Building, a building so special that it became an immediate and enduring icon of Balboa Park. Visitors will also learn the fascinating story of English immigrant Alfred D. Robinson, the man who envisioned and proposed the construction of a botanical building for the 1915 Exposition. Free and open to the public.

sdfloal.org · (619) 232-5762**Botanical Building Tours****San Diego History Center**

Throughout 2015 - Opening in January

The definitive commemorative exhibition of the 1915 Exposition is set in a framework of innovation as an event and as a showcase of innovations in commerce, industry, agriculture and arts/culture during that era. Both celebratory and educational, the exhibition will demonstrate the legacy of the 1915 Expo that put San Diego on the map, created the nation's largest urban cultural park, promoted Southern California as a land of optimism and opportunity, and fostered internationalism. Visitors will "Make & Take" plaster casts of the Spanish colonial architecture.

sandieghistory.org · (619) 232-6203**San Diego Invites the World****San Diego History Center**

Throughout 2015 - Opening in January

This major exhibition, created in collaboration with regional museums, galleries, and private collectors, will feature award-winning artwork by Southern California artists displayed at the influential 1915 Exposition Art Show, along with plein air masterworks also displayed in 1915, all showcasing San Diego's rich artistic and cultural heritage. This popular and informative exhibition includes a commemorative catalog, "Painting of the Month" changing displays, oral history kiosks, and other interactive interpretive elements.

sandieghistory.org · (619) 232-6203**1915 Exposition Masterworks****San Diego Model Railroad Museum**

January 2015-June 2016

Consisting of a model of Balboa Park in 1915, the Centennial Railway Garden exhibit will feature a spectacular use of new technology, sustainable-energy practices, and sculptural art. An innovative smart phone application will operate exhibit lighting, sounds, streetcars, and models of park structures. Exhibit Designer Robert Treat, whose experience includes 12 years as an animation director at Disney, and David Reed, the landscape architect responsible for many park projects, have created a "Miniature Balboa Park" that highlights the contributions of John D. Spreckels and the San Diego railways to the success of the Panama-California Exposition in 1915.

sdmrm.org · (619) 696-0199**Centennial Railway Garden**

San Diego Model Railroad Museum**John D. Spreckels Exhibit**

January 2015-June 2016

In conjunction with the Centennial Railway Garden, this exhibit will highlight the contributions of John D. Spreckels · San Diego. Spreckels was instrumental in the development of San Diego as a metropolitan city and founded the San Diego Electric railway in 1892. To transport people to the 1915 Panama-California Exposition, he developed the San Diego Class 1 Streetcar, a unique streetcar designed specially to accommodate the crowds coming to Balboa Park. Spreckels went on to oversee the completion of the San Diego and Arizona railway, which connected San Diego to the Southern Pacific Railroad and subsequently the rest of the country.

sdmrm.org · (619) 696-0199

San Diego Floral Association**Flower Show**

April 2015

Over one weekend of the centennial year, San Diego Floral Association will stage a major flower show in the spirit of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition, spotlighting some of the finest floral artists in the county. This family-friendly show will celebrate San Diego's historic floriculture industry and highlight changes in floral design from the 1910s to the present. Gardening techniques and demonstrations for visitors of all ages will be offered, and an exhibit of historic Balboa Park landscape photography from the collections of park institutions will be on display. Free and open to the public.

sdfloral.org · (619) 232-5762

San Diego Floral Association**Historic Garden Tour**

May 16, 2015

San Diego Floral Association's 10th-annual Historic Garden Tour will feature beautiful gardens of historic significance in the neighborhoods surrounding Balboa Park. Photographs tracing the development of homes and gardens will be displayed, and a colorful tour guidebook will provide the descriptions and historical context. Our self-guided "garden tour with a difference" is one of the most popular educational events San Diego Floral Association offers. Ticketed event.

sdfloral.org · (619) 232-5762

San Diego Floral Association Lecture Series: The Panama-California Exposition and Cultural Landscape

October 2015

This three-day celebration and lecture forum will explore the evolution of Balboa Park's landscape from 1915 to the present. Participants will learn about the changing cultural landscape of the area and how it reflects and is influenced by a changing society. The series features an evening reception at the Marston House Garden, a stimulating program by renowned writers and thinkers on cultural landscapes, keynoted by a national expert, and a guided tour of the historic Botanical Building.

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San Diego Floral Association**Kate Sessions Birthday Celebration**

November 7, 2015

Known as the "Mother of Balboa Park," Kate Sessions is recognized as an influential figure in Southern California landscape history. The family-friendly gala celebration of Kate's 158th birthday will include talks about her remarkable life and work and a guided walking tour through Kate-influenced areas of Balboa Park. The event features birthday cake, song, prizes, and fun for all ages! Free and open to the public.

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CALENDAR 2015**February**

2 - 5 CGCI Winter Board, Fresno Hotel (converting to DoubleTree Hotel in January), Fresno, Host: Sequoia Foothills District, Co-Chairmen, Diane Lane and Carley Metcalf

11 - 13 Flower Show School, Course IV, Diablo Foothills District, Co-Chairmen Victoria Lucido and Dolores Moffat - Brochure/Registration Form

19 Santa Rosa Garden Club - In & Out of Paris: Gardens of Secret Delights 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Admission: \$25 Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Award winning photographer Marion Brenner will take us on a photographic trip to Paris viewing some of the 30 gardens and garden projects featured in her new book.

Information: Linda Simonds, gardenclubevents@yahoo.com, 707.537.6885

26 Demonstration Luncheon 9-30Am. Crown Garden Club. 30 Caribe Boulevard N, Coronado, Ca 92118. \$35.

March

18 -May 8 Bonita In Focus, a photography and garden art competition sponsored by Bonita Valley Garden Club. Wed through Sat 10am - 4pm.

19: Santa Rosa Garden Club "The Flower Recipe Book"--Floral design event with Studio Choo 2:00 - 4:00pm
Admission: \$25 Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Alethea Harampolis and Jill Rizzo, founders of San Francisco's STUDIO CHOO, the hottest floral design studio in the country have created a flower-arranging bible, The Flower Recipe Book.

Information: Linda Simonds, gardenclubevents@yahoo.com, 707.537.6885

28-29 Sonoma County Orchid Society A Symphony of Orchids Show and Sale Saturday: 10:00a.m. 5:00p.m.; Sunday: 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Admission: \$8.00 Santa Rosa Veterans Bldg, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA, 12 vendors will be showing and selling beautiful orchids. There will be docent tours and 3 skill sessions each day. Check website for topics and times: Information: Ann Possinger, treasurer@sonomaorchids.com, 707-538-4101 Website: www.SonomaOrchids.com

April

11 Poway Valley Garden Club, 37th Standard Flower Show. The Spirit of Aloha, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Old Poway Park.

11 Point Loma Garden Club Standard Flower Show. The Gardens of Balboa Park, 10am - 4pm. Westminster Presbyterian Church Hall.

18 Bernardo Gardeners Club's Annual Spring Garden Tour. 6 gardens. 10am-3pm. \$20.

18 & 19 Coronado Flower Show, 1pm—5pm, April 19, 10am—4pm, Spreckles Park.

23 - 24 Landscape Design School, Series 26, Course II, Luther Burbank District, Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson

25 Fallbrook Garden Club, Biennial Garden Tour. 9am-3pm. \$25.

29 & 30 Village Garden Club of La Jolla Expressions in Art and Flowers, creative floral design. Torrey Pines Christian Church

May

1-3 Sage & Songbirds Garden Tour. 5 Homes And 2 Bonus Sites. \$20

2-3 Vista Garden Club, Flower Show, May 2, 2-5Pm, May 3, 10-4Pm.

10 Mission Hills Garden Club, Behind The Gate Garden Tour. 9am-4pm. \$30

14 - 17 NGC Convention, Louisville, KY