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"Plant America - Plant Trees"



From the Director's Desk...

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

Looking back on the last two years I am very grateful that I love to garden. After being bombarded with negative news about Covid I can always escape to the "wonderfulness" of my garden and putz around to my heart's content.

We are all looking forward to a more normal year in 2022 with flower shows and tours and even floral activities at the San Diego County Fair in June. We continue to plan for our CGCI Convention in June. The Sycuan Casino did not work out, so now we are again working with the Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley. The Handlery has plenty of room and is well

located near Fashion Valley Mall and the San Diego River.

I want to thank Point Loma Garden Club for hosting our District Fall Board Meeting. The location was roomy and educational and what a great sales table! We look forward to the next District meeting hosted by Poway Valley Garden Club on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd. And it looks like we have a host for our June District meeting. Please contact Kathy Taylor if your club is willing to host next year.

I have been impressed with the garden club newsletters I have been receiving and welcome every club to forward their newsletters to me. I would like to do a presentation at one of our meetings to display and share newsletters.

It's a beautiful day, so I will sign off and head outdoors

- Sharon Tooley

Man & Woman of the Year

It's that time again to recognize a special person who has done an outstanding job within your club and the community. Please send your recommendations to last year's Woman of the Year - Barbara Weiler. Please email her (211bgw@cox.net) with your candidates qualifications, and don't forget to let her know your name and club. And let's see if we can honor one of our hardworking men!



CGCI Official Calendar

www.californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

February 7 - 9, 2022

CGCI Winter Board Meeting via Zoom

June 5 - 11, 2022

National Garden Week
An opportunity to encourage pride in your community, interest new members, and work with other groups in your area.

June 6 - 10, 2022

CGCI Convention
Handlery Hotel, San Diego

*"The best time to plant a tree
is twenty years ago.
The second best time
is now."*

Don't Be Late!

Submissions for the
next Pruner are due

May 1, 2022

If you have a question for Sharon Tooley (District Director) send it to palomardistrict@cagardenclubs.org

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Palomar District Calendar

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Palomar District Winter Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Where: Capri Blue, 10436 Craftsman Way, San Diego, CA

Host: Poway Valley Garden Club

Time: 9:00 a.m. - Doors open and shop

10:00 a.m. - Board-General Meeting/Lunch/Program

Program: "Creating Entrepreneurs through the Garden"
by Robert Lutticken

Cost: \$35

Reservations required by February 7, 2022; restricted to 60 participants

See page 3 for additional information

CGCI Convention News



Where: Handlery Hotel, Mission Valley, San Diego

Host: Palomar District, Sharon Tooley Chair, honoring our current CGCI President Lynn Batchelor

Date: June 6 -10

Theme: "A River Runs Through It"

Thank you to Bernardo Gardeners for volunteering to make goodie bags as well as floral design centerpieces. Now we need 5 more clubs to volunteer to make floral arrangements. Please contact Sharon Tooley at djsj21543@aol.com if your club would be interested in helping and for more details.

Ann Dahnke has agreed to coordinate our Raffle Baskets. Thank you to: Descanso, La Jolla, SD County Garden Guild, Temecula, Fallbrook and Bernardo Gardeners for making baskets. We still need another 4 to 6 baskets. If your club is willing to donate a basket to our raffle, please contact Ann Dahnke at aetiff@san.rr.com.

CGCI President's Project

"San Diego River Mission Park Gardens"

Our current CGCI President, Lynne Batchelor has chosen a very relevant project for our area. The San Diego River is the Ribbon of Life that runs through our county and should be a show piece for our residents and tourists. This project will be a big leap in that direction. Thank you to Bonita Valley GC, Vista GC, La Jolla GC and Village GC of La Jolla for donating to this project - How about the rest of you?



Palomar District Winter Membership Meeting

Fantasy in the Garden Preview

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Capri Blue

10436 Craftsman Way, San Diego, CA

Host: Poway Valley Garden Club

Note: Reservations Required by February 7th, 2022; restricted to 60 participants

9:30 am Doors Open; shop items handcrafted by Poway Valley Garden Club members while enjoying coffee & pastries.

10:00 am General Meeting

11:30 am Lunch

12:15 pm: Program: "Creating Entrepreneurs through the Garden," by Robert Lutticken. Bob will share Abraxas High School's hands-on approach of using gardens to teach students life skills that can be directly applied to future careers.

Cost: \$35.00 (We apologize for the slight increase in cost due to rising food & labor costs.) Masks required.

For special dietary requests or questions, contact Donna Kaptain 858-354-2379 or email at d2kaptain@gmail.com All meals include Caesar salad and tiramisu. Cash bar available.

Reservation Form

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Meals are Requested by Name

Name (s)	Garden Club Name	Check #	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Chicken Piccata	Pasta Primavera

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Check payable to: Poway Valley Garden Club; Mail Reservation Form & Check by February 7th to Donna Kaptain, 13321 Old Winery Road, Poway, CA 92064

Note: If several individuals are coming from one club, please send one check for all and list the names of the individuals that the check covers with the club and meal requests for each.



Club Corner



Paradise Hills Native Garden: Volunteers busy at work creating a pollinating garden. Next garden an ethnobotany garden.



Poway Valley Youth Garden Club's Abraxas High School Garden was recently visited by two special guests. California Garden Club's 1st Vice President Carol Vallens and 2nd Vice President Adele Kelly were given a tour of the nationally recognized garden by its leader, Bob Lutticken. The fish were delighted by the unexpected handful of food given by Carol and Adele and thanked by wild splashing of water.



It's Flower Show Season!

Within Palomar District flower show season is fast approaching. Clubs sponsor flower shows to educate club members and the viewing public and to stimulate interest in horticulture and floral design. Flower shows also provide an outlet for creative expression and they communicate the goals and objectives of NGC. They are lots of work and lots of fun. Consider visiting a local flower show this season or better yet, consider entering a horticultural specimen or a floral design. For more information on the below listed flowers shows, visit the club's website or contact the club directly. *Written by Adele Kelly*

Local Flower Shows

- April 23rd:**
 - Coronado
 - Dos Valles GC
 - Poway Valley GC
 - Temecula Valley GC
- April 30 - May 1** Vista GC



In November 2021 Poway Valley Garden Club held it's 42nd Standard Flower Show, "Let's Celebrate the Holidays"

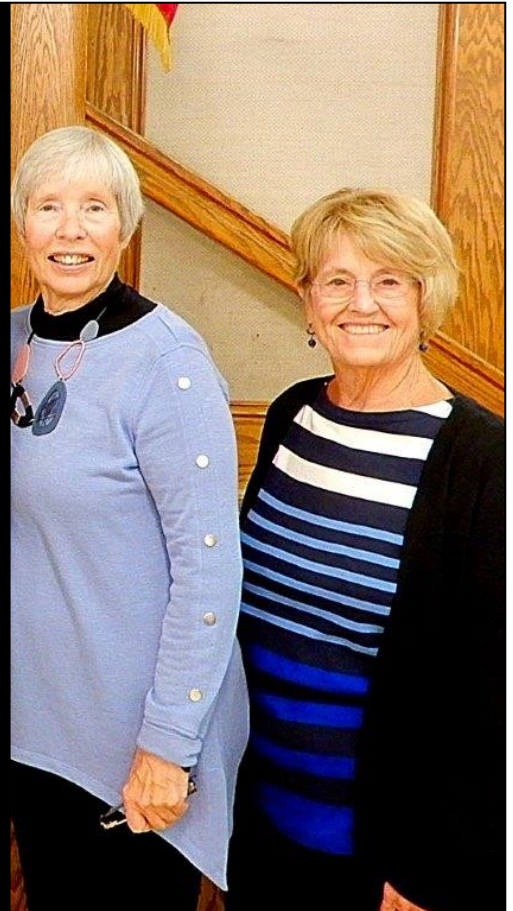
Would your Club like to share a special event, project, or other noteworthy item with the Palomar District members, then send it to palomardirector@gmail.com. Deadline: May 1, 2022



**2021-2022
Palomar
District Board
(in photo)**

At the Fall Board Meeting hosted by Point Loma GC

- Kathy Taylor
- Lisa Mercier
- Judy Fizzard
- Sharon Tooley & Laura Crenshaw



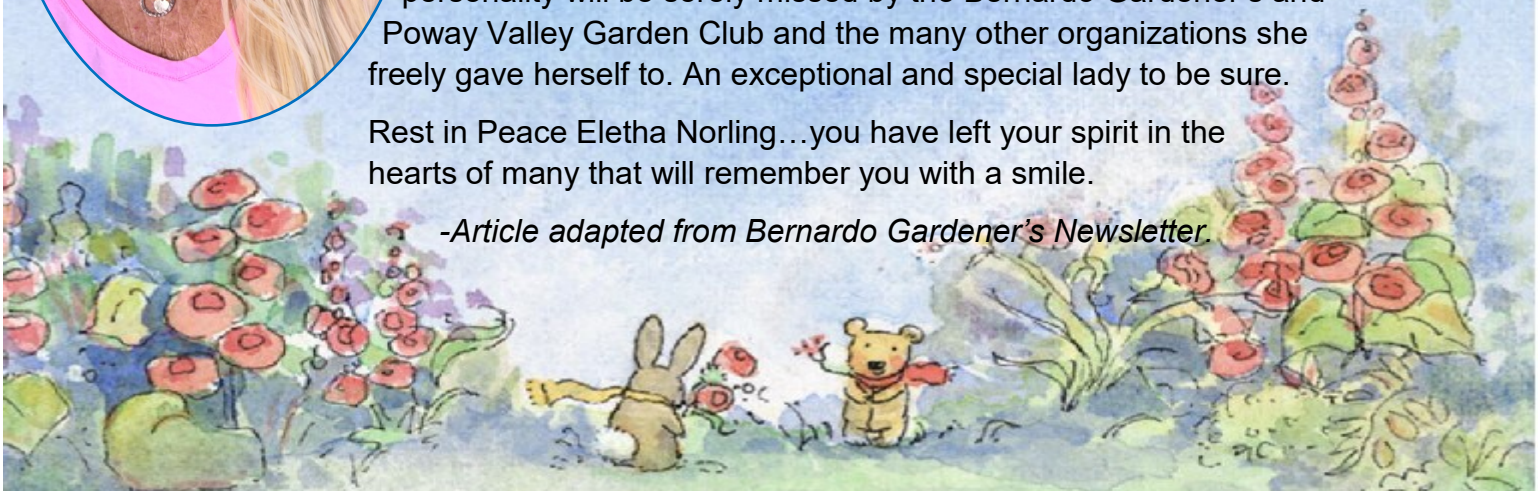
Eletha Norling

Eletha was a caring “go getter” to the many that were fortunate enough to have known her. There was no task that she would not volunteer for, if someone else couldn’t do it, Eletha would offer to do it. Hardworking and very likeable, she had the “can do” attitude that made everything work out for the good of all. Eletha was tireless and interested in everything and everyone.

A great friend to many, many people and Co-President of Bernardo Gardener’s. This lady-tomboy and her caring personality will be sorely missed by the Bernardo Gardener’s and Poway Valley Garden Club and the many other organizations she freely gave herself to. An exceptional and special lady to be sure.

Rest in Peace Eletha Norling...you have left your spirit in the hearts of many that will remember you with a smile.

-Article adapted from Bernardo Gardener’s Newsletter.





Palomar District's 2022 28th Anniversary Season - Floral Design Forum

From Chairman George Speer

When: 1st Mondays through May 12:00 p.m. **NOON**

Where: **Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church**, 8081 Mira Mesa Blvd., San Diego, 92126

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.

Fees: Choose \$70/all 8 program season pass (save \$50 off non-member session tickets) or \$12/ session for NGC/CGCI members or \$15/ session for non-members.

We are now able to process your credit card for any payment. Cash and checks still accepted.

Mail: George Speer, 30861 Saddleback Rd, Valley Center, CA 92082

February 7, 2022 - Here Comes the Crowd of Designers This maybe your chance to score a special, unusual or a "one of a kind" container or arrangement from one of the areas wonderful designers. They are looking to lower their inventory. Don't miss this program.

March 7, 2022 Noel Tribby, Welcome Back, AIFD, Floral Designer, Nation-wide Special Events, Freelance and does the end cap designs in the Shinoda Design Center Santa Ana. Always educational, entertaining and inspiring.

April 4, 2022 "FLOWER POWER" Our most popular Program. Watch as 4 local college student 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.

May 2, 2022 - The "Grand Finale" is Mitsuko Takeya, Master Instructor O'Hara School of Ikebana. Enjoy the simplicity, meaning and grace of her designs. We are pleased that Mitsuko could fit us in between her many classes.

Reminder, that California Garden Club Inc. members are still able to **shop at Shinoda Design Center in Santa Ana** with a pass gotten by your Club President or from your FDF Chair. You will have to pay sales tax at the time of purchase.

It's a **FUNdraiser!**



Palomar'
Floral Design Forum
February 7, 2022
Noon to 2PM
FREE
for in person or ZOOM

We celebrate the Floral Design Industry from professional (AIFD) Florists, Ikebana and Garden Club designers, growers and suppliers to educate, inspire and encourage the appreciation of the floral Arts. We invite designers from each area to demonstrate their talent and creativity.

February 7th at NOON, Watch at least six Floral Designers demonstrate their talent and create a design in a container for the raffle. The containers are from their collection and are included in the raffle

Next, from **Floral designers collections**, special containers will be Auctioned off, many one of a kind, beginning at the in-Person and on-line February 7 presentation at 1:30 pm (PST) and **the silent auction will end on March 7, 2022 at 1:30 pm**

You must register for the ZOOM codes at PalomarDesignForum@gmail.com before February 5th, 2022
Or join us at the Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church at 8081 Mira Mesa Blvd, San Diego, ca 92126

**Donations, information please email: George Speer
at :PalomarDesignForum@gmail.com**