

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Minutes of the Virtual Fall Board Meeting
October 19-21, 2021
President: Lynne Batchelor

Business Meeting #1

President Lynne Batchelor called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19. The Recording Secretary was present.

Webmaster Jane McKee gave the Inspiration.

President Lynne Batchelor welcomed and introduced former CGCI Presidents in attendance: Elisabeth Tufo (2005-2007), Robin Pokorski (2007-2009), Julie A. West (2011-2013), Rita Desilets (2013-2015), Sue Bennett (2015-2017), and Shane Looper (2019-2021).

President Lynne Batchelor introduced the Executive Committee members for the 2021-2023 term of office.

President Lynne Batchelor recognized those CGCI members serving on the National Garden Clubs and Pacific Region Garden Clubs boards and Circle of Poppies members.

President Lynne Batchelor thanked the Executive Committee for hosting this meeting, with special thanks to "Zoom heroes" Carol Vallens and Adele Kelly.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst called the roll and the President declared a quorum.

Excused: Beverly Brune, Pat Clayes (October 19), Helen Gates, Mary Lou Goodwin, Robert Gordon, Ward Habriel, Rosalie Hooper, Gudrun Kimmel, Krystal Migliore, Hoberley Schuler, and Pat York.

Registrar Robin Pokorski gave the registration report with 131 registered.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported the Rules of Order for the 2021-2023 term were adopted at the May 29 Organizational Meeting and are listed on pages 32-33 of the 2021-2022 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

Minutes Review Committee Chairman Greg Pokorski reported on the following minutes:

May 28, 2021 Pre-Convention Board Meeting, distributed on July 6

May 28-29, 2021 Convention Meetings, distributed on July 6

May 29, 2021 Post-Convention Meeting, distributed on July 6

May 29, 2021 Organizational Meeting, distributed on July 6

Without objection, the minutes of each meeting were **approved as distributed**.

Without objection, the Chair appointed the following committee to review the minutes of this meeting:

Greg Pokorski, Chairman, Adele Kelly and Kathy Taylor de Murillo.

Treasurer George Perko reported. See Attachment A.

Financial Report: September 30, 2021

Net worth:

Total cash in checking/savings accounts	\$138,960
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Total other assets	\$512,648	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$651,608
of which restricted funds are	\$387,039	
Cash Balance Available		<u>\$264,569</u>

Officers' Reports

President Lynne Batchelor reported. See Attachment B.

Her report incorporated a presentation by Rob Hutsel and Marla Libraty on the President's Project, San Diego's River Center at Grant Park.

1st Vice-President Carol Vallens reported and deferred her District Director Coordinator and Procedures Committee Chairman reports.

2nd Vice-President Adele Kelly reported regarding the Bylaws & Policy Committee and deferred her Chairmen Coordinator report. See Attachment B.

3rd Vice-President/Membership Chairman Marlene Kinney reported.

As of October 18:

Total Paid:	265
Clubs:	222
APS:	43
Total Members:	14,384
Clubs:	11,146
APS:	3,238

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported that the deadline for emailed reports is Friday, October 29, 2021.

Financial Secretary Rita Desilets reported.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported. See Attachment B.

Committee Report

Board of Trustees Chairman Julie A. West reported. See Attachment D.

The meeting recessed at 1:48 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

Business Meeting #2

President Lynne Batchelor called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Flower Show Schools Chairman Sandra Graff gave the Inspiration.

Black Point Historic Gardens Chairman Shane Looper introduced Natalie Korengold who gave a presentation on the new CGCI Black Point Historic Gardens State Project in San Francisco.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reminded members of NGC Workshops on the 2nd Monday of each month at 2:00 EST on Membership Matters. They are open to all garden club members.

President Lynne Batchelor announced the following resignations:

Kathy Bramhall, Cascade District Director
Ginabelle Smith, Mendo-Lake District Director (replaced by new Director Rhea Pitchard).

Executive Committee Recommendations

1. To accept with regret the resignation of Sherry Molinari as Financial Secretary.
2. To ratify the appointment of Rita Desilets as Interim Financial Secretary.
Items # 1 and 2 processed jointly. **Motion Passed.**
3. To accept with regret the resignation of Frankie Raymond as 2022 Fall Board Meeting Chairman.
4. To ratify the appointment of Nancy Compton as 2022 Fall Board Meeting Chairman.
Items # 3 and 4 processed jointly. **Motion Passed.**
5. To ratify Ingrid Elsel as an additional delegate to the PRGC Convention in Silverton, Oregon.
Motion Passed.
6. To approve the payment of \$55.63 over the budgeted amount for l/c 1802 CGCI Membership Cards (printing).
7. To pay Web Tech Therapy \$1425.00, the remaining ½ of \$2850.00, upon completion of the website upgrade l/c 4010.
8. To approve a Registration fee of \$45.00 and late registration fee of \$70.00 for the 2022 Winter Board Meeting in Van Nuys.
9. To approve adding Carol Diane Vallens as signer to the Bank of America accounts and the US Bank accounts.
Items # 6 through 9 processed jointly. **Motion Passed.**
10. To ratify the change of dates for the Virtual Fall Board Meeting to October 18 – 22, 2021. **Motion Passed.**
11. To amend the President’s Project Resolution adopted May 28, 2021 to change the project name from “CGCI Gardens at the San Diego River Mission Valley Park” to “San Diego’s River Center at Grant Park.” **Motion Passed.**
12. To ratify the establishment of a Special Tech Committee for the 2021-2023 term, with Jane McKee as chairman and members Pat Clayes, Launa Gould, Mike Gould, Ben Vallens and Carol Vallens.
Motion Passed.
13. That funds totaling \$1,000.00 be transferred from the State Projects Fund, l/c 31017, to seed the new state project, Black Point Historic Gardens, l/c 31523. **Motion Passed.**
14. That the Alberta Thiry Bequest, consisting of \$15,252.28, be distributed as follows:
 - a \$2,000.00 Alberta Thiry Memorial Scholarship to be awarded for seven years, l/c 31026
 - with the remaining balance of \$1,252.28 to the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, l/c 31516**Motion Passed.**
15. To transfer \$716.83 from the State Projects Fund, l/c 31017, to the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, l/c 31516 to fulfill the stated project goal of \$15,000.00.
Motion Passed.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported for Corresponding Secretary Milly Benson. See Attachment B.

District Director Reports

District Director Coordinator Carol Vallens reported and introduced those District Directors who reported. See Attachment C.

The meeting recessed at 4:29 p.m.
The meeting reconvened on Thursday, October 21, 2021

Business Meeting #3

President Lynne Batchelor called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Scholarship Chairman Martha Smyser gave the Inspiration.

Chairmen Reports

Chairmen Coordinator Adele Kelly reported and introduced those chairmen who reported. See Attachment D.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported for Life Membership Chairman Carlotta Wixon-Welker and moved to ratify the following new Life Members:

- Helene More Arboretum Dist.
- Shirley Stewart Arboretum Dist.
- Betty Reinke Arboretum Dist.
- Linda Stewart Valley Lode Dist.
- Sarah Smith Palomar Dist.

Motion Passed.

New Business

Interim Financial Secretary Rita Desilets moved to approve the payment of an additional \$244.50 over the approved \$1425.00 to WebTech Therapy for upgrades to the CGCI website (1/c 4010).

Motion Passed.

2022 CGCI Winter Board Meeting Chairman Rita Desilets extended an invitation to all board members to the CGCI Winter Board Meeting to be held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys February 7 – 9, 2022.

President Lynne Batchelor made announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Gail Vanderhorst _____ Date _____
Recording Secretary

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Accrual Basis

California Garden Clubs, Inc
Balance Sheet
 As of September 30, 2021

Attachment A

	<u>Sep 30, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10100 · Cash in Checking Accounts	
10102a BofA CGCI Checking	59,527.02
10101 · BofA Business MMA .03%	71,932.86
10105 · Symposium BofA Checking 8298	3,500.00
10106 · Events BofA Checking	4,000.00
Total 10100 · Cash in Checking Accounts	<u>138,959.88</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>138,959.88</u>
Total Current Assets	138,959.88
Other Assets	
18500 · US Bank CD #7664 8/8/21 0.15%	138,214.40
18600 · US Bank CD #3594 12/24/21 1.49%	102,101.36
19000 · CGCI Endowment	
19110 · Vanguard Endowment-CGCI	51,371.00
19150 · Allowance for Change FMV Vgd	42,425.81
Total 19000 · CGCI Endowment	<u>93,796.81</u>
19500 · Scholarship Endowment	
19610 · Vanguard Endowment-Scholarship	104,699.28
19650 · Allowance for Change FMV Vngd	73,836.24
Total 19500 · Scholarship Endowment	<u>178,535.52</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>512,648.09</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>651,607.97</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	8,650.00
Total Accounts Payable	<u>8,650.00</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
20005 · Commitment for Marker Restorati	8,050.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>8,050.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>16,700.00</u>

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As of September 30, 2021

	Sep 30, 21
Total Liabilities	16,700.00
Equity	
30500 · Net Assets w/o Donor Restrict'n	
30700 · General Activities	
30701 · Available General Activities	193,508.56
Total 30700 · General Activities	193,508.56
31000 · Board Designated Net Assets	
31001 · Blue Star Memorial	3,608.43
31002 · Educational Schools	5,099.66
31007 · Honor Book	6,200.67
31009 · Liability Insurance	70,039.11
31011 · Symposium	
31011-1 · Symposium Reserve	14,208.78
31011-2 · Symposium Checking	3,500.00
Total 31011 · Symposium	17,708.78
31012 · Wildflower Conference	
31012-1 · Wildflower Conf Reserve	16,726.93
Total 31012 · Wildflower Conference	16,726.93
31013 · Youth Fund	1,442.48
31016 · CGCI Endowment	40,000.00
31017 · State Projects	8,000.00
31025 · Scholarship Endowment	15,000.00
Total 31000 · Board Designated Net Assets	183,826.06
Total 30500 · Net Assets w/o Donor Restrict'n	377,334.62
31400 · Net Assets w/ Donor Restrict'ns	
31500 · Net Assets w/ Restriction--Temp	
31501 · Awards	7,790.51
31503 · E. Miller Memorial Fund	3,250.00
31504 · H. Minor Memorial Fund	3,713.65
31509 · Judges Council	892.33
31511 · Presidents Projects	
31511E · 2019-21 President's Project	11,403.78
31511F · 2021-23 President's Project	675.00
Total 31511 · Presidents Projects	12,078.78
31513 · Scholarship Donations Life Mbr	5,411.47
31514 · Endowment Marketing & Publicity	629.55

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	<u>Sep 30, 21</u>
31516 · Anza-Borrego Desert Project	6.49
31517 · Scholarship Endowment Income	41,421.77
31518 · Sempervirens Fund	
31518-1 · Big Basin Recovery Fund	619.99
31518 · Sempervirens Fund - Other	1,634.09
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Total 31518 · Sempervirens Fund	2,254.08
31519 · California Consultants Council	6,644.43
31523 · Black Point Historic Garden	210.00
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Total 31500 · Net Assets w/ Restriction--Temp	84,303.06
31800 · Net Assets w/ Restrict'n--Perma	
31805 · Endowment - CGCI	11,371.00
31806 · Endowment CGCI to Tnsf	550.00
31810 · Endowment -Scholarship	89,699.28
31811 · Endowment S/ship to Tnsf	590.00
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Total 31800 · Net Assets w/ Restrict'n--Perma	102,210.28
Total 31400 · Net Assets w/ Donor Restrict'ns	186,513.34
32000 · Retained Earnings	43,710.40
Net Income	27,349.61
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Total Equity	634,907.97
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	651,607.97
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California Garden Clubs, Inc
Profit & Loss
 July through September 2021

	Jul - Sep 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
49900 · Uncategorized Income	15,252.28
5000 · Revenue	
5001 · Contributions/Donations	
5001A · Amazon Smile donations	16.69
5001 · Contributions/Donations - Other	1.50
Total 5001 · Contributions/Donations	18.19
Total 5000 · Revenue	18.19
5200 · Dues	
5202 · Dues - APS	8,024.50
5203 · Dues - Clubs	27,899.00
Total 5200 · Dues	35,923.50
5601 · Interest	432.13
6101 · State Pins and Misc. Sales	60.00
6301 · Yearbook Sales	513.50
Total Income	52,199.60
Gross Profit	52,199.60
Expense	
100 · Administration Expense	
301 · Dues - NGC	16,863.00
302 · Dues - NGC Youth	10.00
303 · Dues - Pacific Region	360.00
801 · Vonage/RingCentral 888#	110.32
901 · Website	2,440.00
Total 100 · Administration Expense	19,783.32
1500 · Chairman Expenses	
1504 · Associate Plant Societies	44.00
Total 1500 · Chairman Expenses	44.00
1800 · Membership Expense	
1802 · Membership Cards (printing)	355.63
Total 1800 · Membership Expense	355.63
1900 · Officers Expenses	
1908 · Treasurer	49.69
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Profit & Loss
July through September 2021

	<u>Jul - Sep 21</u>
Total 1900 · Officers Expenses	49.69
2000 · Other Expenses	
3101 · Scholarship (2 at \$2000) (1 add	4,000.00
Total 2000 · Other Expenses	4,000.00
4000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	
4002 · Bank Charges	
4002A · PayPal merchant charges	12.28
Total 4002 · Bank Charges	12.28
4014 · Miscellaneous-Board Authorized	
4014P · Sempervirens Fd--Big Basin boar	115.40
Total 4014 · Miscellaneous-Board Authorized	115.40
Total 4000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	127.68
Total Expense	24,360.32
Net Ordinary Income	27,839.28
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
7000 · Investment Income	
7001 · Investment Inc-Endowment CGCI	290.59
7002 · Investment Inc-Endowment S/Ship	866.50
Total 7000 · Investment Income	1,157.09
Total Other Income	1,157.09
Other Expense	
7500 · Investment Exp/(Gain)/Loss	
7501 · Investment(Gain)Loss-Endow CGCI	464.24
7502 · Investment(Gain)Loss-Endow S/Sh	1,182.52
Total 7500 · Investment Exp/(Gain)/Loss	1,646.76
Total Other Expense	1,646.76
Net Other Income	-489.67
Net Income	<u>27,349.61</u>

Attachment B Officers' Reports

President, Lynne Batchelor

Welcome everyone. I am so happy to see all of your happy faces via Zoom and I am really looking forward to seeing you in person at winter board. I hope that everyone in attendance leaves Fall Board feeling inspired, informed and connected.

I am especially grateful to see so many Club Presidents and Club Treasurers. I wanted you to be here for a number of reasons among them

1. To enable you to put a face and personality to a name which you only recognize from *Golden Gardens* or emails
2. To allow your state leadership the chance to do the same
3. To demonstrate the work of the state board which your dues help to support.
4. To hope that this snapshot of the board in action may interest you in serving on the board in some capacity
5. To provide an opportunity for you to communicate directly with your state leadership team.

I am extending a huge thank you to the Executive Committee who are the hosts for fall board. A special thank you to our two Zoom guru heroes: 1st Vice President Carol Vallens and 2nd Vice President Adele Kelly

My President's report will begin with a presentation about my President' Project from Rob Hutsel, the Founder and CEO of the San Diego River Park Foundation which was established in 2001 to serve as a catalyst in creating a 52-mile-long system of parks, trails, and open spaces along the San Diego River.

- He has formed a coalition of 78 non-governmental organizations to partner with his organization and helped to secure CA legislation to create a new state agency dedicated to the San Diego River.
- In 2008 he was named the National River Hero for this work.
- In 2009 he was given the President's Award by the San Diego State University President to honor his work with SDSU in establishing the first wireless watershed in the nation.
- In 2011 he went to the White House to accept a national award for the River Park Foundation
- He is a graduate of University of California San Diego with a degree in urban studies and planning
- Rob has successfully completed more than 20 property transactions and has secured millions in state and local funding and oversees the operations of the foundation and its volunteers who log 25,000 hours annually
- In addition, currently he serves on the board of directors of the CA Watershed Network, Statewide Steering Committee of the CA Urban Streams Partnership and the County of San Diego's Park Advisory Board.
- Take it away River Rob.

Thank you so much Rob and Marla Libraty, the Foundations Director of Philanthropy. I hope you feel energized to make a difference by supporting this amazing project. Our part of this grand vision is the gardens on which we are involved from the inception. I wanted to emphasize our connection with the gardens but tomorrow you will hear a recommendation to rename my project to fit its official name and keep the IRS happy.

Although when we meet again in person, my fabulous President Project chair and fund raiser champion, Robin Pokorski, will have items to sell but for now you may simply send a donation to her. We will be thrilled to accept a donation from you personally, your garden club, your district, your employer, businesses you frequent, other non-profit groups to which you belong, etc. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted.

I am so grateful to the districts who have stepped up to host board meetings or conventions. I am looking forward to winter board in Van Nuys, convention in San Diego, fall board in the Sacramento Valley. I need a host club or district for winter 2023 and for convention 2023. Please let me know if you are able to host either of these two in person meetings.

So far, I have only attended a District Meeting in my own district but I have accepted future in person invitations. I have been invited to Zoom District Events. I love either Zoom or visiting in person, so please invite me to a district or club meeting or special event. It was my privilege to attend NGC zoom fall board and Pacific Region in person in Silverton, Oregon. Both were excellent networking opportunities and provided so much information and enjoyment as well. Since I have already presented the highlights from these visits in *Golden Gardens*, I won't repeat the information here.

Thank you to those clubs and districts who send me their newsletters. It is fascinating to see the tremendous impact you are having on your communities. If you do not have me on your distribution list yet, please add me and our social media chair Pat Clayes.

Thank you to Elisabeth Tufo for her excellent work on the yearbook and the membership cards. I think it was Carol Jauregui's brain child to use colored pages which has made it so much more user friendly. Carol Vallens took on the time-consuming task of preparing the mailing of the cards and yearbooks to the District Directors. The extra distribution work by the District Directors allowed us to save money on postage; thank you so much. Rita Desilets did a fabulous job as she took on the task of counting out all the cards. The hard work of all of these wonderful members allowed us to persevere against Covid constraints.

I am sad to announce the resignation of Kathy Bramhall as Cascade District Director and the resignation of Ginabelle Smith as Mendo-Lake District Director. I am so pleased to welcome to the board the new Mendo-Lake District Director, Rhea Pitchard.

Thank you so much for allowing me the privilege of being your state President.

2nd Vice-President, Adele Kelly

Chairmen Coordinator

CGCI Chairmen met on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the Chairmen's Forum. This chairman is pleased that 30 chairmen were present. A brief review of chairmen responsibilities and reminders was presented by this chairman. Announcements and chairmen discussions followed. The following 19 chairmen gave oral reports during Business Meeting #3 held on Thursday, October 21, 2021:

Sue Bennett – GTEP

Pat Clayes – Awards, Nominating Committee, Social Media

Lisa Cosand – Youth Coordinator, Poetry Contest (reported for by Adele Kelly)

Launa Gould – *Golden Gardens eNews*

Sandra Graff – Flower Show Schools Committee

Shane Looper – Advisory Council, Liability Insurance

Linda Malone – Roses

Greg Pokorski – Gardening Schools

Robin Pokorski – President's Project

Rosa Radicchi/Judy Unrine – Sempervirens Fund/Big Basin Recovery Fund

Alexis Slafer – Landscape Design Schools

Martha Smyser – Scholarships

George Speer – Strategic Planning

Charlotte Tucker – Youth Poster Contests

Carol Vallens – Zoom Facilitator

Gail Vanderhorst – Three-Year Calendars

Carolyn Villi – Backyard Wildlife Habitat, Horticulture.

Carlotta Wixon-Welker – Life memberships (reported by Gail Vanderhorst)

Corresponding Secretary, Milly Benson

I've sent four thank you notes for donations to The CGCI President's Project 2021-2023

Also a few get well/ thinking of you cards to club members.

I'm looking forward to our next in person meeting where I'll have another quilt to auction and microwave pads to sell to raise funds for the Presidents Project.

Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski

This officer met with the newly elected CGCI Nominating Committee prior to the Organizational Meeting in May. Nominating Committees perform one of the most important functions in CGCI and in our clubs and districts – identifying our future leaders. Thanks to all of you who serve on these important committees.

Following convention, there was lots of minutes review work with the Recording Secretary and minutes review committees to finalize and distribute minutes of the pre-convention board meeting, convention, post-convention and organizational meetings. These minutes are always distributed to all board members and I hope you are all aware that they are also posted on our website under About CGCI. Your club and district meeting minutes should generally be fairly brief since minutes are the record of what was done (that is actions taken and voted on) and not what was said.

This officer is a member of the Bylaws & Policy Committee and has reviewed bylaw and standing rule documents following convention and participated in committee meetings. CGCI bylaws are constantly being reviewed and we generally make changes to them at every convention. The most recently updated versions are posted on the website and contained in the new 2021-2022 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*. When you have occasion to refer to our governing documents, always be sure you are looking at the current versions. Clubs and districts should review their bylaws and governing documents at least every five years. Hopefully, everyone conducting electronic meetings or planning to use electronic meetings has now provided for that in your bylaws. If you have co-officers that should be addressed in your bylaws. Bylaws should also address how your organization deals with vacancies in elected offices.

This officer receives and responds to parliamentary inquiries. The majority of these since the onset of the pandemic have related to bylaws.

This officer attended Robin's recent leadership program for Chula Vista Garden Club. These workshops are always opportunities to contribute to the parliamentary discussion and respond to questions.

I often remind parliamentarians and other officers that parliamentary procedure is a continuous learning experience and one that I, and at least some of you, find fascinating. Using parliamentary procedure really can make meetings more effective and eliminate wasted time. We all learn and get better at this the more we do it. As always, let me know if you have questions.

With many club presidents and treasurers registered for this meeting, chairmen and district directors have a great opportunity to highlight and promote your accomplishments and your goals to a wider garden club audience.

It is a pleasure to serve this administration and CGCI.

Attachment C District Directors' Reports

Bay Ocean District, Nancy McDougal

Our clubs continued weathering the past few months as they have for the previous year. Two groups continued plant sales to support ongoing clubhouse expenses. A few held meetings via Zoom while one continued to find outdoor meetings possible and personal contact worth the inconvenience. A few have not met at all, keeping member contact by phone. Clubs which haven't previously attended District remained silent.

The regular District newsletter was sent, though no meeting took place. I also sent periodic email notes to all and phone calls to some fragile groups.

Golden Foothills District, Nina Blonski

As a district we were not able to meet in person due to county guidelines for meeting places.

Many of the 10 clubs were able to meet having access to outdoor areas but reported attendance was small. Clubs still stayed active on their civic projects being outdoor activities. There are several clubs that did not meet and zoom is a challenge in our area due to poor internet access for many. Many clubs had trouble finding new officers and that is one concern leaders would like help with encouraging other to step forward in leadership positions.

Last term I had our district board meetings as workshops covering many different things to how you run your meetings, who does what in your club, sharing speakers, presentations, tours, awards, we even practiced how to speak into a microphone. They had lots of fun and built friendships that we stayed in touch via emails and still share with others. Now that winter is around the corner there is concern again on getting together inside for meetings.

Greater Los Angeles District, Joyce Parrott

Four of our six clubs are currently meeting "in person". The other two are meeting in the Zoom format. We are not currently meeting as a district, but hope to resume after the first of the year. Finding a regular district meeting location is a challenge, due to significant distance between the clubs. The first week in October our Culver City Garden Club presented a very successful two-day judged plant show and sale (mainly horticulture and judged by local master gardeners).

Mendo-Lake District, Rhea Pitchard

Mendo-Lake District has maintained its 5 clubs with 200+ members throughout the Pandemic with "Zoom" meetings and lively new newsletters. To compensate for the Director not needing to travel to CGCI convention and board meetings, District dues were cut from \$5 a member to \$1 in 2020-21. In 2021-22 dues were cut to \$2.50 with \$1 per member donated to Penny Pines. I am moving to Windsor CA next month but will continue my membership in Ukiah Garden Club and as Mendo-Lake District Director.

Orange County District, Launa Gould

The Orange County District consists of 17 clubs and about 1000 members.

The first meeting of this term will be held via zoom October 25, 2021, with President Lynne Batchelor and Robin Pokorski inspiring us with their presentations.

Two clubs were ready to fold at the beginning of this term. One of the clubs did not have directions in their bylaws for dissolution of their remaining funds. Thankfully they have regrouped and are now active. Lesson learned is to make sure your bylaws have a section with dissolution instructions. Clubs have held plant sales and are planning fundraisers, holiday gatherings and excited about holding meetings in person.

Palms to Pines District, Ron Lang

At least three clubs donated to the President's project and the Big Basin Recovery project.

We have not met this year.

Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society hosted and organized an American Orchid Society Orchid Show within the Moronga Basin Orchid Festival at Landers, CA.

A Standard Flower Show is planned for March 5, 2022 in Colton hosted by three of our clubs.

A new club is being organized in Banning, CA.

The District has nine very excited and active clubs.

Valley Lode District, Berni Hendrix

Membership has been of the greatest concern for club presidents.

Creative ideas for gaining new members include aggressive social media postings to drive readers to the club website, along with word-of-mouth, resulting in a club gaining 14 new members.

Offering complimentary club membership with the purchase of a plant at a plant sale, resulted in signing 7 new members. Those buyers who stated they would never attend, the reply was that was OK, they would receive the electronic newsletter and other announcements of activities, and should the time come they would greatly enjoy meetings.

Fundraising to fund youth scholarship has been another concern. Outdoor home garden tour yielded over 1,300 tickets sold at \$25, netting over \$32,000. Another home garden tour produced over \$4,000.

Upcoming are the NGC Schools. The Landscape Design School is scheduled for Jan, Feb, March, 2022; and the NGC Flower Show School will start in April, 2022 with a course every 6 months. (see CGCI YMR pg 4).

Yosemite Gateway District, Mary Brooks

Merced Garden Club, Atwater Garden Club and LeGrand Garden Club are all meeting in person.

Merced is preparing for the rededication of the Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker that was originally dedicated in June of 1983.

Atwater had a very successful garden tour in September.

LeGrand continues with their fund raising efforts to support scholarships.

Attachment D Chairmen and Committee Reports

Awards Committee Chairman, Pat Clayes

Members of the Awards Committee include Lisa Cosand, Emily Troxell and Elisabeth Tufo. The Committee met on Monday, October 18. The Awards Manual and all forms have been updated and put onto the website. All judging chairmen are ready and waiting to receive all the fantastic award entries from club members, clubs and districts.

Board of Trustees Chairman, Julie A. West

The Board of Trustees discussed the bequest received from Alberta Thiry's estate in the amount of \$15,252.28. Recommendation sent to the EC to establish \$2,000 Alberta Thiry Memorial Scholarship annually for seven years with balance of \$1,252.28 be donated to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park project. Request to seed new Black Point Historic Gardens state project with \$1,000 approved with recommendation sent to EC. *Giving Tuesday* scheduled for November 30, 2021 was discussed and article for November *Golden Gardens eNews* reviewed. 2019 Restricted Fund Guidelines will be updated for 2021-2023 to present for approval at CGCI's Winter Board Meeting.

Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman, Adele Kelly

The Bylaws and Policy Committee met on Monday, October 18, 2021, and began reviewing proposed changes to CGCI's bylaws, policy and procedures, and standing rules. The members serving on this committee are Jeanne Johnson, Greg Pokorski, George Speer, George Unrine, Carol Vallens, and David West. The committee will continue to meet monthly via Zoom. Please read through CGCI's bylaws, policy and procedures and standing rules in the CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* and send this chairman any proposed amendments by November 1, 2021.

Flower Show Schools Chairman, Sandra Graff

Flower Show Schools Committee Report

2021

July

- Received FSS Paper files from Gudy Kimmel /spoke few times re: responsibilities/duties

August

- Received from Marcia Brown-State Sponsored Course/Symposium Chair Flower Show School, Henderson, /Las Vegas, NV. - Judge's Eligibility Certification-Form 18 for two (2) students' course/symposium location. Gudy Kimmel advised send Directives (Form 28)

September

- Emailed two (2) Directives (Form 28) to (2) students to commence Flower Show Schedule to be completed in 6 months or prior to March 1, 2022

October

- Assigned two (2) students their numbers #'s and Directives #'s

November

- November 13, 2021 9-3p Poway Valley Garden Club 42nd Annual Flower Show NGC Standard Flower Show "Let's Celebrate the Holidays" Old Poway Park 14134 Midland Road, Poway, CA 92064-3906
- November 12, 2021 scheduled zoom call with NGC (National Garden Club) 9A Pacific Time 2022

April

- April 8-10, 2022 /Flower Show School Course 1/ Course 2, September 17-19, 2022, Course 3, April 14-16, 2023, Course 4, September 15-17, 2023 Valley Judges Council, Chair: Judi Picinini and Jennifer Waite

- April 23, 2022: Temecula Valley Garden Club Flower Show + Plant Sale 9– 4p. Free. Temecula Comm. Rec. Ctr. 30875 Rancho Vista Road, Temecula, CA 92592. NGC Standard Flower Show. Contact Susan Puma swpuma@puma-appsci.com, 310-594-6972
- April 23-24, 2022 Coronado Flower Show (not registered with Emily Troxell-Awards)
- April 23-24, 2022 Dos Valles Flower Show (not registered with Emily Troxell-Awards)
- April 23, 2022 Poway Valley Garden Club (not registered with Emily Troxell-Awards)
- April 23, 2022- Southern California Garden Club, Standard Flower Show, “Spring Beauties,” Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino. Sherry Molinari- chair (not registered with Emily Troxell)
- April 30-May 1, 2022: Vista Garden Club 86th Standard Flower Show: “Shall We Dance”. Jim Porter Recreation Ctr. Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive.

Gardening Schools Chairman, Greg Pokorski

This chairman is always looking for clubs/districts to conduct our next Gardening School. I will participate in tomorrow’s California Consultants Council meeting and always write articles for the *Council Thymes*.

California currently has 92 Gardening Consultants (16 Provisionals, 52 Consultants, 16 Master Consultants and 8 Emeritus Consultants). Consultant information is contained on pages 57-59 of the new yearbook. Advise if your information is incorrect and ask any questions about your Consultant status

No Gardening Schools or Refreshers are currently scheduled in California, but some courses/refreshers are available by Zoom. Advise me if you are planning to attend one in order to assure that you receive credit. Consultants who need to refresh by 12/31 and who are unable to participate in a refresher this year should request an extension from me before 12/31.

Golden Gardens eNews Chairman, Launa Gould

The *Golden Garden eNews* is published monthly. Articles are gathered from CGCI members. Chairmen are encouraged to write a short article to remind members to participate in their project. Articles are chosen according to the timing of due dates and pertinent information of interest to members throughout the state of California.

This editor limits the eNews to six pages and encourages short, interesting articles and photos. The goal is to keep members attention while providing useful information.

The deadline for articles is the 20 of the month. A draft is sent to proofreaders. Articles may be edited/improved/shortened by the editor and proofreaders. The final edition is sent to the Webmaster for publishing on the CGCI Website around the first of the month.

Golden Legacy Society Chairman, George Perko

The Golden Legacy Society exists to recognize members who are remembering CGCI financially through future bequests in their wills or trusts. Those considering remembering CGCI do not need to publicly state amounts being donated or can be anonymous. There is a Golden Legacy Society brochure on the CGCI website which provides detailed information for those considering remembering CGCI.

The Society welcomes two additions this quarter. One member generously remembering CGCI is Carol Vallens. The Society also welcomes a posthumous member to the Society: Alberta Thiry. Mrs. Thiry was a member of the Orange County Judges Council before moving to South Carolina. Mrs. Thiry contributed \$15,252.28 to CGCI via her will.

CGCI now has 7 members in its Society, including two anonymous ones.

I applaud the following members:

Julie West
 J. David West
 Joan Craig
 Carol Vallens

Alberta Thiry (posthumous)
And 2 anonymous members.

Landscape Design Schools Chairman, Alexis Slafer

The Landscape Design School on the calendar is hosted by Valley Lode District. The first course is January 15-16, 2022 and course 4 will be held on March 12-13. So, the entire school will be completed within 2 months.

The new Landscape Design curriculum...with a greater emphasis on residential design is doing well. If your credentials will lapse this year, please request an Extension before December 31. Several virtual opportunities are available to attend schools or refresh credentials. Check the NGC website for upcoming events.

Encourage your club or district to sponsor a landscape design school.

Life Membership Chairman, Carlotta Wixon-Welker

In spite of most clubs not having in person meeting, people are still being honored with Life Memberships. This chairman is happy to report that CGCI gained five new CGCI Life Members to ratify since the May meeting.

Names to be ratified are as follows:

Helene More Arboretum Dist.
Shirley Stewart Arboretum Dist.
Betty Reinke Arboretum Dist.
Linda Stewart Valley Lode Dist.
Sarah Smith Palomar Dist.

This chairman also processed three new Pacific Region Memberships:

Fern Willis,
Diane Lerner
Cynthia Frederick.

Also processed two National Memberships:

Martha Smyser
Peg McCay

Nominating Committee Chairman, Pat Clayes

Members include Roseann Costabile, Carolyn Hoyum, Nancy McDougal, Sharon Tooley, Elisabeth Tufo and Carolyn Villi. The Committee met on Thursday, October 21. The interview process has begun so we can secure a fantastic Executive Committee for the 2023-2025 term.

Please consider a position on the Executive Committee. CGCI needs your expertise and talents. Contact any member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in serving as an officer during the 2023-2025 term.

Penny Pines Chairman, Nina Blonski

It was a difficult year for Penny Pine donations due to the Covid lockdown. The lockdown closed the National Forest offices and many of the staff did not go in to pick up mail. All the staff working from home were using their personal phones so there was no direct contact.

Clubs that submitted donations were notifying this chairman that their clubs checks were not deposited and they were not receiving the certificates. After posting a warning on the website that many of the offices were closed some offices were able to process the donations.

I was in contact with the California National Forest Penny Pines person, now Joe Sherlock, joesherlock@usda.gov. He wasn't able to tell me much and I usually let him know what was going on. I requested direct contact to the person in charge of Penny Pines at each National Forest so I could contact them when a donation was made. But he was unable to give me that information, since he didn't have it. I would try and let him know if donations were made to a certain National Forest so he could ask them to take care of it.

Joe Sherlock now has assured me that the National Offices will once again be open and able to handle the Penny Pine submissions. He knows that receiving the certificate in a timely matter is important to our clubs. He is aware of the part California Garden Clubs, Inc. plays in the many donations they receive. He even stated he was glad to see my familiar emails.

I am continuing as the Penny Pines Chairman for 2021-2023

Pollinators Chairman, Terry Sampson

I hope to be doing presentations this upcoming year explaining to clubs, groups and schools how important pollinators are to all of us. I will be encouraging all ages to plant flowers and other plants the bees and butterflies are attracted to. Also a reminder to make sure a water source is nearby and available.

President's Project 2021-2023 Chairman, Robin Pokorski

Donating to The River Center at Grant Park **CELEBRATE**s our support of civic beautification projects. Supporting The River Center at Grant Park **CULIVATE**s valuable partnerships and increased public visibility. Becoming a partner at the inception of The River Center at Grant Park project **COMMEMORATE**s and demonstrates CGCI's commitment to our communities, our state and our country.

This chairman encourages every club and district to add a line item to their annual budget to donate to the State President's Project.

Social Media Chairman, Pat Clayes

Facebook is a good vehicle to showcase your chairmanship, club and/or district. Please send interesting items to me to post on the CGCI Facebook page, which is updated daily.

Please check out the page and leave a "like." You can access the page by going onto the CGCI website homepage, scroll to the bottom right and click on the Facebook logo. You do not have to be a member of Facebook to see the page.

If anyone has any expertise regarding Instagram and would like to help set up a CGCI Instagram account, please let me know.

Stamps Chairman, Terry Sampson

I just wanted to "shout out" a huge THANK YOU for all of clubs and individual members who have sent me stamps for the Postal Museum in Tucson, AZ. I have received so many stamps and some of them are very unusual. These stamps are all put to good use with all of the different programs the Museum offers.

Website Chairman, Jane McKee

Website:

- The rebuilt/upgraded website went live on October 1, 2021!
 - The domain host is GoDaddy
 - The platform is WordPress
- The webforms generate an email that automatically goes to the appropriate chairman or officer
- Form submissions can be collated and downloaded to a spreadsheet
- All content has been transferred to the new website

Mail distribution – a reminder:
CGCI uses two bulk mail services:

- **Vertical Response:** distribution of newsletters (*Golden Gardens eNews*, *WACONIAH* and selected NGC publications). Annually new CGCI board members and newly elected club presidents are automatically added. Individuals may subscribe using the form on the CGCI website. If you do not wish to receive the newsletters you may simply “unsubscribe.”
- **Mail Chimp:** all "official" correspondence (Call to meetings, minutes, special announcements and reminders). Depending on the type of communication the mailing list is divided into CGCI Board members or presidents and/or treasurers of member organizations. If you “unsubscribe” from this listing you will no longer receive official CGCI communications.

If you believe that you are NOT receiving mail from CGCI and did not “unsubscribe” check your SPAM or TRASH folders. Every email provider allows users to “white list” email addresses to prevent them from being blocked. Check your settings to see how your email account works. Example: You may add an address to your address book, or create a filter indicating that a specific email address is not to be deleted, blocked or sent to spam. All CGCI mail originates from this email address: cgci@cagardenclubs.org.

Youth Coordinator, Lisa Cosand

Currently for the 2021 year, there are 24 youth clubs renewed, 7 active and 17 donor clubs. This up from last year of 18 clubs. Present focus is on the contests organized at the state level. An article encouraging the Recycle Sculpture was placed in the *Golden Gardens* and *WACONIAH*.

This is the 20th anniversary of Kids Growing Strong so an article was published about how the garden clubs can use this as a resource. Sue Bennett was helpful and is the leader of this project. December 1 is the deadline for most youth contests with poster contest Jan. 20, 2022.