

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Minutes of the Pre-Convention Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2022
Handlery Hotel, San Diego
Host: Palomar District
President: Lynne Batchelor

President Lynne Batchelor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Recording Secretary was present.

State Pins and Miscellaneous Sales Chairman Hank Vanderhorst led the Pledge of Allegiance (with participation by Landscape Design Schools Chairman Alexis Slafer).

Communications Director Kathy Taylor de Murillo gave the Inspiration.

President Lynne Batchelor introduced the members of the Executive Committee and welcomed and introduced Pacific Region Director Lana Finegold.

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

Excused: Beverly Brune, Nancy Compton, Joan Craig, Helen Gates, Rosalie Hooper, Gudrun Kimmel, Ron Lang, Krystal Migliore, Martha Smyser, Elisabeth Tufo, Julie A. West and Pat York.

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

President Lynne Batchelor thanked Convention Chairman Sharon Tooley and members of Palomar District for hosting the 2022 Convention.

Without objection, the Chair appointed the following committee to review the minutes for this meeting: Greg Pokorski, Chairman, George Perko and Carol Vallens.

Minutes Review Committee Chairman Greg Pokorski reported that the minutes of the 2022 Winter Board Meeting, February 8-10, were reviewed, distributed on March 23, and posted on the website. He moved to adopt them as distributed. **Motion Passed.**

Treasurer George Perko reported. See Attachment A.

Financial Report: April 30, 2022

Net worth:

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TOTAL ASSETS		\$648,662
of which liabilities and restricted funds are	\$395,709	
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Officers' Reports

President Lynne Batchelor deferred her report.

1st Vice-President Carol Vallens deferred her report.

2nd Vice-President Adele Kelly deferred her Bylaws report, but moved on behalf of the Bylaws & Policy Committee to eliminate Standing Rule #92 (Major changes in format of the Yearbook, Manual & Roster shall be approved by board of directors.) and renumber Standing Rules # 93 & 94. **Motion passed without opposition.**

3rd Vice-President Marlene Kinney deferred her report.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski deferred his report.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst deferred her report.

Corresponding Secretary Milly Benson deferred her report.

Interim Financial Secretary Rita Desilets deferred her report.

Communications Director Kathy Taylor de Murillo deferred her report.

Executive Committee Recommendations

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst moved to adopt or ratify the following recommendations:

1. To approve the appointments of Kathy Bramhall and Rosa Radicchi to the Circle of Poppies.
Motion passed.
2. To ratify the appointment of George Unrine as a delegate to the Pacific Region Garden Clubs convention in Las Vegas, Nevada in April, 2022.
Motion passed.
3. To ratify the appointments of Marlene Kinney and Carol Vallens as members of the Strategic Planning Committee.
Motion passed.
4. To ratify the appointments of Shane Looper and Robin Pokorski to the Board of Trustees for the 2022-2028 term.
Motion passed.
5. To approve Carolyn Hoyum to serve concurrently as Cascade District Director and as a member of the Nominating Committee.
Motion passed.
6. To accept with regret the resignation of Elisabeth Tufo as Associate Plant Societies Liaison, Awards Sponsors Finances Chairman, Nominating Committee member, Procedures Manual Committee Advisor and *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* Chairman.
Motion passed.
7. To ratify the appointment of Monica Lewis as Awards Sponsors Finances Chairman.
Motion passed.
8. To ratify the appointment of Terry Sampson, Roadrunner District, to the Nominating Committee.
Motion passed.
9. To ratify the appointment of Robin Pokorski as *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* Chairman.
Motion passed.
10. That the annual liability insurance rate for the 2023-2024 policy year be \$1.25 per member with a \$20.00 minimum for small clubs. No change in charges for Certificates of Insurance,

Additional Insureds or late fees.

Motion passed.

11. To pay \$49.99 over the \$500.00 budgeted for 2022 Premier with Intuit/QuickBooks, line code 402A, QuickBooks support.

Motion passed.

12. To refund \$2000.00 donation sent in error with payment for 2021-2022 membership cards to Resendiz Brothers Protea Growers, LLC.

Motion passed.

13. To increase the budget for line code 1601B Award mailing/postage from \$150.00 to \$300.00.

Motion passed.

14. To increase the budget for line code 2601 Gift for NGC/PR from \$100.00 to \$200.00.

Motion passed.

15. To establish a special CGCI Board Meetings and Conventions Procedures Committee with Robin Pokorski as chairman and members Launa Gould and Alexis Slafer.

Motion passed as amended.

16. To ratify Fall Board Meeting dates of October 16-19, 2022 at the Wyndham Hotel in Sacramento. To approve a registration fee of \$45.00 and a late registration fee of \$75.00.

Motion passed.

17. To accept the invitation of Southern California Garden Club to host the 2023 Convention. To ratify 2023 Convention dates of June 5-9, 2023 at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys. To ratify the appointments of Rita Desilets as 2023 Convention Chairman and Greg Pokorski as 2023 Convention Treasurer. To approve a registration fee of \$45.00 and a late fee of \$75.00.

Motion passed.

18. To ratify a Tri-Refresher in Turlock, sponsored by Valley Lode District, on November 5, 2022, Berni Hendrix Chairman.

Motion passed.

19. To ratify Environmental School Series 7 in Turlock, sponsored by Valley Lode District. Course 1, January 14-15, 2023, Course 2, February 11-12, 2023, Course 3, February 25-26, 2023, Course 4, March 11-12, 2023. Chairman Berni Hendrix.

Motion passed.

Interim Financial Secretary Rita Desilets presented the 2022-2023 budget (copies were distributed to attendees) and moved for its adoption as distributed. **Motion Passed.** See Attachment B.

Sacramento River Valley District Co-Director Frankie Raymond extended an invitation to the 2022 Fall Board Meeting in Sacramento, October 16-19, 2022 at the Wyndham Hotel.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Gail Vanderhorst _____ Date _____
Recording Secretary

Attachment A
Treasurer's Report to Board of Directors

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Attachment B
California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Budget 2022-2023

Line Code	Description	Budget
	Revenue	
5001	Contributions/Donations	500
5001A	Amazon Smile Donations	50
5101	Convention Profit	2,000
	Dues	
5201	Dues-Affiliates 1 x \$50=\$50	50
5202	Dues-APS 3700 x \$2.75 = \$10,175	10,175
5203	Dues-Clubs 12,800 x \$2.75 = \$35,200	35,200
5301	Fundraising Revenue	0
5401	Group Tax Exemption Program Fees	1,500
5601	Interest	1,500
	Membership	
5701	Membership Banners	100
5702	Membership Cards	250
5703	Member Award of Distinction	100
	Miscellaneous Income	
5801	Bad check fees reimbursements	0
5803	3 Year Calendars	0
5804	Program Speakers Refund	0
5805	NGC/PR Refund	0
5806	Penny Pines	0
5807	CGCI Hosted Meetings	0
5808	CGCI Hosted NGC/PR Conventions	0
6001	Scholarship - transfer from Scholarship Fund	4,000
6101	State Pins & Miscellaneous Sales	1,000
6301	Yearbook Sales	1,000
	Total Revenue	57,425
	Expenses	
	Administration	
101	Auditor	5,000
102	External Treasurer	3,600
201	Directors & Officers Insurance	2,500
301	Dues-NGC \$1 per capita for APS & Clubs	16,500
302	Dues-NGC Youth	10
303	Dues-Pacific Region	360
401	Crime Insurance Package	1,200
402	Quickbooks 3 users	600
402A	Quickbooks support	0
403	Expense-Administration	0
501	Attorney General	50
502	Franchise Tax Board	10
503	CA Dept of Tax & Fee Admin.	400

504	Secretary of State Form SI-100 even yrs	20
505	CA Trademark/logo fee Due 8/15/29	0
506	State Raffle Permit	20
701	Office Supplies	500
705	PO Box Annual Fee	225
801	RingCentral 888# \$36.50 @ month x 12	450
802	CGCI Virtual Meetings	350
901	Website	3,350
1001	Yearbook Printing	5,700
	Total Administration	40,845
	<i>Chairman Expenses</i>	
1501	Amenities & Protocol	50
1502	Arbor Day	50
1503	Arboreta/Botanic Gardens of CA	50
1504	Associate Plant Societies	50
1505	Awards Finance	50
1506	Backyard Habitat	50
1507	Blue Star Memorials - Co-Chair 1	50
1508	Blue Star Memorials - Co-Chair 2	50
1509	Budget & Finance (copies)	50
1510	Business Commendations & Discounts	50
1511	Bylaws & Policy (copies)	50
1512	Civic/Community Beautification	50
1513	California Native Plants	0
1514	Natural Resources	0
1515	Educational Schools Finance	50
1516	Environmental Schools	50
1517	Floral Design Education	0
1518	DD Mailbox Chairman	0
1519	Flower Show Awards	50
1520	Flower Show Judges Credentials	50
1521	Flower Show Schedules	50
1522	Flower Show Schools Team Chair	50
1523	Flower Show Symposium	50
1524	Anza Borrego Desert State Park	0
1525	Gardening Schools	50
1526	Garden Therapy	50
1527	GGNPC Mission Blue Project Phase II	0
1528	Memorial Gardens	0
1529	Veggies/Herbs/Spices/Edible Flowers	50
1530	Home Grown	50
1531	Honor Book	50
1532	Horticulture	50
1533	New Cultivars	50
1534	Landscape Design Schools	50
1536	Master Gardener Liaison	0
1537	National Garden Week	0
1538	Shrubs/Trees	0
1539	Penny Pines	50
1540	Roses	50
1541	Program & Speaker Registry	0
1542	Memorial Garden for the Fallen	0

1543	Reforestation and Restoration	0
1544	Scholarships - Chair 1	50
1545	Scholarships - Chair 2	0
1546	Publicity	50
1547	Sempervirens Fund	50
1548	California State Parks	50
1549	Member Award of Distinction	50
1550	Strategic Planning	50
1551	Invasive Plants	0
1552	Vermiculture / Vermicomposting	50
1553	Website	50
1554	Operation Wildflower	0
1555	Wildlife (incl. bees/butterflies/insects)	50
1556	Birds	0
1557	Certificates (long-term service)	50
1558	Board of Trustees incl. Endowments	50
1559	Legislation/Government	50
1560	Pacific Region Director's Project	0
1561	Golden Legacy Society	50
1562	PO Box Chairman	50
1563	Water Conservation	0
1564	Rare Plant Treasure Hunt	0
1565	Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose	50
1566	Stagecoach Hill Azalea Reserve	0
1567	Donation Administrator	50
1568	No. Am. Butterfly Assoc. (NABA)	0
1569	Stamps	50
1570	Leadership Chairman	0
1571	Photo Roster	0
1572	Outreach (Resource & Community)	0
1573	San Francisco Flower & Garden Show	0
1574	Environmental Art	50
1575	Workshop/Events	0
1576	Rose Parade	0
1577	Endowment Fund Promotions	50
1578	Climate Awareness	50
1579	Garden Center Liaison	50
1580	Social Media	0
	Total Chairman Expenses	2,500
	<i>Chairman Expenses with Special Funding</i>	
1535	Life Membership	100
1601A	Awards	850
1601B	Awards mailing/postage	250
1602	Chairmen Coordinator	100
1603	District Director Coordinator	100
1604	Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman	200
1605	Membership-Including Dues Bills, Admin, Certs, & APS	500
1606	Smokey Bear Poster Contest	150
1607	State Pins & Misc. Sales (50% of sales)	500
1608	Yearbook Chairman - including distribution/ mailing	1,500
1609	Youth Activities- Awards, Admin, Essay, Hort. & Liaisons	250
1610	Procedure Committee	150

1611	Social Media	375
	Total Chairman with Special Funding	5,025
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	<i>District Director Expenses</i>	
1701	Arboretum	100
1702	Bay Bridges	100
1703	Bay Ocean	100
1704	Buttes	100
1705	Cascade	100
1706	Channel Islands	100
1707	Costa Verde	100
1708	Desert Empire	100
1709	Diablo Foothills	100
1710	Golden Foothills	100
1711	Greater Los Angeles	100
1712	Humboldt	100
1713	Luther Burbank	100
1714	Mendo-Lake	100
1715	Montana de Oro	100
1717	Orange County	100
1718	Palms to Pines	100
1719	Palomar	100
1720	Roadrunner	100
1721	Sacramento River Valley	100
1722	San Fernando Valley	100
1723	Santa Clara Valley	100
1724	Sequoia Foothills	100
1725	Top O' the State	100
1726	Valley Lode	100
1727	Yosemite Gateway	100
	Total District Director Expenses	2,600
	<i>Membership</i>	
1801	Membership Banners	50
1802	Membership Cards (printing)	250
1803	Membership - bookmarks, brochures	1,500
1804	Misc. Dues Refunds	0
1805	Organization Locator Service	300
-	Total Membership Expenses	2,100
	<i>Officers Expenses</i>	
1901	1st Vice President (year before Pres.Elect)	0
1901A	2nd Vice President	250
1901B	3rd Vice President	250
1902	Corresponding Secretary	100
1903	Financial Secretary	150
1904	Parliamentarian	50
1905	President, CA Travel & Office	10,000
1906	President, NGC & Pacific Region	5,000
1907	Recording Secretary	50
1908	Treasurer	400
1909	Communications Director	100
	Total Officers Expenses	16,350

	Election Year Expenses	
1920	Incoming President's Honorarium	200
1921	Outgoing President's Pin	500
1922	President Elect Expenses	500
1923	President Elect, NGC & Pacific Region	3,500
	Total Election Year Expenses	4,700
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	Other Expenses	
2101	Golden Gardens eNews	50
2201	Educational Pamphlets	500
2601	Gift for NGC/PR	100
2701	Member Award of Distinction	0
2901	Program Speakers for Convention/Board Meetings	1,500
3001	Promotional Materials	500
3101	Scholarships- 2 @ \$2000	4,000
	Total Other Expenses	6,650
	Misc. Expenses	
4001	NGC/Pac Region related expenses incl visits	1,000
4002	Bank charges	0
4002A	PayPal Merchant Fees	50
4003	Memorial Donations	250
4004	San Francisco Flower & Garden Show	0
4005	CA State Flower & Garden Show	0
4006	#54 Yearbook Award	350
4007	3 Year Calendar printing	0
4010	WebTech Therapy	0
4011	Penny Pines donation	0
4012	Interest transfer to Scholarship	0
4014	Miscellaneous Board Authorized (A thru M)	0
4014N	Blue Star Memorial Renovation	0
4014O	Tree for Arbor Day	100
4014P	Sempervirens Big Basin Recovery Fund	0
4014Q	Circle of Poppies Pins	0
4015	NGC Award sponsored CB-1 (formerly #20)	100
4016	CGCI Hosted Meetings	0
4017	CGCI Hosted NGC/PR Conventions	0
4101	Pacific Region Director from CGCI	0
	Total Misc. Expenses	1,850
	Total Expenses	82,620
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	Revenue Less Expenses	-25,195

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Minutes of the 90th Convention
June 8 – 10, 2022
Handlery Hotel, San Diego, California
Host: Palomar District
President: Lynne Batchelor

Business Meeting #1

President Lynne Batchelor called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. The Recording Secretary was present.

President Lynne Batchelor welcomed and introduced Pacific Region Director Lana Finegold and former CGCI Presidents in attendance: Shane Looper, Sue Bennett, Rita Desilets, Robin Pokorski and Bob Gordon.

President Lynne Batchelor introduced those members serving on the National Garden Clubs and Pacific Region Garden Clubs boards and recognized Circle of Poppies members Judy Unrine and Carolyn Villi and announced new Circle of Poppies members Rosa Radicchi and Kathy Bramhall.

Communications Director Kathy Taylor de Murillo gave the Inspiration.

Credentials Chairman Greg Pokorski gave the preliminary credentials report with a voting strength of 74 and moved for its adoption. **Motion passed.**

President Lynne Batchelor declared a quorum was present.

Registrar Robin Pokorski gave the preliminary registration report with total registration of 144.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski read the Convention Rules of Order on page 12 of the Convention Program book and moved for their adoption. **Motion passed.**

Convention Chairman Sharon Tooley moved to adopt the 90th Convention program as corrected. **Motion passed.**

Without objection the Chair appointed the following committee to review the minutes for this meeting: Greg Pokorski, Chairman, George Perko and Carol Vallens.

Treasurer George Perko reported.

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See Attachment A.

Interim Financial Secretary Rita Desilets reported. See Attachment B.

Pacific Region Director Lana Finegold presented a 2019-2021 Pacific Region Director's certificate to 2019-2021 CGCI President Shane Looper.

President Lynne Batchelor presented National Garden Clubs, Inc. Certificates of Merit to the following clubs:

Calaveras County Garden Club – 75th anniversary

Modesto Garden Club – 75th anniversary

Stockton Garden Club – 75th anniversary

San Jose Garden Club – 50th anniversary

Bonita Valley Garden Club – 50th anniversary

Officers' Reports

President Lynne Batchelor reported (see Attachment B) and presented Presidential Citations that would have been presented at an in person 2021 Fall Board Meeting to Shane Looper, Elisabeth Tufo and Greg Pokorski.

1st Vice-President Carol Vallens reported.

2nd Vice-President (and Bylaws & Policy Committee Chairman) Adele Kelly reported. See Attachment D. She moved on behalf of the Bylaws & Policy Committee (and as recommended by the Board of Directors at the 2022 Winter Board Meeting) that the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws be adopted by the voting membership. PROVISIO: All bylaw amendments relating to the Communications Director including ARTICLE V, Sec. 1, and 8, and ARTICLE VIII, Sec. 1 shall take effect at the close of the CGCI Convention 2023.

Proposal #1

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec. 1. Elected officers shall be president, first vice-president, second vice president, third vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer., ~~and communications director.~~ The appointed officer shall be the parliamentarian.

Would Read After Amendment

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec. 1. Elected officers shall be president, first vice-president, second vice-president, third vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer. The appointed officer shall be the parliamentarian.

Motion passed (2/3 vote).

Proposal #2

Eliminate entire section.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec. 8. The communications director shall oversee: (a) the creation and distribution of publications including, but not limited to, *Golden Gardens e-News*, *Yearbook*, *Manual & Roster*, press releases and brochures; and (b) the website.

(Section 9 to be renumbered to become Section 8)

Motion passed (2/3 vote).

Proposal #3

ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Sec. 1. The executive committee shall consist of the president, vice-presidents, recording, corresponding and financial secretaries, treasurer, ~~communications director~~ and parliamentarian. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

Would Read After Amendment

ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Sec. 1. The executive committee shall consist of the president, vice-presidents, recording, corresponding and financial secretaries, treasurer, and parliamentarian. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

Motion passed (2/3 vote).

3rd Vice-President Marlene Kinney reported (See Attachment B).

Meeting recessed at 4:07 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 4:39 p.m.

President Lynne introduced the pages for this meeting: Sherree McGinley for Lana Finegold and Sharon Tooley for Lynne Batchelor.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported. See Attachment B.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported that the deadline for emailed reports is Friday, June 17, 2022.

Corresponding Secretary Milly Benson reported and read thank you notes for CGCI's \$1,000.00 donation to Black Point Historic Gardens and \$2,875.00 donation to San Diego's River Center at Grant Park.

Communications Director Kathy Taylor de Murillo reported.

President Lynne announced that Ron Byrd is the new Director for Sacramento River Valley District.

Pacific Region Director Lana Finegold addressed attendees regarding her theme, *One Green World*, and Pollen Pushers which supports Region scholarships.

President's Project Chairman Robin Pokorski presented stars in recognition of donors who have given to San Diego's River Center at Grant Park.

Meeting recessed at 5:38 p.m.

Business Meeting #2

Meeting reconvened on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 9:08 a.m.

President Lynne Batchelor presented Pacific Region Director Lana Finegold and the CGCI 2021-2023 Executive Committee.

Arbor Day Chairman Chuck Goodwin read the National Garden Clubs National Garden Week Proclamation.

Blue Star & Gold Star Families Memorial Markers Co-Chairman Shirley Lipa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pacific Region Director Lana Finegold gave the Inspiration, a poem written by Lana in 1966.

President Lynne Batchelor presented Presidential Citations that would have been presented at an in person 2022 Winter Board Meeting (for support of the President's Project) to Robin Pokorski, Sherry Molinari, Gail Vanderhorst, and Hank Vanderhorst, and a Presidential Citation to Pacific Region Director Lana Finegold.

Committee Reports

Awards Chairman Pat Claves reported. See Attachment D.

Youth Coordinator Lisa Cosand reported

Awards Chairman Pat Claves reported for Scholarship Chairman Martha Smyser. See Attachment D.

Budget & Finance Chairman Rita Desilets reported. See Attachment D.

Flower Show Committee Chairman Sandra Graff reported.

Nominating Committee Chairman Pat Claves reported. See Attachment D.

Strategic Planning Committee Chairman George Speer reported.

Board of Trustees Secretary Alexis Slafer reported for Board of Trustees Chairman Julie A. West. See Attachment D.

In compliance with Bylaws Article XI, Section 1, Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst moved on behalf of the Board of Directors that the voting membership approve that the 2023 Convention will take place June 5-9, 2023 at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys. **Motion passed.**

President's Project Chairman Robin Pokorski reported.

Meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

Memorial Service

Strategic Planning Committee Chairman George Speer and Dos Valles Garden Club President's Alternate Deedee Speer conducted a memorial service.

President Lynne Batchelor presented Presidential Awards for dedications of Blue Star Memorial Markers to Lake Oroville Area Garden Club, Southern California Garden Club and Red Bluff Garden Club.

District Director Reports

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

Invitation to the 2023 Convention

2023 Convention Chairman Rita Desilets presented the invitation to the 2023 Convention at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys, June 5-9, 2023.

Report of the Board of Directors

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst read the Executive Committee Recommendations approved by the board of directors at the Pre-Convention Board Meeting.

President Lynne Batchelor presented Special Awards to Orange County District, Chicago Park Garden Club, Southern California Garden Club and San Fernando Valley District in appreciation for invitations to meetings.

Meeting recessed at 11:38 a.m.

Business Meeting #3

Meeting reconvened on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 9:11 a.m.

Dos Valles Garden Club President's Alternate Deedee Speer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pollinators Chairman Terry Sampson presented the Inspiration.

President Lynne Batchelor presented plants to Robin Pokorski, Kathy Taylor de Murillo, Milly Benson and Carolyn Hoyum who led the balloting as "the Face of CGCI" (Sunny Disposition Award).

President Lynne Batchelor presented Convention Presidential Citations to Kathy Taylor de Murillo, Sandra Graff, Sharon Tooley, Rita Desilets and Lisa Mercier.

Chairmen Reports

Chairmen Coordinator Adele Kelly reported and presented the Chairmen who reported. See Attachment D.

Black Point Historic Gardens Chairman Shane Looper reported and moved that the letter from Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy read by the Corresponding Secretary be included in the minutes. **Motion passed.** See Attachment E.

GTEP Chairman Sue Bennett reported (see Attachment D) and moved to ratify the Orangevale Farm & Garden Club, Golden Foothills District, to join the Group Tax Exemption Program. **Motion passed.** She then moved to ratify the removal of the Mira Costa Horticulture Club from the Group Tax Exemption Program. **Motion passed.**

Life Memberships Chairman Carlotta Wixon-Welker reported (see Attachment D) and moved to ratify the following life members:

Doan, Kieu - San Clemente GC - Orange County District
Crane, Elyse - San Clemente GC - Orange County District
Beggary, Weej - San Clemente GC - Orange County District
Orefice, Maria - Southern California GC - San Fernando Valley District
Goldstein, Deborah - Cherry Blossom GC - San Fernando Valley District
Alden, Mary - Petaluma GC - Luther Burbank District
Mieikle, Ellyn - Riviera GC & San Pedro GC - Costa Verde District
Sanchirico, Dorothy - El Cerrito GC - Bay Bridges District
Lord, Gail - Tustin GC - Orange County District
Hawkins, Barbara - Ceres GC - Valley Lode District

Motion passed.

Sempervirens Fund/Big Basin Recovery Fund Co-Chairman Judy Unrine reported (see Attachment D) and read a resolution from Sempervirens Fund honoring CGCI and moved that the resolution from the Sempervirens Fund be placed in the minutes. **Motion passed.** See Attachment F. She also moved that \$2,500.00 be disbursed from the Sempervirens Restricted Fund, Line Code 31518, to the Sempervirens Fund. **Motion passed.**

Credentials Chairman Greg Pokorski gave the final credentials report with a voting strength of 74 and moved for its adoption. **Motion passed.**

Registrar Robin Pokorski gave the final registration report with total registration of 144.

President Lynne Batchelor made announcements.

Golden Gardens eNews Writer-at-Large Cher Habriel read her poem, "Ode to Convention."

President Lynne Batchelor congratulated Carol Vallens on becoming President-Elect at the conclusion of this convention.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Gail Vanderhorst _____ Date _____
Recording Secretary

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Attachment B Officers' Reports

President, Lynne Batchelor

I am thrilled to be here in person with all of you. Thank you so much for coming and for participating! I am so grateful to Palomar District who took a leap of faith that we could meet and planned this great convention. I want to thank especially Sharon Tooley, Palomar District Director and Convention Chair for all her efforts in making *A River Runs Through It* so successful and for providing a varied program of workshops and speakers. The various clubs in Palomar District worked together to ensure that we have wonderful table designs for every meal as well as assistants for many tasks. Kathy Taylor de Murillo and Sandra Graff chaired an excellent Design Specialty Flower Show; a big thank you to them, to the Southwest Judges Council and to everyone who exhibited. If you are a shopper, this is the place to be! Palomar District has a great sale as does CGCI organized by the Vanderhorsts which includes a signed calendar from Shane Looper, NGC Designer of the Year. Sherry Molinari organized and is manning the booths for the President's Project. Robin Pokorski, President's Project Chair, will be our auctioneer for several items including two fabulous quilts made and donated by Milly Benson. The master woodworker, Hank Vanderhorst, is taking orders for his original design of a table/bench for a \$300 donation to the President's Project. We would not be here without the dedication and work of Rita Desilets (program booklet and name tags), Robin Pokorski (registration), Greg Pokorski (credentials), and Lisa Mercier (treasurer). Pat Clayes and her committee are to be commended for all of their work on awards. It was a privilege to welcome Lana Finegold, Pacific Region Director, who spoke about the region and her President's Project. I hope all of you are able to visit my President's Project site this week.

I can't wait to see you again at Fall Board! I am dedicating this, our first non-Zoom meeting, to my Mother who was a very active member of the Bonita Valley and the Chula Vista Garden Clubs and who continued planting on her acre yard into her 80s and was great flower arranger. Her example, enthusiasm, and encouragement was the reason I joined a garden club.

I am so pleased to announce two new members of our Circle of Poppies—Kathy Bramhall (Flower Show Judges Credential, former Cascade District Director and Judges Chair) and Rosa Radicchi (the face of *Semper Virens* for so many years). I am so sorry that they couldn't be here but they will be receiving their new pins which were designed by Rita Desilets.

The restrictions from Covid, various political issues, isolation from social interactions have led to increasingly aggressive, divisive and intolerant attitudes worldwide. We see it in America through increasing incidents of road rage, criminal assaults, mass shootings, bullying, etc. but we also see it in garden clubs with members bickering, refusing to speak or sit with some members, sending registered letters telling a member not to return, email fights, fault finding and other things which are reminiscent of middle school mean girl's behavior. At Robin's meeting yesterday this was discussed and various solutions were suggested including: do your best, assume that everyone else is doing the same, be an example of cheerfulness and positivity, assume good intentions, communicate, maintain a perspective, don't take yourself too seriously, discourage fault finding and don't do it yourself. Remember George Speer's advice that members come for the knowledge but stay for the friendships. In supporting our emphasis on the positive, I am distributing ballots for you to vote on the best representative of CGCI and prizes will be given for the top four vote getters. I have already reported on NCC and on Pacific Region Conventions in the *Golden Gardens*, but I want to thank you for sending me to represent you. I am very pleased to be going to Auburn next week for their Blue Star Dedication. Please do invite me to visit for a special occasion or for a regular meeting; I am equally interested in both. If you are still social distancing, I would welcome the

opportunity to participate as well. If you are not sending me your newsletters, please do as they are so informative and keep me connected with what is occurring state-wide.

I still need a club or district to volunteer to host Winter Board. Except that it can't interfere with scheduled schools, the dates in January or February are your choice. This is a wonderful way to earn some money, to build camaraderie with members and to show off your hometown.

Enjoy *A River Runs Through It*!

3rd Vice-President/Membership Chairman, Marlene Kinney

Current Membership

Number Paid as of May 31, 2022

Clubs	244	(13,056)
APS's	47	(3,655)
Affiliates	1	
Total	292	(16,711)

The Board of Sherman Oaks Garden Club has voted to disband the club effective 6/30/2022. San Fernando Valley District, 16 members.

The following clubs and APS's have been dropped due to non-payment of membership dues:

Clubs:

Diggers Garden Club, Costa Verde District, 25 members

Orange County Orchid Society, Orange County District, 78 members

American Begonia Society, Mabel Corwin Branch, Palomar District, 18 members

Lake View Terrace Improvement Association, San Fernando Valley District, 21 members

APS's:

American Begonia Society, Westchester Branch, 35 members

Sogetsu School of Ikebana San Francisco Bay Area Branch, 71 members

Interim Financial Secretary, Rita Desilets

The Financial Secretary continues to work closely with the Treasurer, seeking to process Requests for Payment in a timely manner. Chairmen and District Directors need to use the correct line code when requesting reimbursement for approved expenses. Use the form on the CGCI website or request a Word file from me, scan your receipts and email both to the Financial Secretary. You can always send the form and receipts by mail.

According to Standing Rule 38, bills for the current fiscal year shall be presented to the financial secretary for authorization of payment on or before June 15th.

Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski

This officer continues to carry out the usual duties of this office, including meeting preparation and minutes review and ongoing review of CGCI's governing documents by way of participation in the Bylaws & Policy Committee. I also respond to parliamentary questions from board members, clubs and districts. I am happy to try to answer your questions, but may need your bylaws to do so.

This officer has continued to serve as Convention Credentials Chairman which brings some frustration and sadness. Frustration that too many recipients of the Call to Convention seem to not read or follow instructions with regard to submission of the credentials form which must be done in addition to submission of registration forms for those clubs who send official representation.

Sadness that only 50 of 88 board members are registered for this important event and our clubs are only officially represented by 12 presidents, 4 alternates and 10 delegates (representing only 16 clubs in 7 districts). Considering clubs that board members belong to, we only have official representation from 9 additional clubs. That is 3% of our clubs and APSs.

We can do better. We need to do better. We must do better.

We all need to encourage greater involvement and active participation in our organization to maintain its operation in the present and to identify leadership to ensure our future.

Attachment C

District Directors' Reports

Buttes District, Carol Jauregui

Drought, flooding, fires, and pandemics have challenged our nine garden clubs since 2015. COVID shut clubs down for a year. Restrictions seem to be the new normal, be it water use or mask wearing. Our garden clubs have once again started to meet and have held garden tours, flower shows, and plant sales that offer hope and needed therapy from all the disasters. The drought has returned, and our clubs will once again be teaching about water-wise plants and which trees to save by watering. Our biggest challenge will be attracting new members who will help us grow and keep our clubs active.

Cascade District, Carolyn Hoyum

As new District Director I gained much knowledge at the convention and am very excited about taking Kathy Bramhall's place...I know she will guide me.

Clubs are meeting and since I have known I was taking over I have visited two other club meetings and attended two club plant sales. They are all active. I am so hoping to entice them to the next District meeting in the fall.

Several clubs are always on Facebook which is a great way to keep in touch. Unfortunately two of the 7 clubs here half the members have no computers or cell phones.

All clubs that put out newsletters are already sending them to me so that will help if I follow through with a district newsletter.

I'm honored to have the title of District Director and hope to spur on the hope of gardening.

Channel Islands District, Darcey Lober

This year each club received \$100.00 for signage to promote conservation minded projects.

We shared speaker lists, and presented programs on native drought tolerant plantings, fruit tree and vegetable growing, as well as, medicinal plants, attracting wildlife, bees and other beneficials. Ojai Valley sponsored the Green Valley Pollinator Project. Ventura County planted 3 cork oaks in Memoriam at Fillmore City Hall. Westlake held food drives and plant sales. Organic Garden Club toured local farms. Pleasant Valley sold pumpkins at the Farmers market. The District supports Conejo Valley Botanic Garden, and Mesa Harmony Gardens.

Desert Empire District, Rene Riviera

Desert Empire District has two clubs and an expected membership of fifty members. **Oasis** celebrated their 64-year anniversary. At the end of May the club raised funding for 12 Penny Pines plantations as part of the wildfire awareness program. **Desert Rose Garden Club's** bright idea is to give "Plant Bucks" to volunteers who show up for the Club's project clean-up once a month, to be spent at the bi-annual plant sales. Members joined the clubs to learn about plants and do

community service. Leaving both Oasis and DRGC the Presidents and Treasurers are both combined this year.

Golden Foothills District, Nina Blonski

District and club events are going strong. We celebrated with all the clubs at our district Garden Party, where a hat parade and potluck were enjoyed by all attending. The dedication of our Blue Star Memorial Marker will be June 14, 2022, Flag Day. With President Lynne Batchelor in attendance along with many local military and Blue Star Memorial Moms' chapters and the Mayor of Auburn. The location is in the beautiful Army Services Pavilion and Community Gardens, located at 995 Lincoln Way in Auburn. The site of The Forgotten Soldier Project. We have our general meeting next week where the clubs enjoy a potluck and program on Roses while we celebrate the many awards our clubs won.

Greater Los Angeles District, Joyce Parrot

Greater Los Angeles District: All but one of our six clubs now meet in-person. Activities at the individual clubs: Culver City Garden Club carpooled to the Gottlieb Native Garden in Beverly Hills twice, and also visited the Sherman Library & Gardens in Newport Beach. They held their Garden Show & Sale x 2- They are always very organized with this, holding a special "potting party" several months prior to the sale (includes brunch). The Geranium Society reports an increase in membership, and they held their annual Show & Sale over Mother's Day weekend at the Arboretum. When they start again in August, they will hold some day meetings, so that folks who can't drive at night can also participate. In January, several members of the Ikebana International LA #4 participated in Year of the Tiger Celebrations in Little Tokyo; and they held a two-day flower exhibition at the Arboretum in March. Los Angeles Garden Club enjoyed a field trip via LA City Bus to the Kimberly Crest House & Gardens in Redlands. A jewelry sale benefitted the charity Homeless Healthcare LA, and three \$750 scholarships were awarded to Mt. San Antonio College horticulture students. Pacific Palisades continues to hold its meetings through Zoom, as their previous location has been leased to another organization. Palisades Beautiful (environmental organization) conducted a Neighborhood Tree Walk with a local certified arborist, with great community participation.

Santa Clara Valley District, Roseann Costabile

Willow Glen Garden Club, ratified at Fall Board Meeting has 10 members. The club is working on joining GTEP. They are meeting via Zoom & in outdoor gardens.

Milpitas Green Thumb Garden Club recruited 3 new members while participating at the City Earth Day celebration. Donations & sponsorships are being made to local organizations. The City has asked the club to help with indoor plantings at City Hall.

Ikebana International, Monterey was recognized as a distinguished chapter by Tokyo headquarters having increased membership by 10 percent.

Plant sales and meetings have resumed in clubs in Santa Clara Valley District.

Attachment D Chairmen and Committee Reports

Advisory Council Chairman, Shane Looper

The Advisory Council met by zoom on 5/31/2022. Six members were present.

The Council moved and second a recommendation for a bylaw change and was sent to Adele Kelly, 3rd Vice President, Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Chairman on 5/31/2022 for consideration.

ARTICLE XVI – CIRCLE OF POPPIES

Now reads:

The Circle of Poppies was established in 2005 to honor those who have given extraordinary length of service to CGCI.

To read:

The Circle of Poppies was established in 2005 to honor those **members (excluding former presidents)** who have given extraordinary length of service to CGCI.

Rationale:

The Circle of Poppies was intended for Chairmen and not former Presidents who have a permanent Board of Directors position via the Advisory Council. This clarifies the original intent.

Amenities and Protocol Co-Chairman, Kathy Taylor de Murillo

Because we haven't met in person for a couple years due to Covid most of us have forgotten some of the amenities and protocol procedures.

Amenities is any feature that provides comfort, convenience, pleasure and civility in an agreeable manner.

Protocol is the official system of rules that explain the correct conduct and procedures to be followed in formal situations.

In other words follow the rules and be nice about it. Here are a few examples that we all need to remember to do.

1. We are volunteers. We need to support and encourage each other in a positive way and listen to each other.
2. Follow directions. When you receive the call to Convention get your registration in on time. Please do not crash the party at the last minute and expect the Convention Chairman and the Hotel staff to accommodate you.
3. Support our CGCI President. She wants to visit your districts and clubs. Invite her to visit. She has a travel budget and would love to visit every district in California.
4. At meals wait until the head table has been served and the Presiding Officer begins to eat.
5. Send Thank You notes to Sharon Tooley, Convention Chairman, thanking her for all her hard work making this Convention a successful and fun event. Also, send little thank you notes to anyone else who went out of their way to be kind and helpful.

Arbor Day Chairman, Chuck Goodwin

California Arbor Week was established to recognize the birthday of Luther Burbank, often referred to as the Father of California Agriculture. This year's CGCI Arbor Week program took place on Sunday March 13 in the Valley Lode District at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, in Turlock.

As part of the Landscape Design School (LDS) curriculum, two trees were planted in an area designed by the LDS students. One tree honored Luther Burbank and the second in memory of Past CGCI President Mary Lou Goodwin. District Director Berni Hendrix coordinated the LDS School and the tree planting. The trees were accepted by Jeremiah Williams, Chairman of the Fair Board. CGCI Past Presidents Sue Bennett and Shane Looper were in attendance.

Awards Committee Chairman, Pat Clayes

The 2021-2022 Awards Committee consists of Youth Awards Chairman Lisa Cosand, Flower Show Awards Chairman Emily Troxell, Awards Finance Chairman Elisabeth Tufo, and me. Members have been regularly communicating via telephone and email.

This Chairman has been working diligently since the Winter Board Meeting: obtaining judging results from the 24 judging chairmen; entering all results on an Excel sheet; getting award entries ready for presentation in the Awards Room; creating and printing award certificates; purchasing trophies; ordering supplies (ribbons, stickers, award bags, certificates and covers), etc.

For the 2021 awards year, approximately 280 award applications were received, plus 92 applications for the Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement Award. 38 adult award entries were sent to Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. (PRGC), plus youth contest entries (Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest (20); Youth Sculpture Contest (2); Poetry Contest (9); Pollinator Poster Contest (6)). 25 award entries were sent to National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) (16 sent electronically and 9 mailed). CGCI received 34 first place, 1 second place, and 1 third place awards from PRGC. CGCI received 3 NGC overall awards plus one individual award for floral designer of the year.

The Excel list of award winners has been placed onto the website. During June and July, the Awards Manual and Evaluation Forms will be updated. As soon as this has been accomplished, they will be placed onto our website. Please note that all corresponding NGC award numbers will once again appear in the Awards Manual. Hopefully, NGC will not change its award numbers in the near future. Thank you to all who helped to make the 2021 Awards Year a success.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Chairman, Carolyn Villi

Our creatures are already hurting for water in our Sierra Foothills as the ponds and springs are almost dried up. I keep 2 heavy crocks and a tree mounted water container in my gardens. The containers are filled by lines from my timed drip system in the morning; and again in the evening by hand.

Always remember to have a stone or branch in your water container. Bees, other beneficial insects, baby birds etc. are attracted to water and may drown without a way to escape. I've attracted Deer, Rabbits, Squirrels, numerous types of birds from Blue Birds to Hawks and Vultures. The Vultures come and stand in the water to cool their body temperature. All we can do is conserve and be watchful for problems.

Black Point Historical Gardens Chairman, Shane Looper

CGCI established Black Point Historical Garden as a State Project at the 2021 Zoom Convention. The Project will provide five years of funding. The funding will provide pollinating plant species and signage for Black Point. Our support is needed for this very important historical garden. CGCI donations of \$2,000.00 have been sent to the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy to use the funds to help restore the strolling gardens. There is information on the website how to donate. Look on the home page and click Black Point.

Board of Trustees Chairman, Julie A. West

Board of Trustees met virtually via Zoom May 31, 2022. Five of six members attended plus invited guests, George Perko and Shane Looper.

- Discussed internal monthly financial review.

- Important Papers binder and flash drives to be updated.
- Endowment Funds with Vanguard reviewed and meet Standing Rule #45 asset allocation ranges.
- George Perko reviewed financial reports.
- *Giving Tuesday* is November 29, 2022 and CGCI will participate to raise funds for both Endowments.
- Elected Julie A. West as Chairman and Alexis Slafer as Secretary for 2022-23.

Blue Star & Gold Star Families Memorial Markers Co-Chairman, Shirley Lipa

This Chairman participated in her first Blue Star Memorial dedication at the Tehama District Fairgrounds. The Memorial was purchased by the Red Bluff Garden Club and dedicated in a lovely ceremony on March 22, 2022.

We received word from Tom Stelling, our BS Memorial Restorer, that he would not be able to complete the restorations on our CA markers. The CA Air Resources Board informed him that he would have to contact each County to see if the paints he uses would be allowed for use in that county, which he was unwilling to do. Each Club and District was reimbursed the money they had contributed.

Budget & Finance Committee Chairman, Rita Desilets

Members of the Budget & Finance Committee: Treasurer George Perko, 1st Vice-President Carol Vallens, Board of Trustees Chairman Julie West, GTEP Chairman Sue Bennett, Shane Looper and President Lynne Batchelor met by Zoom on June 1.

The agenda began with a review of the financial records through April 30, 2022. Information on the two US Bank CDs was presented.

An updated Request for Payment form will be available in July of 2022.

The Committee made several changes after reviewing the 22-23 budget.

Sue Bennett filled us in on GTEP. Many other issues were discussed in our nearly 3 hour meeting.

Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman, Adele Kelly

The Bylaws & Policy Committee members are Jeanne Johnson, Greg Pokorski, George Speer, George Unrine, Carol Vallens, David West and this chairman. The committee had two Zoom meetings and one in person meeting since the Winter Board meeting. The committee members reviewed suggestions for bylaws and standing rules amendments. Future suggestions for amendments should be submitted to this committee through this chairman by November 1, 2022.

During the Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting on June 7, 2022 this chairman read the Recommendation** from the Bylaws & Policy Committee Meeting to the Board of Directors. ** Eliminate Standing Rule 92 (Major changes in format of the Yearbook, Manual & Roster shall be approved by board of directors.) The proposed amendment was adopted by a two thirds vote in the affirmative.

During the Convention, Business Meeting #1 on June 8, 2022, this chairman read the Recommendation to the Membership (Convention Body) from the Board of Directors (included in the Call to Convention). The proposed amendments were adopted by a two thirds vote in the affirmative.

California Consultants Council Chairman, Sue Bennett

The CCC met yesterday afternoon and had a very productive and interactive meeting.

Chairmen Coordinator, Adele Kelly

CGCI Chairmen met on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at the Chairmen's Forum. This chairman is pleased to report that 23 chairmen were present. Chairmen participated in an exercise titled "Your First Idea." Chairmen were grouped together and provided with a CGCI question to discuss. Ideas resulted and were shared with all. The following chairmen gave oral reports on Friday, June 10, 2022 during Business Meeting #3:

Amenities and Protocol – Kathy Taylor de Murillo (report read by Milly Benson)

Arbor Day – Chuck Goodwin

Arboreta, Botanic & Memorial Gardens – Sherry Molinari

Black Point Historic Gardens – Shane Looper

Blue Star & Gold Star Families Memorial Markers – George Unrine

California Consultants Council (CCC) – Sue Bennett

California State Parks – Art Loesch

Chairmen Coordinator – Adele Kelly

Climate Awareness – Ward Habriel

Gardening Schools – Greg Pokorski

Golden Gardens eNews – Launa Gould (read by Adele Kelly)

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP) – Sue Bennett

Landscape Design Schools – Alexis Slafer

Liability Insurance – Shane Looper

Life Memberships – Carlotta Wixon-Welker

Penny Pines – Nina Blonski

Pollinators – Terry Sampson

Procedures Manual – Carol Vallens

Registrar – Robin Pokorski

Roses – Linda Malone

Sempervirens Fund – Judy Unrine

Social Media – Pat Clayes (read by Terry Sampson)

Stamps – Terry Sampson

State Pins & Miscellaneous Sales – Gail Vanderhorst

Youth Coordinator – Lisa Cosand

Climate Awareness Chairman, Ward Habriel

This Chair has followed the issues of organic wastes since before CA Senate Bill 1383 was approved. How does this impact our climate? The short answer is that organic wastes buried in landfills, will decompose and off-gas methane into our atmosphere. The proposed solution: stop putting organics in landfills! This chair submitted articles to the *Golden Garden Enews* which covered some of the details in SB 1383. Proposals for compliance: food rescue, compost, and biofuel. There are currently no facilities to handle the volume of waste that CA creates.

Gardening Schools Chairman, Greg Pokorski

This chairman continues to look for clubs/districts to conduct our next Gardening School (GS) and will be glad to walk you through the process of having a GS (which can be in a classroom or by Zoom).

We currently have 87 Gardening Consultants, of which six will lapse if they don't refresh this year. They may refresh at: The Tri-Refresher in Turlock on November 5, at in-classroom GS courses in other states, or at Zoom GS Courses in July and August. Check the NGC website-courses

are registered on an ongoing basis. Let this Chairman know if you register to take any course for credit.

NGC will be eliminating the consultant and refresher cards. The Forms 6 and 7 will be the official record for students and consultants.

Garden Therapy Chairman, Roy Wilburn

To be perfectly honest, all I have done is judge the Garden Therapy awards entries this year.

BUT- I am extremely active as Horticulture Director for Cadence at Poway Gardens in Poway CA. We are a memory care community and all of our residents have either Alzheimer's disease or some form of dementia.

Generally, around three times a week we gather some of our residents for Horticulture Hour with Farmer Roy. We seed or repot starter plants for our organic gardens that produce over 25,000 lbs. of fresh produce annually for our residents, families, staff and those in need. We get them into our gardens to plant and harvest and in our food bank gardens which help feed families in need in our area.

Flower arranging is done on a weekly basis for their homes. We discuss topics of nature in our community, such as how pollinators are essential in the world of horticulture and how plants grow. We also have an Intergenerational Garden Club that meets twice a month. Home-school and preschool children come to work in their Children's Garden. Then they join their "Grandmas and Grandpas" to perform many types of garden related activities. It's a beautiful thing!!

I have attached a flyer that describes what we do.

I encourage all garden clubs to form a Garden Therapy team to enrich the lives of disabled individuals in their area. Even the smallest of activities is a blessing for those that need some horticulture in their lives.

Contact me anytime and I can direct your club on how to get started in such a program.

Golden Gardens e/News Chairman, Launa Gould

The CGCI eNews is published monthly. The newsletter is limited to six pages and provides updated information received from board members, chairmen and club members. If space allows, interesting articles are included.

There are about 3000 email subscribers to the eNews. This is a good opportunity to get the message out about your chairmanship to the rest of the members in the state.

This chairman sends the eNews and *WACONIAH* by email using Vertical Response, a bulk mail application.

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP) Chairman, Sue Bennett

This chair would like to give a huge shout out to George Perko. Thank you for all your help.

- ✦ As of June 3, 2022, there are 106 clubs 8 districts for a total 114 members that participate in GTEP. THANK YOU for being part of this program.
- ✦ Prior to our March deadline, this chairman sent all required paperwork to the IRS office. This chairman, as of June 4, 2022, sent the required paperwork to the FTB office as well.
- ✦ Ten member clubs paid the late fee of \$15. Most of the funds coming from individuals who felt guilty the club was late. Thus, the numbers of late entrees dropped drastically even though it was more work for this Chairman to remind members.
- ✦ Both George and this Chairman has received numerous phone calls and emails. When one can't answer the question, this chairman refers to George for his expertise. This chairman

encourages Presidents/Treasurers to not give up even though the Secretary of State has added additional requirements. The information can be found on the tax forms that are filed.

- ✦ Madam President, I move to ratify the Orangevale Farm & Garden Club, Golden Foothills District, to join the Group Tax Exemption Program.
- ✦ With this ratification we now have 107 clubs for a total of 115.
- ✦ Madame President, I move to ratify the removal of the Mira Costa Horticulture Club from the Group Tax Exemption Program. Thank you.
- ✦ This chairman is not a lawyer, nor work for the IRS, FTB, etc. This chairman is a volunteer. Be Kind!
- ✦ This chairman will be staying on until the end of this term in case you heard I hung up my shoes.

Horticulture Chairman, Carolyn Villi

I have two chairmanships Backyard Wildlife Habitat and Horticulture. For the first time both of these are in desperate need of the same thing to survive, H2O.

Our western states are in the worst drought in history and our members must pursue different ways and ideas to protect their gardens and wildlife. Horticulture-gardeners will need to carefully monitor the moisture and sun exposure of their gardens. Moisture testers are available for purchase and are very accurate and easy to use. I find that mulch can be the best choice for holding moisture; but should be at least 3 inches deep. Insert a finger into the mulch it should be up to your knuckles. Shades helpful for the afternoon sun can be made from wire garden cloth or towels.

Landscape Design Schools Chairman, Alexis Slafer

The completion of the Landscape Design School hosted by Valley Lode District saw an addition of 6 Provisional and 24 new Consultants -- for a total of 79 Landscape Design Consultants. If your credentials will lapse this year, take advantage of the many opportunities that 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.

Liability Insurance Chairman, Shane Looper

242 clubs and APS- currently have the CGCI Liability Insurance Coverage. 1115 clubs have applied for additional insured certificate for tours, flower shows, plant sales and fundraising events. The insurance rate for 2023-2024 has been reduced to \$1.25 per member with a minimum payment of \$20.00.

Life Memberships Chairman, Carlotta Wixon-Welker

Since this time last year, twenty eight (28) new names have been added to the roster of California Garden Clubs, Inc. Life Members.

This means that in the last year \$2,800.00 has been added to that fund, but that is not quite enough to fund the two scholarships. Thank you to all the persons, clubs and districts that have honored themselves or other people with a new Life Membership.

Please contact this chairman for the application forms. Forms can also be filled out and printed on line, by clicking on "forms" on the C.G.C.I. website, then send the application and check to this chairman.

Ratifications:

Doan, Kieu - San Clemente GC - Orange Co. Dist.

Crane, Elyse - San Clemente GC - Orange Co. Dist.

Beggarly, Weej - San Clemente GC - Orange Co. Dist.

Orefice, Maria - So. Cal. GC - San Fern. Valley Dist.
Goldstein, Deborah - Cherry Blossom GC - San Fern. Valley Dist.
Alden, Mary - Petaluma GC - Luther Burbank Dist.
Mieikle, Ellyn - Riviera GC & San Pedro GC - Costa Verde Dist.
Sanchirico, Dorothy - El Cerrito GC - Bay Bridges Dist.
Lord, Gail - Tustin GC - Orange Co. Dist.
Hawkins, Barbara - Ceres GC - Valley Lode Dist.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Pat Clayes

Since summer 2021, the Nominating Committee has been inviting and interviewing many worthy candidates for positions, and our members are confident that a slate of at least one candidate for each position on the Executive Committee will be sent to the President and President-Elect two weeks before Winter Board 2023.

Please note that it is not too late for you to be interviewed for a position. Just complete a Personnel Form. In addition, if you know of a qualified member who would like to be nominated, please complete a Nomination Form. Both forms can be found on the CGCI website.

Penny Pines Chairman, Nina Blonski

I gave an oral report explaining how the offices are now open and receiving donations and issuing certificates. Explained why their club might not get listed in eNews if they did not go online to the CGCI website and fill out the form and remember to click on "submit". It takes 2 months to get listed in *eNews Golden Gardens*. Clubs can check the archives on the CGCI website to find their listing. A review of Award #77 A for the club purchasing the most Plantations in the calendar year and #77 B based on percentage of club per capita membership. Keep sending in donations to help restore our California national forests from the many wildland forest fires we have had.

Pollinators Chairman, Terry Sampson

Articles were sent to the *Golden Garden E news* on pollinators during 2020/2021. I am the administrator for the Hesperia Garden Club Facebook page and I post many articles/pictures on how to encourage our pollinators. You can go to Hesperia Garden Club Facebook page and share these items of interest with your club members. Please remember to plant the flowers right along with your vegetables when you are planting your gardens. Did you know that even ants help pollinate? Without pollinators we would not have any fruit, vegetables or honey from those busy little bees.

Roses Chairman, Linda Malone

This chairman encouraged attendees to participate in a raffle of two roses to benefit the CGCI Presidents Project. "Easy Does It" is a floribunda with orange blossoms and has very good disease control. The plant will grow to 3 ½' tall by 2 ½' wide. "Princess Anne" is a David Austin rose with pink blossoms. It is a hybrid of an old English rose and a hybrid tea. It has very strong disease control. It will grow to 4' tall by 3' wide. Both roses were selected because they are coastal, shade and hot/dry tolerant.

Scholarship Chairman, Martha Smyser

This year California students won \$20,500 in scholarships from CGCI, Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs – a banner year!

CGCI awarded three students each a \$2,000 scholarship. The Robert Gordon Scholarship goes to MADISON ROGER, a junior at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo majoring in Agriculture & Environmental Plant Science. She wants to work in the Environmental Restoration field.

The Charlene “Shane” Looper scholarship goes to ADRIANA STAGNARO, a graduate student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the Environmental Sciences and Management Department. Her professional goal is to support Californians adapting to wildfire. She is a qualified fire fighter.

The inaugural Alberta Thiry Memorial Scholarship went to KATELYN WILCOX. She is a graduate student at Cal State Fresno in the Geology Department studying meadow restoration.

The California student who won a \$1,000 Pacific Region Scholarship is Katelyn Wilcox.

And three California students won \$4500 scholarships from National Garden Clubs. Katelyn Wilcox of a CGCI and Pacific Region Scholarship is one of our winners. A second winner is Madison Roger, who also won a CGCI Scholarship.

And our third National Garden Clubs Scholarship winner is Emily Saeger, a graduate student at the University of Washington where she is majoring in Landscape Architecture and hopes to strengthen the link between the study of horticulture and the design elements of Landscape Architecture.

While the equine world did not have a Triple Crown Winner this year, we have our own Triple Crown Winner in KATELYN WILCOX who will be getting a scholarship from CGCI, Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs. All of our scholarship winners are outstanding young people and should give us hope for the future.

You and your club can help us support our scholarship fund. Every time you purchase a Life Membership the fee goes to support our scholarships. Or you can make a donation to the Scholarship/Life Membership fund. These funds are available for use by the scholarship committee as soon as they are received in contrast to donations to the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund which are invested and the interest used as needed. Several individuals and clubs made generous donations to these funds and for this we say THANK YOU!

Sempervirens Fund/Big Basin Recovery Fund Co-Chairman, Judy Unrine

Kathy Taylor de Murillo is new co-chair for Sempervirens. Under past President Shane Looper, CGCI donated \$25,000 to the Big Basin Recovery Fund. Thank you to all who have donated to the Sempervirens Fund. A Sempervirens organization Proclamation thanks CGCI for the members’ generosity.

During the month of June, an anonymous supporter of Big Basin Redwoods State Park offered to match donations. The chairmen of this committee recommended the donation of \$2,500.00 from our fund (Line Code 31518) to the Sempervirens organization. The donation of \$2,500 will be matched for a total donation of \$5,000.00.

Smokey Bear Poster Contest Chairman, Charlotte Tucker

I submitted several articles about the Poster Contest to the *Golden Gardens* Newsletter this year and also to *WACONIAH*. I made a winning poster display and planned to display it at the 2022 Convention, BUT I was sick and wasn’t able to attend. There was no Fall CGCI Board Meeting so I was not able to have a display or pass out Poster Contest information then.

I did **NOT** receive any Smokey Bear and/or Woodsy Owl prizes for the kids from the National Forest Service Office again this year. MURPHY!!!

Since I am still involved with the poster contest in my local club as the Co-Chairman and also Valley Lode District Poster Chairman, I was busy from the beginning supporting my club’s Poster Chairman getting poster paper and directions out to schools during the pandemic. We normally receive over 1,000 posters, for our club to judge, but this year we only received a total of 476 posters. So I helped judge posters from our local area, along with a Forest Service Rep., even before I started to receive posters from the other Garden Clubs in California as the (CGCI) CA State Poster Chairman.

Cal-Fire provided a room but we only had 57 posters submitted for judging at the state level. We had some Garden Club members to help judge the state posters on Wednesday, February 2nd. We also had some Forest Service people along with a Rotary Representative. After judging a Forest Service Rep scanned all the winning posters into their computer and printed off copies for us (in various sizes) for us to use going forward. This is a wonderful source of help and I encourage all clubs to seek out their local U.S. Forest Service office to see if they can give assistance to them with their poster contest judging too.

The local, CGCI, and Pacific Region judging was done with several local Garden Club members, a few U.S. Forest Service and Cal-Fire people. See attached results for CGCI judging. I transferred the five first place CA State winning posters to my Pacific Region judging pile and got ready to do that judging on March 3rd before sending our Pacific Region's winning posters on to The National Garden Clubs' Poster Chairman Pat Smith in Tennessee. California had ____ winners at the Pacific Region level of judging. See attached list.

At the NGC judging California had no winners this year - MURPHY!

I received posters from the following Districts and local Garden Clubs:

Diablo Foothills District

Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club

Golden Foothills District

Roseville Better Gardens Club

Palomar

Poway Garden Club

Valley Lode District

Foothill Garden Club

Tuolumne County Garden Club

Turlock Garden Club

A couple of years ago the Youth Luncheon, at the convention in June, where we have honored our CA State Poster Winners in the past, was cancelled. So I encouraged local clubs and/or the Districts do something to honor their winners locally. I did this through the newsletter and also suggested it at District Directors meeting at the CGCI Board Meetings. I hope those Directors took it back to their clubs.

As soon as the judging was completed I also started to make up Award Certificates for all of our 20 CA State Poster winners. I was able to purchase plastic covers for these certificates and smaller copies, of the winning posters, which I put into the plastic sleeves too. These were all mailed out to the District Directors and/or Poster Chairman. All of our top three CGCI winners from each grade have been invited to the CA State Fair with free tickets and a free parking pass. Their posters will again be on display in Camp Smokey at the CA State Fair, BUT . . . I don't know the date of the Directors Day YET! So I'll bring my display to the Convention, and set up a display of our winners for all to see there.

I've learned some more very valuable lessons this year. I hope and pray that next year will be even better, maybe without the virus. I look forward to another wonderful year as CGCI Poster Contest chairman. It seems like I never stop learning in this position because there's always something new that comes up and I need to roll with the punches.

I have designed many forms that I use when judging, and reporting the results for this contest and would be willing to share them with anyone who might find them useful.

Last year I updated the CGCI Poster Chairman's procedures for the handbook and got it to Marlene Kinney for publication. I have not made any changes.

Social Media Chairman, Pat Clayes

When a club/district sends newsletters to me, I read each one and post pertinent information on CGCI's Facebook; this is an effective way to tell other clubs, districts, and the public what you are doing, and perhaps gain more members!

What the CGCI Facebook page needs are more videos, especially about gardening, landscaping, etc. Wouldn't it be fun to create a video and send it to this Chairman and have it posted onto the CGCI Facebook page?

As of June 4, 1,330 people have "liked" our page and 1,600 people follow our page.

Stamps Chairman, Terry Sampson

Thank you to all who sent me stamps for the Postal Museum which is located in Tucson AZ. In 2020 we sent 15,350 stamps to the museum. I have sent another box over to them in 2021 which I will report on that count when it is sent to me. These stamps are used in schools all over the US for the children to learn with. For example, if the students are studying about Presidents the museum will send them all of the President stamps so the children will be more interested in that subject. They send flower stamps, nature stamps, etc. Some of the stamps that members/non-members send to me are quite unusual.

Attachment E



PARKS FOR ALL FOREVER™

February 22, 2022

Rita Desilets
California Garden Clubs, Inc.
8316 Spartan Avenue
Van Nuys, California 91402

Dear Rita and Members of the California Garden Clubs,

On behalf of the staff of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, I'd like to express our deep appreciation for the distribution of \$1,000 received earlier this month. Your contribution has been enthusiastically directed to the Black Point Historic Gardens.

Our Black Point stewardship manager Natalie Korengold let me know that in the recent past, working with Price Sheppy, you supported our Mission Blue Project studies to help our endangered butterflies and now are underwriting pollinator species and signage for Black Point. From our gardens to yours, we send our deep gratitude and a warm invitation to visit us in Fort Mason or on Alcatraz Island!



Sincerely,

Audrey Yee
Audrey L. Yee, Esq.
Director, Legacy Gifts
& Park Partnership

P.S. In accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations, we confirm that no goods or services were exchanged for this gift and that your gift is fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Our federal tax identification number is 94-2781708.

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Attachment F



Memorandum

To : Sempervirens Fund Board of Directors
From : Diane Talbert
Date : October 29, 2021
Re : Resolution honoring California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Summary

The California Garden Clubs, Inc. has been a longtime supporter of Sempervirens Fund's work. Therefore, I propose we pass the resolution below to honor them, acknowledging the longstanding relationship and appreciation of their contributions.

Resolution

Resolution honoring California Garden Clubs, Inc. for supporting redwood forests in Big Basin Redwoods State Park

WHEREAS, California Garden Clubs, Inc. has generously contributed towards the protection of coast redwoods (*sequoia sempervirens*) at Big Basin Redwoods State Park since 1973;

WHEREAS, California Garden Clubs, Inc. has dedicated nine groves, a President's tree every 10 years, and a bench, and many club members have chosen to dedicate a redwood tree in honor of garden club members, their families, and friends within Big Basin Redwoods; and

WHEREAS, California Garden Clubs, Inc. stepped up and created their own matching gift campaign to generously support the Big Basin Recovery Fund for immediate recovery efforts at Big Basin Redwoods, working hand in hand with California's first state park;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sempervirens Fund Board of Directors hereby recognizes and thanks California Garden Clubs, Inc. and their members for their dedicated support of coast redwoods at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, an important part of California's history of conservation when it was established 121 years ago by Sempervirens Fund's founders.

President

Vice President

Secretary