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From the President's desk...

Serving as CGCI's 45th President is an honor and a privilege. This president looks forward to meeting you and your fellow garden club members when visiting your district during the 2017-19 term.

Theme: "Plant America – California Style"

What is California Style? What did you think of when you saw "California Style?" Good, you are right! California Style is whatever our CGCI members make it and the possibilities are unlimited.



- **Diversity**-More than 20,000 CGCI members grow strong in California's very diverse 163,696 square miles. Fertile valleys; rocky, high-elevation mountains; sandy deserts; and salty, coastal locations provide gardeners with many challenges. Our garden club members, share their knowledge and experiences, rising to overcome, and thrive as they grow in the 20 different Sunset zones located in California. That is right, only four growing zones out of 24 do not exist in California.

- **Water**-How it is shared, used and conserved are perennial issues in California and we are all in it together. Whether, it is a drought year or not, educating our neighbors and communities about the options available for capturing water on their property, utilizing highly efficient watering systems, planting water-wise landscapes and using drought tolerant plants, are just the beginning of the possibilities as garden clubs play their role in the water challenge.

- **Making Connections**-Often we hear from clubs regarding the physical challenges of keeping up with their garden projects. Traditional thinkers would rule out the more physical activities forcing the club to cut activities or projects while settling for less. Considering and recognizing the needs of service organizations or individual youths needing community projects provides an opportunity to create win-win relationships and no one is forced to settle for less. The physical requirements of gardening do not lessen over time. Luckily, there are no rules stipulating that garden club members cannot teach others how to do and then supervise while completing the club's project. In this case, making connections within your community makes the difference. Our new Making Connections Resources and Outreach Chairman, Lynne Batchelor and her team, which includes 1st Vice President Shane Looper and 3rd Vice President Martha Smyser, will identify ways to find organizations most likely available to fulfill our needs while we fulfill theirs. This is just one of the examples of making connections. There are many more ways to provide our members, clubs and districts with the connections they need to become successful.

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CGCI Official Calendarcaliforniagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **September 13-15, 2017:** NGC Fall Board Meeting, St Louis, MO
- **October 3-5, 2017:** CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Oroville, CA. Host: Buttes District
- **January 30-February 1, 2018:** CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Newbury Park, CA. Host: Channel Islands District
- **April 6-8, 2018:** Pacific Region Convention, Chena Hot Springs, AK
- **May 21-24, 2018:** NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA

**NGC Schools Calendar (California)**

All registration forms are on the CGCI website Calendar page
californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

Go to gardenclub.org
 for schools in other states

- **October 27-28, 2017:** Tri-refresher, Sponsor: Long Beach Garden Club
- **February 23-25, 2018:** Flower Show School, Course I. Sponsor: Ceres Garden Club
- **August 24-26, 2018:** Flower Show School, Course II. Sponsor: Ceres Garden Club

Would your club or district be willing to sponsor a NGC School? Contact one of the CGCI Schools Chairmen:

Greg Pokorski
 Alexis Slafer
 Shane Looper
 Gudrun Kimmel

- **Education**-Garden clubs are about education, and hands-on education is important. Whenever you participate in a public event within your community, consider offering a hands-on activity. This provides them with a memorable experience and you with the opportunity to talk with the visitors about the hands-on activity and tell them about your garden club. Remember, we are all ambassadors sharing the love of gardening and the joys of garden clubs.
- **The 2017-19 President's Project** is Sustainable, **Ever-Growing Scholarships**, with donations split equally between the CGCI Scholarship/Donations and Life Memberships Fund and the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund. The first portion will allow us to increase the amount of money awarded OR the number of scholarships awarded starting with the 2019 scholarship year. The second portion will remain ever-growing as the investment "seed money" so to speak. The investment income realized will fund additional scholarships or increase the dollar amount awarded. Donors make ever-growing donations knowing their donations will continue to provide opportunities for scholarship recipients for years to come. What contributions will be made by these young professionals after they have completed their education and enter the workforce in their chosen field? **California Style!**

Krystal

Membership Matters:**DUES**

Dues are payable July 1 of each year and must be paid by October 1 to retain eligibility for Liability Insurance, Group Tax Exemption and Awards.

[Dues Form \(Clubs/APS\)](#)

**CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster (YMR)**

For the 2017-2019 term the YMR will be a two-year book. The full version will be issued in Fall 2017 with an annual update posted to the website in summer 2018 as follows:

1. Board roster (names/position only) – complete information will be printed in *Golden Gardens eNews*
2. Official Calendar
3. By-laws/SRs/Policy
4. New Life members
5. NGC School graduates
6. Information on any new projects or programs

2017 Convention Minutes: Minutes from all sessions (Pre-Convention Board, Convention, Post-Convention and Organizational Meetings) are posted to the CGCI Website: [About CGCI/Minutes Archive](#)

Meet the CGCI President...Krystal Migliore

One branch of Krystal's family tree came to California in the mid-1850s and settled in the central valley near Merced. A fourth generation Californian, Krystal was born in Modesto. Before her first birthday, her father received new orders from the Air Force and shipped out to Morocco. She and her mother relocated to Oroville to be near her grandparents while her father was overseas.

How did Krystal get involved in gardening? In her diaper and sundress... eating strawberries while sitting in, or rather on the strawberries plants growing in the red clay soil of Oroville. Coming from a long line of farmers and gardeners, she literally followed (or toddled) in the footsteps of her maternal grandparents as they worked in the garden.

Before entering kindergarten, Krystal's family moved to Gridley. Her family always had a garden and fruit trees while she was growing up and the whole family participated in planting, growing and harvesting. Her mother, Ilene has a magical "green thumb" and has a passion for growing just about anything including flowers, vegetables and fruit. Her father, Karl helps in the garden because he loves to eat.

Krystal's mother and aunt had been members of the Lake Oroville Area Garden Club for several years and finally, in May, 2010, she had time to attend her first club meeting. When no one was willing to serve as president, she volunteered. Over the next four years she served three years as president and one year as 1st Vice-President. She was elected Buttes District Director and subsequently CGCI 2nd Vice President.



2017 UC Master Gardeners Conference is OPEN TO CGCI MEMBERS!

Aug. 22 – 25 Hyatt Regency in Long Beach, CA

The UC Master Gardener Conference gathers together volunteers, coordinators, advisors, county directors, specialists and industry leaders from across the country to share stories, research, and the latest in home horticulture. Due to our spacious conference location and increased number of sessions we have the capacity to now include more garden interest groups.

You can now register and be full conference participants, learning from top experts about the latest in home horticulture research and information.

- 2 keynote speakers
- 58 general sessions
- 5 intensive sessions
- 5 tour options

Join a community of gardening enthusiasts who are always sharpening their skills and learning new things. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to learn with the UC Master Gardener Program.

For details and registration go to: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/2017MGConference/>

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- **Membership & Dues (NEW)**

Chairman: Martha Smyser

4949 Mammoth Ave.
Sherman Oaks 91423-1319

- **Insurance**

Chairman: Shane Looper
213 Carmelo Lane
South San Francisco 94080-2204

- **Group Tax Exemption Program**

Chairman: Krystal Migliore
P.O. Box 1414
Gridley 95948-1414

- **Penny Pines**

Checks to US Forest Service

- **President's Project 2017-19 (NEW)**

Chairman: Carolyn Hoyum

P.O. Box 380
Palo Cedro 96073-0380

- **Project Mission Blue**

Chairman: Shane Looper
213 Carmelo Lane
South San Francisco 94080-2204

- **Scholarships (Applications)**

Chairman: Martha Smyser
4949 Mammoth Ave.
Sherman Oaks 91423-1319

- **Stagecoach Hill Propagation**

Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin
1312 Gates St.
Eureka 95501-2627

- **Stamps**

Chairman: Claudia Marsh
19822 Ottawa Rd.
Apple Valley 92308-6155

- **Donations to the following projects are mailed to:**

California Garden Clubs
P.O. Box 75,
Graton 95444-0075
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Blue Star Memorials
CGCI Endowments (2 funds)
CGCI Scholarship Fund (direct)
Rare Plant Treasure Hunt
Reforestation/Restoration
Sempervirens Fund

CGCI Endowment Fundraiser

By Julie West, Chairman, Board of Trustees

The fundraiser held June 1, 2017 at Convention was a grand success thanks to the following individuals who participated and placed winning bids for prizes offered during the live auction, progressive auction and silent auction:

- ♥ **Rita Desilets** - Roll 'em Reno Getaway *Circus Circus* Package
- ♥ **Hank & Gail Vanderhorst** - NGC Swallowtail Butterfly photo donated by Sue Bennett
- ♥ **Lynn Spivak** - Central Coast Getaway - Bob Gordon
- ♥ **Carol Vallens** - San Diego Padres official "Ceremonial First Pitch" baseball and autographed Topps First Pitch Series Baseball Card (Agnes McKee) donated by Jane McKee + progressive auction items
- ♥ **Sherry Molinari** - Bruno Karp floral container donated by Julie West
- ♥ **Krystal Migliore** - Water Conservation package donated by Farm Supply Co.
- ♥ **Kathy Taylor** (for Palomar District) - Floral Demonstration by Bob Gordon
- ♥ **Carolyn Villi** - Floral design donated by Jenny, evening's program designer
- ♥ **Shane Looper** - Succulent frame with chicken wire donated by Jenny, evening's program designer
- ♥ **Judy Unrine** - Perry Aminian floral container donated by San Fernando District (B. Hughes estate)
- ♥ **David West** - Original oil painting by Rena Donati donated by Shane Looper
- ♥ **Ilona Buratti** - Decorative succulent bowl donated by *Emerisa Gardens*
- ♥ **Bea Nicholas, Kathe Robbins, Bette Langford and Joan Craig** - See's Candy gift certificates
- ♥ **Gary Bodensteiner** - Donation

A total of \$3,458 was raised and split equally between the CGCI Endowment Fund and CGCI Scholarship Fund (\$1,729 each). We appreciate the generosity from the donors and winning bidders that made the evening a memorable success!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Donations: CGCI Endowment

in Memory of Marilyn Oberti – Total \$300

Shane Looper
Cindy Nichols
Kim Rupert
Frank & Janet Tippet
Dave & Julie West

CGCI Circle of Poppies:

The following were recently welcomed into the Circle - **Janet Eyre, Joelle Holford, Marjorie Johnson and Pat York**. Janet accepted her honor at the 2017 Convention. Certificates and congratulatory letters were sent to the others who were unable to attend the convention.

CONGRATULATIONS and "thank you" from all of us for your many years of dedicated service to CGCI. We hope to see you soon.



Awards, Honors & Recognition

CGCI offers many ways to say
"Thank You" or "Good Job"

NOTE: Check the forms for the
correct mailing address

Californiagardenclubs.com/forms

♥ Awards Program

Check the website for updated
forms and instructions

♥ Business Commendations

Chairman: Launa Gould
Online request form

♥ California Consultants Council

Landscape Design (various) &
Outstanding Private Garden
Chairman: Josie Goodenow
7077 Piper Lane
Garden Valley 95633-9490

♥ Life Memberships

Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker
14216 Karry's Place
Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ Long-Term Certificates

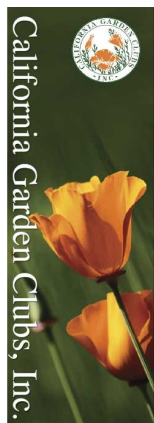
Chairman: Mike Gould
Online request form

♥ Member Award of Distinction

Chairman: Mike Gould
1212 Avenida Buena Suerte
San Clemente 92672-2348

Promotional Materials

Did you know that CGCI offers pro-
motional and informational mate-
rials and many are FREE*!



- Banners
- Bookmarks*
- Rack Cards*
- Pamphlets*

(Check the website for
ordering details)

**Project Mission Blue
Shane Looper, Chairman**

Phase II of the Mission Blue Butterfly project is off and running. This phase of the project includes planting twelve California native nectar plants for the Mission Blue Butterfly in Golden Gate National Parks while continuing to fund the propagation of lupine.



At the 2017 Convention in San Luis Obispo, Price Sheppy, Program Manager of the Parks Stewardship Program for the Conservancy, made a special presentation. He reported the success of the lupines this year due to the abundant rain-fall this past winter. The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is very hopeful that the spread of lupines will increase the Mission Blue species. The success of the lupine is due in large part to CGCI's funding for collecting lupine seeds as well as data on plant cultivation.

Thank you districts, clubs and individuals that have donated to the endangered Mission Blue Butterfly project.

Donors to Phase II: (June 2016 to date)

Bay Ocean District
Humboldt District
Luther Burbank District
San Fernando Valley District

Belmont Garden Club
Chula Vista Garden Club
Fortuna Garden Club
Pacifica Garden Club
Petaluma Garden Club
Pleasant Valley Garden Club
San Jose Garden Club
Santa Rosa Garden Club
Southern California Garden Club

Christina Isenberg – in honor of Meg Milani
Jane Kaylor
Julie and David West
Katherine Raya-Krantz
Madelyn Jameson
Millie Benson
Rilla Crane - in honor of President Sue Bennett
Rosa Radicchi
Shane Looper
Sue Bennett

Youth Activities:

Does your club sponsor or support a youth garden club or activity? There are two types of sponsorships:

- **ACTIVE:** The sponsoring group directly participates in planning/carrying out programs and activities of the youth group, i.e. holds regular classes or meetings, teaches fundamentals of horticulture, design etc.
- **DONOR:** The sponsoring group donates money or materials in support of youth groups or projects and takes NO active role.

If you are involved with a youth group and have not already done so, please let us know about the group. Complete and submit the [Youth Group Registration Form](#). The information will be included in the 2017-19 Yearbook, Manual & Roster.



**President 2017-2019****Nancy L. Hargroves****Headquarters:**

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Email: headquarters@gardenclub.org**Publication:** *The National Gardener***Website:** gardenclub.org**Convention:**

May 21-24, 2018, Philadelphia, PA
 April 30-May 5, 2019, Biloxi, MS

Ongoing projects:

- Ames Garden Tools
 - Blue & Gold Star Memorials
 - US Botanic Butterfly Garden
 - School Gardens
 - Spring Planting for Butterflies
 - Water Projects
- (Go to gardenclub.org for details on these and other projects)

**Direc-
2019****Peggy Olin****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**PacificRegionGardenClubs.org**Convention:**

April 6-8, 2018 Chena Hot Springs, AK
 April 2019, California

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 cgcnewsletter](http://californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletter)

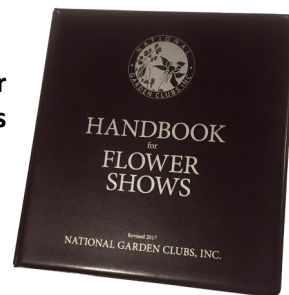
National Garden Clubs, Inc.**Classroom and self-study courses for members and non-members**

As part of its mission, NGC offers educational opportunities for members and non-members.

NOTE: Per vote of the NGC Board of Directors on May 18, 2017, \$5 registration fees for all school courses, refreshers, and symposia are eliminated as of July 1, 2017.

- Flower Show Schools
- Horticulture Study Course
- Design Study Units
- Environmental Studies
- Gardening Study
- Landscape Design
- Multiple Refreshers
- Symposia

For details go to: <http://gardenclub.org/schools/>

**2018 Vision of Beauty Calendar****2017 Handbook for
Flower Shows**

Order from the NGC Shop -
<http://www.shopgardenclub.org>

Pacific Region Director's Project:

"Plant American" with Native and Pollinator plants for your area

Keep track of who planted the plants, what was planted, and where the plants have been planted. Send the information to the Project Chairman Diane Franchini, franchinisd@gmail.com by March 1, 2019.



DONATIONS 2017
Total this month: \$1,292.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$25,160.00

**BAY BRIDGES**

Pinole GC..... 136
 Honor: Marcia Joswick
 Honor: Carmen Hirst

BAY OCEAN

Pacifica GC..... 68
 Honor: Dorene Roy, club president

COSTA VERDE

Hermosa GC..... 204
 Honor: Vicki Garcia
 Honor: Dorothy Yost
 Memory: Lou Charbonneau

DESERT EMPIRE

Oasis GC of IWV..... 68
 Memory: Margaret Peachie

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS

Divide GC..... 68
 Memory: Barbara Ingle

HUMBOLDT

Memory: Marge Wallen

ORANGE COUNTY

Niguel Shores GC..... 68
 Memory: Carol Yocum

ROADRUNNER

Cactus Wren GC..... 68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

West Valley GC..... 136
 Memory: Barbara Lallone
 Memory: Robert C. Campbell

SANTA CLARA VALLEY

South Valley Fleurs GC..... 136

VALLEY LODGE

Calaveras County GC, Inc..... 136

Honor: Donna Doenges

Memory: Sue Durant

Oakdale GC..... 68

Memory: Norma Gaston

YOSEMITE VALLEY

LeGrand Community GC..... 68

Memory: Rose Ann Serrano

PENNY PINES

Reminder: A new "webform" has been created to accompany checks to the Forest Service and to report the donations to the CGCI Chairman. The form is available on the website:

[Penny Pines Reporting Form](#) (Please DISCARD all previous Penny Pines forms)

The new form is similar to the annual dues form.

- Complete the form
- Print **TWO** copies (one to mail with check, one for your files)
- Click "Submit" to **automatically send the form electronically to the CGCI Chairman**. NO stamps, no searching for the mailing address!
- Mail check and form to the US Forest Service selected (no change here).

Remember - Checks are **payable to the Forest Service - NOT to CGCI**

Notes:

- ⇒ If your club Penny Pines chairman is not comfortable completing the form online, have the treasurer fill in the form at the time the check is issued. The treasurer can provide the printed copies to the chairman as needed.
- ⇒ The form does not need to be printed in color...change your printer settings to "grayscale" (black and white).

Leadership Workshop Schedule - Robin Pokorski**2017:**

Aug 15 – Palomar District
 Aug 21 – Orange County District
 Aug 30 – Washington Federation, Wenatchee, Washington
 Oct 20 – Humboldt District
 Nov 11 – Utah Federation, Salt Lake City, Utah
 Nov 13 – Salt Lake City GC, Utah

2018:

Oct (late) – Rhode Island