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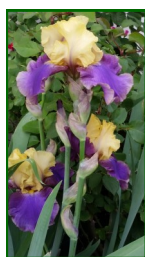


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From the President's desk...

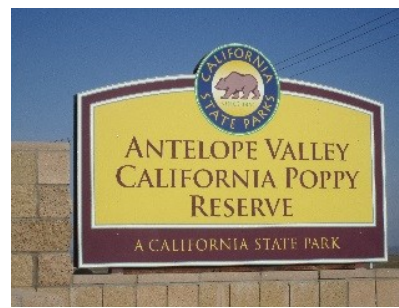
Hello Everyone,

April showers bring May flowers! Well, Jan - April brought us tons of rain we are most grateful for. Now in my garden I have black spot on my roses, aphids and lots of heads nodding due to the heavy rains – but I also have some wonderful iris, roses, etc.



"The normal annual precipitation for Granite Bay is 22.3 in. The normal water-year-to-date precipitation in Placer County on April 23 is 44.85 in. At 74.83 in., the water-year-to-date precipitation as of April 23, 2017 is 166.8% of normal." (Taken from the <https://rainfall.weatherdb.com/l/10575/Granite-Bay-California> website.)

A wonderful time was had by all at the Wildflower Conference. On my way home, I stopped by the Antelope Poppy Fields, orange was the color of the day.

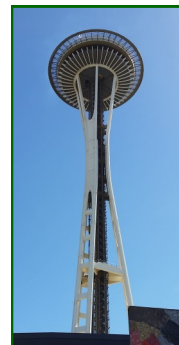
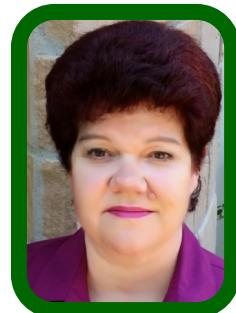


The Pacific Region Convention was action-packed and I was honored to represent CGCI. With a later flight, I was able to hop on the Light Link Rail and the Monorail to see the Seattle Space Needle – as you can see it was a lovely day.

Next stop Virginia to represent CGCI.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the CGCI Convention. Safe travels...

Cheers,
SueB



CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **May 16-21:** NGC Convention, Richmond, VA
- **May 30-June 3:** CGCI Convention, San Luis Obispo
- **September 13-15:** NGC Fall Board Meeting, St Louis, MO
- **April 6-8:** 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

- **June 25-28:** Flower Show Symposium, Ontario, Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost
- **October 27-28:** Tri-refresher, Sponsor: Long Beach Garden Club

Other Events

- **August 15:** Palomar District, Leadership Workshop - Robin Pokorski
- **October TBD:** Humboldt District, Leadership Workshop - Robin Pokorski

Would you like to sponsor a NGC School? Contact one of the CGCI Schools Chairman for details.

2017 CGCI Convention

Theme: Encouraging Future Gardeners: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

Highlights

Wednesday, May 31

- ♥ Tour: Blue Star Marker Dedication, tour of historic Jack House and Gardens PLUS an invitation only Placement Show - "A Place in Time"; Lunch – **Honoring Club Presidents; Awards Celebration Banquet**

Thursday, June 1

- ♥ Parliamentary Workshop & Advice from the Advisory Council; **Fundraiser Endowments Dinner** – **Honoring Charter Members of the CGCI Endowments**; design program AND a progressive auction. Proceeds benefit the CGCI Endowments.

Friday, June 2

- ♥ Lunch – **Honoring District Directors and Scholarship Winners** (No Youth Luncheon)
- ♥ **Installation Dinner** (Passing of the gavel)

Saturday, June 3

- ♥ Post-Convention Meeting, (New District Directors and Officers only)
- ♥ 2017 - 2019 Organizational Meeting (ALL Board of Directors)

MAY 10 IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER!

SueB & Bob Gordon (Convention Chairman)

2017 Convention Credentials

By Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian and Credentials Chairman

Thanks to those clubs who have responded to the request sent with the call to convention to submit credentials forms in all cases where presidents, their alternates and/or club delegates are planning to attend convention. So far only seven clubs will be represented.

Each member club and associate plant society is entitled to representation at CGCI's annual conventions – by the president or the president's designated alternate, AND by delegates according to the membership size of the organization. See page 89 of the 2016-2017 CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster (Bylaw Article XI, Sections 4-6).

Remember that club members cannot just designate themselves as delegates. They must be elected or appointed to represent the club and the club must formally inform us of this information. To obtain voting privileges, it is not sufficient to just mark on the Registration Form that one is a president or an alternate or a delegate. **May 10 is the deadline for online Credentials Form submission.**

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/convention-credentials-form>

Urgent message from Marian McNabb, NGC Butterfly Chairman

Warning! Home Depot is selling Milkweed plants that are treated with Neonicotinoids that have been implicated in the decline of Pollinators including Bees, Butterflies, Moths, etc. Please pass this information to all your members and if you see this in a Home Depot or any other garden center PLEASE contact the manager and let them know the issue. NGC has contacted Home Depot headquarters to express concern and request that they remove the plants and replace with chemical free plants.

North American Butterfly Association (NABA) Memorial Day/Victoria Day Butterfly Counts

The NABA Memorial Day Count (in the United States) will be held May 27-29, 2017 and the Victoria Day Count (in Canada) will be held May 20-22, 2017. These new counts will give butterfly enthusiasts throughout the continent an opportunity to get out and enjoy butterflies while contributing to our growing knowledge of butterfly distributions, flight times, and abundance.



In contrast to the highly organized NABA 4th of July and 1st of July Butterfly Counts, the Memorial Day and Victoria Day Counts are free-form. All you need to do is to observe butterflies at one or more of your favorite butterflying localities (such as your own backyard) this coming Memorial Day or Victoria Day weekend and note what butterflies you've seen. There are no requirements regarding how much time or area you cover. Then go to the NABA web site, www.naba.org, and from there to the "Butterflies I've Seen" web pages and enter your report, filling in the location, date, and butterflies seen. More than 1 million locations are already in the system. For your own backyard, you can create a new location using the information at the site, or, perhaps more easily, you can simply use the name of the town or city in which you live -- these names have already been entered into the system.

Because these counts will be taking place during a very different time of year than do the 4th of July and 1st of July counts, we can expect to see different populations of butterflies than those present for the July counts. Because the approach is different, maybe we'll also see different populations of counters!

We hope that literally thousands of enthusiasts will have a great time in the field and contribute their knowledge, quickly making "Butterflies I've Seen" one of the largest biological databases in the world.



Sunday April 16, 2017, 6:13 AM

California City Police Department

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Community: The CCPD K9 Unit was presented with a Penny Pines Certificate in memory of K9 Ty

Dear Dibby Allan Green,

On April 10th, Officer Hodge and his K9 Partner Raido spent the afternoon with the Desert Rose Garden Club which consists of volunteers who reside in our city. The CCPD K9 Unit was presented with a Penny Pines Certificate in memory of K9 Ty. A tree will be planted in the Sequoia National Forest by the USDA Forest Service. Thank you Desert Rose Garden Club and Kane Wickman from the Mojave Desert News for all the photos.



L-R: President Desert Rose Garden Club, Terry Sampson, Officer Hodge, Raido, and CGCI President Sue Bennett

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- Membership dues**

Mail to: Rita Desilets
8316 Sparton Avenue
Van Nuys, 91402-4030

- 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 2015-17**

Chairman: Maryanne Lucas
1986 Channelford Road
Westlake Village, 91361-3558

- 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, CA 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, CA
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

Stagecoach Hill Azalea Propagation Project**By Mary Lou Goodwin, Chairman**

Volunteers from CGCI member clubs and friends met four times in March and April to clean up the azaleas located on Stagecoach Hill, near Trinidad in Humboldt County. They removed invasive ferns, salal, native grasses, huckleberry and black berry vines which were choking the plants. Over 150 hours of labor were donated to the California State Parks who own the property. Some of their personnel and interns also worked with the group.

Volunteers were from Eureka Sequoia Garden Club, Fortuna Garden Club, Patrick's Point Garden Club, Heather Enthusiasts of the Redwoods and the Redwood Coast Succulent Club. The California Native Plant Society also provided guidance.

The plants will shine on April 28 and 29 when International visitors will be coming on four busses to visit the 40 acres during the American Rhododendron Society's Annual Convention in Eureka.



L-R: June Walsh, registrar of the American Rhododendron Society Convention, Mark Freitas, Humboldt Redwood Lumber Company, Mary Lou Goodwin, CGCI Stagecoach Hill Azalea Project Chairman and Chuck Goodwin, CGCI, Humboldt District Director.

Highlights from the Pacific Region Convention

April 18-20, Seattle, WA

- Awards Banquet: CGCI received many awards...don't miss our own Awards Night, May 31!
- Design Banquet: A fabulous program. Designers had a theme of "Best of the New West." (See photos below)
- Installation: Peggy Olin, Fairview, OR is the 2017-19 Director. Her theme is "Spreading your Butterfly Wings to Fly, Sharing your Knowledge of Gardening"



Mount St Helens:
The black represents ash spewing out of the mountain.



The Triathalon



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

♥ Angels

Chairman: Jane McKee
1276 Palomares Court
Fallbrook 92028-4480

♥ Awards Program

Check the website for updated
forms and instructions

♥ Business Commendations

Chairman: Launa Gould
New online request form

♥ California Consultants Council

Landscape Design (various) &
Outstanding Private Garden
Chairman: Julie West
850 Grandview Road
Sebastopol 95472-2930

♥ Honor Book

Chairman: Deedee Speer
30861 Saddleback Road
Valley Center 92082-3848

♥ Life Memberships

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

♥ Long-Term Certificates

Chairman: Mike Gould
New 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 promotional and informational materials and many are FREE*!



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

(Check the website for
ordering details)

Club & District Corner

Fortuna Garden Club: 42nd Annual Daffodil Show
had 571 individual daffodil stems entered!



Best in Show

Best Group of Five



Green Thumb Garden Club (Cloverdale):

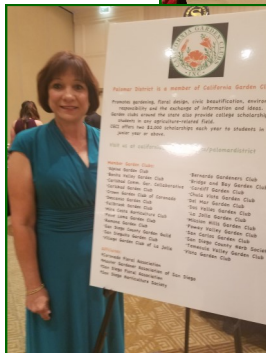
Grab some bricks and freehand or stencil your
plant names! Cute and easy to do!



Southern California Garden Club: The club created a gardening area for the six preschool classes at the Mid Valley Family YMCA. Equipment and tools were obtained from the Ames Tool Company through the NGC project. Gail Vanderhorst, project chairman, participates in the dedication.



Ramona Garden Club



District Director-elect, Adele Kelly with the "donor sign" recognizing CGCI & Palomar District.



Village Garden Club of La Jolla

Palomar District provided the centerpieces and several silent auction items for the 21st Annual Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Gala. The annual event raises funds for scholarships for 10 recipients each year. Ramona and Village GC of La Jolla also donated fairy gardens for the auction.

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May 16-21, 2017, Richmond, VA
 Richmond Marriott

Ongoing projects:

- Ames Garden Tools
- US Botanic Butterfly Garden
- Ecology Warriors Workbook
- Plant It Pink
- Rain Gardens
- SAGE & ROSES
- School Gardens
- Spring Planting for Butterflies
- Photo Archiving
- Water Projects

(Go to gardenclub.org for details on these and other projects)

**Director: 2017-2019****Peggy Olin****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**PacificRegionGardenClubs.org

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**NGC Consultants, are you planning to celebrate YOU
 during National Garden Week?**

By Greg Pokorski, NGC Schools Coordinator

NGC's National Garden Week and Schools Chairmen are collaborating to challenge all NGC Consultants (Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design) to celebrate their consultant status and use and share knowledge gained in NGC schools during National Garden Week, June 4-10, 2017. (See poster Page 8)

The idea is to make NGC's Consultants more visible and vibrant, to give them a stronger purpose and a national purpose and to give them an opportunity to give back by observing a **National Consultants Day during National Garden Week**. We want you to recognize your achievement in completing a NGC school and we want you to share the information you have obtained while letting others know about NGC, CGCI and your local garden club.

Things that an individual Consultant can do any day (or on more than one day) during National Garden Week:

1. Volunteer at a Habitat for Humanity house (or similar non-profit) to do some outdoor cleanup/planting
2. Present an environmental, gardening or landscape program at a school or nursing home
3. Give a program/workshop at your local library
4. Invite gardening friends - (not necessarily NGC members) to your own garden and teach them about how your garden works - or does not work - problems and good environmental, gardening and landscape solutions, etc.
5. Write an article on any of these NGC school subjects for your local newspaper
6. Help a neighbor/friend who needs guidance or help in their own garden or yard

Use your imagination. The possibilities are endless. Let us know your plans and your results. Share your knowledge. Learn more as you teach club members and the public. For more information, see related articles in recent issues of *The Council Thymes*, *Keeping in Touch*, *The National Gardener* and *WACONIAH*.

NOTE

Pacific Region has incorporated and changed its official name to:
Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

Membership Matters:

To Club and Associate Plant Society Presidents: It's that time of the year - **election of officers and renewal of your CGCI membership**. Please submit the **ANNUAL CONTACT FORM** by **June 1** to ensure that the correct information is included in our records and the *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster*. Remember you do not need to wait for installation to submit this form. And don't forget, **YOUTH GROUPS** also need to be renewed annually.

Go to <http://californiagardenclubs.com/MembershipForms>



DONATIONS 2017
Total this month: \$2,856.00
Pat York, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$10,336.00

BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT

Eden GC
 Honor: Glenda Claeys \$68
 Hillside Gardeners of Montclair
 Memory: Barbara A. Peters ... \$68
 Honor: Marilyn Schuster &
 Susann Van Dyne..... \$68
 Honor: Stephen Lockhart &
 Karen Bals \$68
 Honor: Timothy Porter &
 Isabel Brown \$68
 Honor: Jonathan Carroll &
 Tracy Johnston \$68
 Honor: Porter Poirier &
 Sarah Leonard \$68
 Honor: Kay Alane Lucas \$68

BUTTES DISTRICT

GC of Colusa County
 Memory: Raechel Reading..... \$68
 Honor: GC of Colusa County .. \$68

DESERT EMPIRE DISTRICT

District Donations
 Memory: K-9 Officer "Ty" \$68

DIABLO FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Livermore-Amador Valley GC
 Memory: Maureen
 O'Shaugnessy \$68

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Lake of the Sky GC
 Honor: Sherry McConnell \$136
 Organic GC of Sacramento County
 Honor: Beth Blair..... \$68

LUTHER BURBANK DISTRICT

Green Thumb GC\$68

PALOMAR DISTRICT

Point Loma GC
 Memory: Francis E. Morris.....\$68
 Memory: Carolyn Raff\$68
 San Carlos GC
 Honor: Dorothy Driscoll.....\$68

ROADRUNNER DISTRICT

Hesperia GC
 Memory: Gordon F. LaPointe.....\$68
 Honor: San Bernardino
 Fire Department\$68
 Honor: Ted Benson.....\$68

SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT

Elk Grove GC
 Honor: Past GC Members\$68
 Geranium City GC
 Memory: Marcha Nicol.....\$68
 Honor: Margaret Lewko\$68
 Honor: Patricia Sauter\$68
 Honor: Marilyn Tigner\$68
 Honor: Margaret Kaucher.....\$68
 Vaca Valley GC
 Honor: President Neva
 Thorson\$68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT

Southern California GC
 Memory: Armida Villa\$68

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT

Green Thumb GC of Milpitas
 Memory: Dorothy Brookins....\$68
 San Jose GC.....\$68

VALLEY LODGE DISTRICT

District Donations
 Honor: Judy Scheppmann\$68
 Ceres GC
 Memory: Loved Ones of
 Ceres GC.....\$68
 Honor: Margie Bogart\$68
 Honor: Destiny Rose Borges...\$68

MISCELLANEOUS

Estero Bay Women's Club
 Honor: Marilyn Rodgers.....\$68
 Our Book Club
 Memory: Sally Spotts\$340

**President's Travel Schedule:**

- May 16-21: NGC Convention, Virginia
- May 30-June 3: CGCI Convention

Presidents Project

Thank You!

REMINDER: May 12 is the CUTOFF DATE to order your EFG Kits to be delivered at convention..

Donors this month:

Amador County Library
 Desert Empire District
 Girl Scout Troop #1662
 Kelly Conner
 Oakdale Garden Club

Roberta Schmalz
 Roseville Better Gardens Club
 Terry & Ann: Desert Empire District
 Vicki Lugo

Total to date: 16,366.70



“Leap Into Action” and Celebrate National Garden Week!

June 4-10, 2017

**Plan Events to Celebrate
National Garden Week in Your Community**

Ideas:

- ~ Beautify a community area ~
- ~ Sponsor a Hands-On “How-To” Workshop ~
- ~ Host a Garden Tour ~
- ~ Conduct a “Get To Know Us” Event ~

Use *National Garden Week* to encourage pride in your communities. Help to sponsor cooperation among all the various groups who are interested in educating and involving the general public so they can learn more about the benefits of gardening and caring for our environment.

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Elaine Di Pietro, National Garden Week Chairman
for more information visit:
www.gardenclub.org

Sarah G. Towery