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From the President's desk...

Fall Greetings!

How often at garden club meetings do you hear the words "if we only had the money, we would do the project?" OR "if we only had the tools we need, we would be able to do so much more in our gardens?"

Good, because today, you have more opportunities than ever to obtain the money you need for community projects. Read on looking for the nuggets of information shared.

On September 14 and 15, this president attended the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis. The meeting provided a wonderful opportunity to receive updated information about programs and activities, as well as, network with other state presidents and NGC chairmen.

Like CGCI volunteers, NGC volunteers are not only very friendly and helpful, but are very dedicated as well. The president from Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. attended even though Hurricane Irma had just rolled over Florida. I met others from hurricane stricken areas including, Georgia and Texas. I met members of our Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. in Oregon and Washington that have had devastating wildfires. Did you know there are Natural Disaster Grants available through NGC? Chairman, Patricia Smith called me twice from Tennessee to let me know that some of our CGCI clubs may be eligible in areas impacted by fires in California.

Natural Disaster USA Fund Extends a Helping Hand

- The Natural Disaster USA Fund was established by NGC in 1997 to receive monetary contributions from states, clubs and individuals for the purpose of assisting local and state clubs with their garden-related restoration efforts. This fund has helped to replant parks, municipal gardens and other garden related sites due to natural disasters caused by floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, ice storms and wildfires.
- Grants of up to \$5000 per project may be awarded in a fiscal year to local or state clubs. The application form can be downloaded from the link below. The application must include the location of the site involved, nature and severity of the disaster, proposed restoration plan by the garden club, estimated itemized cost of the project, as well as funds received from outside sources. A scale of points guideline is used for determining the grant to be awarded. Applications are to be emailed to Patricia Smith, Chairman: Grants, Natural Disasters
- The Natural Disaster USA Fund is supported solely by the generous donations of dedicated garden club members, and has extended a helping hand by awarding grants to many fellow garden clubs across the country. We ask for your contributions to keep this fund alive so that we will be able to continue



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CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **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

**CGCI Schools Chairmen**

Environmental: Shane Looper
slooper@sbcglobal.net

Flower Show: Gudrun Kimmel
gudron56@att.net

Gardening: Greg Pokorski,
gregpokorski@earthlink.net

Landscape Design: Alexis Slafer
aslafer@ca.rr.com

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

Following are pending ratification:

- **February 3-4, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 1.
Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club
- **February 10-11, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 2.
Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club.
- **March 3-4, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 3. Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club
- **March 10-11, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 4.
Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club

to provide much needed assistance to clubs restoring garden-related areas devastated by any past, present or future natural disasters. Make checks payable to *Natural Disaster USA Fund* and mail to the attention of the NGC Treasurer, at Headquarters, 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110-3492. All donations are tax deductible, and will be gratefully acknowledged!

For additional information visit <http://gardenclub.org/projects/natural-disasters.aspx>

The Natural Disaster Grants are not the only grants available to CGCI clubs. NGC's President, Nancy Hargroves' President's Project is **Plant America Community Project Grants**. **NOTE: The Application Deadline: November 1, 2017.** Don't miss the opportunity to apply for a community project grant. To learn more about the grant program and application process see the article on Page 6 or visit.

<http://gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america-community-project-grants.aspx>

Do members in your club work hands-on in the community garden, school garden or your community beautification projects? When you are working hands-on, what type of tools do you use? Do you have all of the tools you need to get the job done? If not, check out the *Ames Tools GARDEN TOOLS 4 GARDEN PROJECTS*. Ames Tools will award up to a total of \$5000 to be split between NGC garden clubs who apply and meet the programs qualifications. Applications are required this year and the deadline is January 15. Don't delay, complete and submit the application now instead of waiting until the garden club year becomes even more hectic. More information is available at <http://gardenclub.org/projects/ames-garden-tools.aspx>.

Local Elks Lodges participating in the national Elks Gratitude Grants program, may want to work with your club to fund the purchase of a Blue Star Memorial Marker to be installed in your area. For more details contact CGCI's Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Markers co-chairmen, George Unrine or Shirley Lipa.

Let's recap the four (4) different opportunities that may be available to your club for your "If only" fund.

- *NGC-Natural Disaster USA Fund* Extends Helping Hand awards up to \$5000 to clubs or state organizations who are working in the area of a qualifying natural disaster.
- *NGC-Plant America Community Project Grants* awards grants of up to \$1000 for qualifying projects. Application deadline is November 1, 2017.
- *NGC-Ames Tools GARDEN TOOLS 4 GARDEN PROJECTS* will award up to \$5000 total distributed as determined when reviewing applications submitted by the January 15, 2018 deadline.
- *Elks-Gratitude Grants* to help fund garden club projects including Blue Star Memorial Markers installation.

Do you think you have no chance to be selected because there are so many garden clubs in NGC? I can't guarantee you will be selected but I can guarantee you have no chance of being awarded grant money if you don't apply by the deadlines.

Oh, by the way, last year, Ames Tools was unable to award all of the tools they hoped...because they had more tools earmarked for NGC garden clubs than clubs who requested the tools. If only....

Oroville Chinese Temple & Garden

Sherry Molinari, Arboreta/Botanic Gardens Chairman

While you are in the area for the Fall Board Meeting take the opportunity to visit this local public garden. Built in 1863 to serve a large community of 10,000 Chinese, this temple of treasures is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and as a California Landmark. It was first opened to visitors during California's 1949 Centennial.

It includes three chapels, with the main chapel, Liet Sheng Kong serving as a place of worship for Taoism, Confucianism and Buddhism. In 1968, Tapestry Hall was added to display the extensive collection of embroidered tapestries, parade parasols, and other objects of beauty. A priceless collection of Chinese and American costumes is arranged to contrast the two cultures by decades from 1850-1930. Also on display are the rare three-dimensional puppets from the Oroville Opera House.



Don't miss the garden, which is designed as a place for meditation and reflection and has plantings that originated in China; each is a symbol for a Taoist idea. The Temple garden is maintained by the Oroville Parks Department And is located at: 1505 Broderick St., Oroville, CA 95965, telephone 916-533-1496. They are open daily from noon until 4:00 pm. Admission is \$3.00.

Reimagining the Existing Garden

October 27 and 28, 2017

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
6201 E. Willow Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815

Long Beach Garden Club and National Garden Clubs, Inc. are offering a class, not just for National Garden Clubs consultants to renew their certificates in the areas of Environmental Studies, Landscape Design and Gardening Study, but also for CGCI members and all home gardeners interested in enhancing their outdoor space.

Two days of lectures will cover uses of a garden, how to define a vision for your garden, organizing a strategy for achieving your goals, materials used in landscape design, among other topics. A very talented group of speakers will be sharing their experience and knowledge including Alexis Slafer a National Garden Clubs consultant in Gardening and Landscape Design; Lili Singer of the Theodore Payne Foundation; Connie Vadheim, PhD of CSU Dominguez Hills; Jorge Ochoa, Chair of the Horticulture Department at LBCC; and Julie Molinare, member of Association of Professional Landscape Designers.

Cost: \$75 includes all lectures and lunch both days

Information: Event Chairman and Registrar: Jane Kaylor, kaylor_jane@yahoo.com, 562-619-6138

Registration and Multi-refresher Forms: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

President's travel schedule

October 3-6, 2017: CGCI Fall Board Meeting-Oroville

January 30-February 2, 2018: CGCI Winter Board Meeting-Newbury Park

February 3-4, 2018: Landscape Design School in Colfax



Tech Tip: A reminder that the "spoofers" are still out there. Be vigilant and alert to any suspicious email messages and/or solicitations. Be particularly aware of those asking for "payment to a vendor" or other financial transactions that are not usual to your organization.

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

Excitement... a Personality Trait or Learned Behavior? Berni Hendrix, Awards Chairman

The ability to instill excitement isn't just a personality trait; it is a **learned behavior**!

Every club member depends on someone else to generate excitement and to ignite enthusiasm. YOU can be that someone. One easy method to provoke excitement is to *give recognition*. Thus, it IS a **learned behavior**.



Quick and easy recognition comes from doing what a CGCI garden club is supposed to do. Did you know there is a list, a check-sheet of basic garden club goal standards? It is titled "*A Blue Ribbon Garden Club*." This is the most prestigious title a club can obtain. Every club can and should be **A BLUE RIBBON GARDEN CLUB**.

Advertise that you are "*A Blue Ribbon Garden Club*" on club literature. Generate a press release. Paste it on every web and Facebook page. Tell the world you are "*A Blue Ribbon Garden Club*." Recognition is contagious and will spread to attract new members and to help increase a positive profile within your community.

To find out how go to: www.cagardenclubs.com/awards. On the right sidebar under **Awards-General** go to **Blue Ribbon Certificate Score Sheet** or see #10 in the **Awards Manual**. Get even more excitement by going into **Member Benefits** on the web page; then down to **Workshops**. There, you will find the full package on "**How to be a Blue Ribbon President**." This is by far the most important training tool any club member can have!

Take the list to your next club meeting and discuss what can be done to achieve the goal of being a *Blue Ribbon Garden Club*. Often all that is needed is just a slight alteration of your pre-planned programs/projects. And while at it, look at ALL the Awards to see how many of those pre-planned programs/projects are a fit. Use Awards to build camaraderie and to make your club and your district flourish.

But that's not all! There are Awards (recognition) for **learned behavior** for the district, too. [See below] Use your district meetings as a platform for an Award. Why not launch a district wide project that is eligible for an Award? A joint project within a district will benefit every garden club within the district while benefiting the community. There is power in numbers. And remember the basis for good public relations ... Visibility is Creditability.

And there is more! National Garden Clubs, Inc. is sponsoring a grant of up to \$1,000 to cover direct expenses of projects. So, there you go! Apply by November 1 to be granted money for that really great project your club(s)/district is completing/planning. Go to www.gardenclub.org then go to **2017-2018 President's Project** for more info and application form.

Your personal award comes from the satisfaction of knowing that you built your club to be **A BLUE RIBBON GARDEN CLUB**. Way to go!! Enjoy the journey 2017-2018.



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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

Chairman: Berni Hendrix
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

♥ Honor Book

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

♥ Life Memberships

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

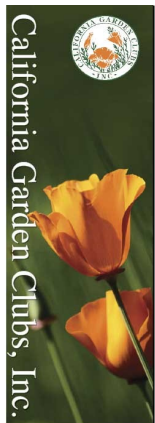
♥ Long-Term Certificates

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 promo-
tional and informa-
tional materials and
many are FREE*!

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

(Check the website for ordering
details)

Awards continued:

District-eligible Awards

- #2 Blue Star Memorial Site
Beautification
- #4 Horticulture Excellence in
Gardening
- #5 Landscape Design Advocate
- #6 Memorial Planting
- #15 Home Garden Tour
- #17 Seminar & Workshop
- #20 Backyard Habitat
- #21 Conservation Projects
- #24 Horticulture
- #25 Operation Wildflower
- #26 Pollinator Education

Merit Awards

- #70 Educational Schools
- #72 Flower Show: Most Standard Flower Shows
- #74 Most New CGCI Life Memberships in a District
- #75 Most New NGC Life Memberships in a District
- #76 Most New Youth Garden Clubs in a District

- #30a NGC Flower Show Achievement
- #32 Standard Flower Show Staging
- #33 Table Setting Competition
- #34 Sec 6 Standard Flower Show
Schedule
- #50 Sec 1 Newsletter
- #51 Sec 2 Class A-2 Publications
- #52 National Garden Week
- #53 Sec B Website
- #55 Yearbook



Don't forget to send copies of **YOUR club or district**
newsletter to:

goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org

We want to share some of your programs, activities
and special events.

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

Pat Clayes, Flower Show Awards Chairman

In the recently released National Garden Clubs,
Inc. (NGC) *Handbook for Flower Shows* (Revised
2017), one old and two new NGC flower show
categories are now eligible for NGC awards:

- Small Standard Flower Shows
- Design Specialty Flower Shows (New)
- Horticulture Specialty Flower Shows (New)

For more information about these shows see the
revised *Handbook*. The Handbook is available for purchase through NGC's Offi-
cial Online Store at

<http://www.shopgardenclub.org>.

All new forms and instructions will be available shortly. Questions, please con-
tact the CGCI Flower Awards Chairman:

patclayes@aol.com or 909-337-6911 (winter: 760-773-0516).



**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)

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

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

Are you receiving *WACONIAH*, the newsletter of the Pacific Region?

If not, you can subscribe here (it's FREE):

californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletters

PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants

National Garden Clubs, Inc. has established a new grant program for clubs entitled **PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants** with a simple application process. The purpose of the grant program is to provide financial support for new or existing club projects in their respective communities all across the United States. This fund will be a permanent fund with grants being given for each two-year administration.



The first grants will be given during the 2017-2019 administration. Individual garden clubs that are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. may apply for funds up to \$1,000 for the direct expenses of projects.

- The **deadline for applications is November 1, 2017.**
- Recipients of grants will be notified, and all money will be awarded by January 31, 2018.
- Projects must be completed by June 2019.
- Final reports are due within two months after the completion of the project or by July 1, 2019.

Projects submitted for receiving a grant may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects in communities may include:

- Beautification and/or restoration
- Community gardens
- School gardens/classrooms
- Landscaping for Habitat for Humanity Homes
- Landscaping of Blue Star Memorial Markers
- Implementation of environmental practices
- A horticulture or environmental educational event for the public

Grant Amount: Up to \$1,000.00 is available to be used for direct expenses of projects

Who May Apply: Individual garden clubs that are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Application Information

Send the completed application form and budget to: plantamericagrants@gmail.com.

Program Criteria

In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to projects that emphasize one or more of these elements:

- Benefits to the community
- Involvement and participation by club members
- Project visibility/location of the project
- Clearly stated plan for future maintenance and/or monitoring of the project

Guidelines

Grants will not be provided for: Purchase of Blue Star Memorial Markers; Competitive Flower Shows; Projects in which the club does not participate in some aspect; Private gardens; Salaries or benefits of personnel; Political action programs; Eagle Scout projects; Capital drives and building funds; Scholarships and endowments; Lawsuits and litigation; Overhead costs

Final Report: Within two months of project completion, or by July 1, 2019, please submit the following:

- A short one-page report describing the project including photos
- A copy of the final financial report including all income and expenses
- A copy of any publicity

NOTE: Please indicate if permission has been given for use of photos by NGC in print or on the website. A release form for adults and minors can be found [here](#).

For complete details and forms go to: [NGC Grant Program](#)



DONATIONS 2017
Total this month: \$1,292.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$32,028.00

BUTTES

Chico Horticultural Society \$68

Honor: Candice Boggs

Magalia Beautification Assn.....\$68

CASCADE

Lake California GC\$136

CHANNEL ISLANDS

Westlake Village GC\$272

ROADRUNNER

Desert Crossroads GC

of Lucerne Valley

Donor: Delperdang Family.....\$68

Memory: Clara & Whitey Delperdang

SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY

Clarksburg GC

Memory: Tracy Powell..... \$68

Memory: Don Shebert \$68

Geranium City GC.....\$68

Honor: Johanna Klibanoff

SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS

Bakersfield GC \$68

Memory: Ro Copeland

Sequoia GC \$68

Honor: Christina Edwardsen

VALLEY LODGE

Lodi GC \$68

Memory: Norma P. Mettler

Sierra Madre GC \$204

Memory: Marjorie Piccardo

Tuolumne County GC

Donor: Jamie Trimeloni..... \$68

Memory: Bradley Trimeloni



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 \(Clubs/APS\)](#)

DON'T BE LATE FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT DATE!



The philosopher who said
 that work well done never
 needs doing over never
 weeded a garden.

Leadership Workshops presented by Robin Pokorski**2017**

Oct 19 – Humboldt District short program

Oct 20 – Humboldt District

(Information/Registration: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>)

Nov 11 – Utah Federation, Salt Lake City, Utah

Nov 13 – Salt Lake City GC, Utah

2018

Aug – Fort Robinson, Nebraska (Rocky Mountain Region)

Oct (late) – Rhode Island