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CGCI Fall Board Meeting - September 11-14, Auburn CA

The Call has been distributed and all forms and information are also available on the CGCI website (<http://californiagardenclubs.com/nextmeeting>). The deadline for discounted "early registration" is **August 8** and NO registration will be accepted August 22 or later. The cutoff date for the hotel special rate is August 10. Don't delay! Register and reserve NOW.

The following amendments to the CGCI Bylaws were adopted at the 2018 convention and are effective immediately:

- 1. Article VII – Board of Directors
Sec. 4. Change 3rd sentence. ~~Thirty (30)~~ **Forty-five (45)** days' notice of the fall and winter board meetings shall be given.

Strike Thirty (30) and Insert Forty-five (45)

Rationale: 30 days does not allow enough time when most hotel deadlines are 21 to 30 days before meetings to obtain special room rate. Time is limited when the Call arrives during summer while on vacation or during holidays. 45-day notice allows adequate time to make reservations needed for both fall and winter board meetings. **Motion Passed (two thirds vote).**

- 2. Article XII – FINANCES
Section 6.(d)
Pacific Region director's reimbursement of up to \$1,500.00 **\$2,000.00** annually for verified expenses when **the director is** from California.

Strike \$1,500.00 and Insert \$2,000.00 and the director is

Rationale: Directors expenses have increased for hotel stays and flights since the last director was from California. **Motion Passed (two thirds vote).**

Items #3 and #4 considered in seriatim. Article XIV- Board of Trustees

- 3. **New Sec. 9.** The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for the monthly internal financial review.

Add Sec. 9

Rationale: It insures the ongoing monthly review of CGCI financial records.

- 4. **New Sec. 10.** The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for collecting and maintaining Important CGCI documents.

Add Sec. 10

Rationale: CGCI's important papers need to be centralized and updated as necessary.

Motion Passed (two thirds vote).

- 5. Article XX- Amendments

Sec. 3 Insert as last sentence. Sec. 3 Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the board of directors for recommendation at the winter board meeting before being submitted to the voting membership. **Written notice of proposed changes shall be distributed at least one week prior to the meeting.**

Rationale: Members of the Board of Directors should have advance notice of the proposed bylaws amendments to allow adequate time for study and preparation to vote at winter board. When handed the proposed amendments as one walks in the door and then be asked to vote on changes with no time to review may not result in good decisions being made for the organization. Sec. 1 of this article requires all voting members at convention shall have been sent a copy of proposed amendments with rationale. The same requirement should apply to winter board for members of the board of directors. **Motion Passed (two thirds vote).**

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **September 11-14, 2018:** CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Auburn, CA
Host: Golden Foothills District
- **January 29-February 1, 2019:** CGCI Winter Board Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego
Host: Palomar District
- **June 3-7, 2019:** CGCI Convention
Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys
Host: Southern California Garden Club

**Back to School****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

- **January 21-22 & 23-24, 2019:** Environmental School Courses
1 & 2 Chula Vista
Host: Chula Vista Garden Club
- **February 1-3, 2019:** Flower
Show Symposium. Crowne Plaza
Hotel, San Diego (following
Winter Board)
- **July 16-17 & 18-19, 2019**
Environmental School Courses
3 & 4 Chula Vista
Host: Chula Vista Garden Club

AWARDS**Special Awards correction:**

Lifetime Achievement: Gudrun Kimmel, South Coast Floral Designers
Lifetime Service: Alexis Slafer, Hermosa GC

(Ed note: These honors were reversed in the July issue - our apologies)

CONGRATULATIONS to the following CGCI Scholarship recipients for the 2018-19 academic year:

- ♥ Robert Gordon Scholarship (\$2000): Guy Hernandez, a Master's candidate at Cal Poly Pomona studying Plant Science.
- ♥ Susan Bennett Scholarship (\$2,000): Katherine Bocksor, a Master's candidate at Cal State San Diego focusing on marine resources.

NOTE: Both Guy and Katherine also received \$4,000 NGC scholarships!

- ♥ *Golden Gardens* Scholarship (\$1,500 - a one-time award): Marcus Gonzalves, working towards a Masters in Conservation and Restoration Sciences at UC Irvine.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

By Nancy Lee Loesch, Chairman



ANZA-BORREGO
DESERT STATE PARK®

Borrego is Spanish for bighorn sheep. The park is home to about 600 bighorn sheep. The size of the park is more than 630,000 acres and it is one of the largest state parks in the United States. Elevations in the park range from 6,000 feet to 15 feet above sea level. In 2012 CGCI resolved to donate \$15,000 to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park for upgrades to the park Visitor Center. The restricted fund currently has \$531.89. To meet this obligation \$6,400 is needed. CGCI is dependent on donations to fulfill the commitment.

Sally Theriault, State Park Interpreter, notes there are two current needs for the Visitor Center, more desert plants and a new walkway lighting system. Following is an excerpt of a proposal for the walkway lighting system:
New light fixtures along the paved walkway from the parking lot to the Visitor Center

- should be dark-sky friendly, in keeping with the designation as an International Dark Sky Park
- should be fully shielded, so that light is directed only downward, not up or out to the side
- brightness should be only what is needed to light the walkway, and preferably amber

Option 1: use the existing posts and simply install new fixtures onto them. This would be simplest, fastest, and least expensive. Purchasing Amber LED fixtures, one for each existing post and installed by park maintenance staff, would be approximately \$5,746.

Option 2: buy and install new posts and fixtures. The estimate for 55 lights and posts is approximately \$8,000. This option takes into consideration the possibility of adding posts and fixtures plus rewiring and labor.

CGCI has supported this project for many years and the park continues to have needs that our donations can help solve. This chairman will continue to monitor the situation.

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com for details

- **Membership**
Chairman: Martha Smyser
4949 Mammoth Avenue
Sherman Oaks 91423-1319
- **Dues: (NEW)**
Admin Ass't: 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: Ilene Herringer
P.O. Box 1414
Gridley 95948-1414
- **Penny Pines**
Chairman: Carol Vallens
- Checks to US Forest Service**
Online form
- **President's Project 2017-19**
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



Writing Flower Show Schedules & Evaluating Flower Shows

By Pat Claves, Flower Show Awards Chairman
& Joyce Dean, Flower Show Schedules Chairman

To: Garden club members who write flower show schedules and Flower Show Judges (especially judges who evaluate flower shows):

Please review the document "NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards" available on the NGC website: <http://gardenclub.org/resources/fss-forms/ngc-flower-show-achievement-awards-2017.pdf>. This document will assist those who write flower show schedules to write schedules correctly, especially for the "Education, Youth/Sponsored Groups, Botanic Arts" Division of shows. And it will help the judges correctly evaluate shows.

Flower Show Judges: It is very important that you download and print a copy of the document and place it into your *Handbook*.

Evaluating judges: Before you take any points off for a show not having "Youth/Sponsored Groups, or Botanic Art," please refer to this document. Any questions, please contact Pat Claves at patclaves@aol.com or Joyce Dean at guildonthego@gmail.com.

Following is a Q&A between CGCI Flower Show Awards Chairman Pat Claves and NGC Flower Show Schools Chairman Dot Yard:

- Question from Pat: "On Forms 30D, 30H and 30S (FS Evaluation Scale of Points), under *Education, Youth/Sponsored Groups, Botanical Arts Division*, I have noticed that some evaluating judges are taking four points off for shows that do not have Youth/Sponsored Groups and/or Botanical Arts Exhibits, even though the shows do have the required number of Education Exhibits (according to their organizations' sizes). Please advise.
- Answer from Dot: "No, those last two are optional. If not included, those points are absorbed in the other categories. Can't penalize if it isn't required and was satisfied with Educationals."

If you have questions about writing a flower show schedule, contact Joyce Dean. Questions on deducting points when evaluating a show are referred to Pat Claves. All other flower show questions should be addressed to Flower Show Schools Chairman Gudy Kimmel at gudron56@att.net.

Membership Matters



REMINDER: It's time to renew your CGCI membership and update your organization's information. We continue to use the electronic "webforms" for the collection of data for official records. Checks still need to be mailed for dues, but all other membership-related forms are to be completed electronically to reduce processing time as well as errors. Forms are available at: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/Forms>.

NOTE: Effective immediately, ALL DUES checks are to be mailed to the Membership Administrative Assistant, **Rita Desilets, 8316 Sparton Avenue, Van Nuys, 91402-4030.** CGCI does **not** send an invoice for dues. It is your responsibility to submit a check at the appropriate time.

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](http://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: Julie West
850 Grandview Road
Sebastopol 95472-2930

♥ Honor Book

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

♥ Life Memberships

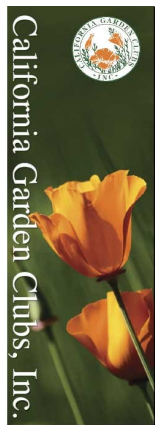
Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker
14216 Karry's Place
Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ 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)

(Only) HOME GROWN**By Myrtle Findley, Chairman**

Award 22 and 23 (\$50-\$30-\$20)

Your Home Grown Chairman encourages garden club members to find a space in their garden or deck to grow vegetables, fruits, nuts, and berries organically. Keep a record and photos of their growth and production and submit an award entry by December 1.

- Award 22 (best green recipe): You are encouraged to e-mail or phone this chairman in advance, to be sure you follow instructions correctly. A neat entry is always encouraged.
- Award 23 (home vegetable or fruit garden): Photos of the plants, produce, where they were grown and the plot plan are required.

Download the Evaluation Form for each award to know how it will be evaluated! Go to <http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards>. The awards are open to all CGCI garden club members.

CGCI Special Awards**By Bob Gordon, Chairman**

Thanks to all of you who took the time and effort to apply for CGCI Awards last year. A special thank you to Berni Hendrix for her tremendous effort with the CGCI, Pacific Region, and NGC awards. The response to the special awards was super so I look for even more this year. Please be aware of the awards deadlines. Be thinking about the special awards. If you know of someone who deserves special recognition and a thank you from CGCI please nominate them. Nominations are due by December 1.

Smokey Bear Poster Contest**Charlotte Tucker, Chairman**

Clubs wishing to participate in the Youth Poster Contest - appoint a poster contest chairman NOW! This will give them time to obtain the most current information about the contest and clear up any misconceptions about rules and submission dates before it's too late. This chairman is always ready to respond to your questions. Don't hesitate to ask!

Charlotte Tucker (209)533-9300 or ctucker@mlode.com

Don't forget to celebrate Smokey Bear's Birthday on August 9th and **NOTE: In honor of Smokey's 75th birthday (in 2019) we will ONLY be doing Smokey posters in Fall, 2018.** Consider having a story time at your local library and inviting the U.S. Forest Service in your area to join in the celebration.

YOUR poster could be the 2019 Grand Prize Winner!

NGC Leadership Workshop Schedule**Robin Pokorski, Chairman**

- August 25 - Ft Robinson, Nebraska for Rocky Mountain Region
- Oct 23 - Roadrunner District
- Oct 27 - New England Region



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

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

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 2019, Van Nuys, California

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

PLANT AMERICA Grants Available for 2018-2019

Providing Financial Support to Club Projects

National Garden Clubs, Inc. grant program for clubs entitled PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants has 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.

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. Clubs that received a PLANT AMERICA grant for 2017-2018 are not eligible to apply again. **The deadline for applications is October 15, 2018.** Recipients of grants will be notified, and all money will be awarded by January 31, 2019. Projects must be completed by February 28, 2020, and final report forms are due by April 1, 2020.

Project Eligibility

Projects submitted 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

Details and forms are available on the NGC website:

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

For an example of a winning project see the article on Page 5 of the July *GoldenGardens eNews*.

Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl Poster Contest**By Greg Pokorski, President, Southern California Garden Club**

Three of the 2018 national award winners were sponsored by Southern California Garden Club.

- ♥ 1st grade: Timothy Kim
- ♥ 2nd grade: Charlotte Lee
- ♥ 4th grade: Rylee Jackson - Rylee's poster was named **National Grand Prize** winner and she was honored at a ceremony in Washington, DC.

Rylee and her family attended the club's June board meeting where she was presented with a \$100 check and certificate for a Penny Pines plantation purchased in her honor. The other two winners and all who participated in this year's contest were recognized at the June club meeting. Mienah Yoon, the art instructor who works with the children was presented with complimentary club membership for the 2018-2019 season.



Photo: Harriet Vallens, Youth Chair; Rylee and her family; Greg Pokorski, SCGC President

Sempervirens Fund Update

Rosa Radicchi, Chairman

The Sempervirens Fund is proud to announce that the Great Park Campaign has been completed. The Campaign raised **\$22 million over four years** and enabled Sempervirens Fund to permanently protect more than 9,200 acres in the Santa Cruz Mountains. But the vision for a Great Park remains: to re-establish a beautiful, healthy redwood forest between Silicon Valley and the Pacific Ocean.



Other highlights:

January 17, 2018: Sempervirens Fund announced it had acquired Cotoni-Coast Ridge, a strategically important 106-acre parcel north of the town of Davenport, on the coast of Santa Cruz County. Situated on the westernmost ridgeline of the Santa Cruz Mountain range above Scott Creek Beach, Cotoni-Coast Ridge ranges in elevation from 400 to 1,000 feet and is an ecologically diverse property consisting primarily of second-growth redwoods, as well as coastal terrace prairie, coastal mixed hardwood, and coastal scrub. Most importantly, the pie-shaped parcel connects San Vicente Redwoods, the Bureau of Land Management's Coto-ni-Coast Dairies National Monument, and Cal Poly's Swanton Pacific Ranch. In all, these properties total more than 17,500 acres.

March 23-25, 2018: Sempervirens Fund volunteers, the Amah Mutsun Land Trust Native Stewardship Corps and members of the Muwekma Ohlone joined forces to plant an ethnobotanical demonstration garden at Castle Rock State Park's new Robert C. Kirkwood entrance.

April 30, 2018: With the help of nearly 100 dedicated and hardworking volunteers over two weekends, Sempervirens Fund planted 200 black oak trees and did a variety of other stewardship projects at the site of the new Robert C. Kirkwood Entrance to Castle Rock State Park. Thanks to these incredible people, future generations will walk, relax and picnic beneath the towering crowns of majestic black oak.

June 6, 2018: The Clean Water and Parks Act (Proposition 68) passed with roughly 56 percent of the vote. A major contributor to the Yes on 68 Coalition, Sempervirens Fund is grateful Californians have voted to infuse California State Parks with much-needed funds to ensure our public lands are safe, accessible to all and properly managed. For 118 years, Sempervirens Fund and California State Parks have partnered to help protect some of the most valuable natural resources in the state. The passage of Proposition 68 is a long overdue investment in California's public gems.

Saturday, September 29, 2018: Castle Rock 50th Anniversary Celebration: In 1968, Sempervirens Fund helped establish Castle Rock State Park. Today, the park encompasses 5,242 acres, boasts 34 miles of trail and contains some of the best bouldering routes in California.



Since our founders began in 1900, **Sempervirens Fund** has protected more than 34,000 acres of redwood forest. We hold in our hearts and minds the founders' experience of what thrived here – and what can be restored through proper **stewardship**. Like our founders, we work passionately to protect, connect and restore the redwood forests into a vast and vibrant landscape that can support people and wildlife for countless generations to come.

For over 70 years, CGCI has supported the conservation efforts of **Save-the-Redwoods League** and **Sempervirens Fund**. Donations are always welcome. Please visit <http://californiagardenclubs.com/sempervirensfund> for more details.

Mission Blue Butterfly

By Cathy Moog, Discovery Bay Garden Club

For the last four years, CGCI has been supporting the Mission Blue butterfly habitat restoration to help keep them from becoming extinct. Recently I was privileged to do a photo shoot at the Marin Headlands. The photo is a male nectaring on a Checker-bloom wildflower (*Sidalcea malviflora*) in the Golden Gate Park Conservancy there.





DONATIONS 2018
Total this month: \$4,148.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$22,346.00

**BAY BRIDGES**

Hillside Gardeners
 of Montclair \$680
 Honor: Korki Brett, Merle Boese,
 Julie Guiney, Faith Harris, Pat Kantor,
 Helga Mahlmann, Barbara Peterson,
 Regine Saggau, Beverly Thomason
 Memory: Lillian Johnson
 Pinole GC \$68
 Honor: Miss Sylvia Segovia

BAY OCEAN

Pacifica GC \$136
 Memory: Alan Ernat, Enid Emde

BUTTES

GC of Colusa County \$68
 Magalia Beautification Assoc. \$68

DIABLO FOOTHILLS

Blackhawk Bloomers GC \$68
 Honor: Bronzie Dabney

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS

Roseville Better GC \$68
 Honor: In recognition of
 the club's 90th Anniversary

LUTHER BURBANK

Santa Rosa GC \$272
 Memory: Linda Simonds,
 Past President

MENDO-LAKE

Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis \$68
 Michelle Wisler

ORANGE COUNTY

Huntington Harbour GC \$204
 Honor: Sherry Bullock,
 Carole Weninger

PALOMAR

Crown GC of Coronado \$136
 Memory: Isabel Mummert,
 Roberta Dolph, Isabella Dunn,
 Gloria Ortega, Jeanne Bowers
 Dos Valles GC..... \$340
 Memory: Anne Schwartz,
 Sue Martindale, Don Skinner,
 Dana Behymer

ROADRUNNER

Cactus Wren GC \$68

VALLEY LODGE

Valley Lode District.....\$680
 Honor: Firefighters and first
 responders involved with the
 wildfires in Northern California
 Calaveras County GC\$136
 Honor: CAL FIRE Firefighters &
 First Responders
 Foothill GC\$68
 Sierra Madre GC\$68
 Memory: Jim Jones
 Tuolumne County GC\$68
 Honor: Ann Pharris
 Turlock GC\$884
 Honor: Off Center Thrift, The Farm
 House, Stephanie Baker Photography,
 De La Fleur Flowers & Events, The
 Greenery, Main Street Footers,
 Orchard Supply Hardware, Wahl,
 Willemse & Wilson, LLP, CPAs,
 Crust & Crumb, Yonans Jewelry,
 Sunrise Bakery, Harder's Print Shop,
 Bob Screen

Reminder: CGCI does not issue the certificates acknowledging Penny Pines donations or track checks. If you have questions about a donation or a certificate please contact the appropriate Forest Service office. Addresses and telephone numbers are listed on the [Penny Pines](#) page of the CGCI website.

