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## From the President's desk...

January 30-February 2, 2018

Plaza Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks

Host: Channel Islands District

## Highlights:

### Tuesday, January 30:

- CGCI Committee Meetings
- Popcorn and a Movie! Gardens of the World with Audrey Hepburn

### Wednesday, January 31:

- Tour to *Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology in Camarillo* with focus on bird collections
- Lecture: *The Grafting and Pruning of Trees*
- Lecture: *Plants of Greenwood Daylily Gardens*
- Lunch/Program: *My Favorite Birds*
- Business meeting
- Dinner/Program: *Floral Design – Channel Islands Style*

### Thursday, February 1:

- District Directors' Forum
- Chairmen's Forum
- Business meeting
- Lunch/Program: *Channel Islands District members join us for Getting to Know You!*
- Dinner/Program: *Theme: Dinner at Tiffany's with entertainment by Nancy Osborne, as Audrey Hepburn*

### Friday, February 2

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## A Message From The Nominating Committee

By Sue Bennett, Chairman

*RUN DON'T WALK!*

*RUN FOR A POSITION AS A CGCI OFFICER!!!*

The RUNning begins. Interviewing time slots are being scheduled for the 2018 Winter Board. The members of the Nominating Committee look forward to interviewing the current EC members and reaching out to new potential candidates. There are still time slots available, contact Nominating Committee Chairman, Sue Bennett, prior to the meeting so she can schedule you. Yes, the Olympics start in February -- but they are the Winter Olympics and thus no running involved; however YOU can still run.



## ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Flower Show School scheduled for February 23-25, 2018 has been **CANCELLED**.  
Watch for new dates.

**CGCI Official Calendar**

[californiagardenclubs.com/calendar](http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar)

- **January 30-February 2, 2018:** CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Thousand Oaks, CA. Host: Channel Islands District
- **April 6-8, 2018:** Pacific Region Convention, Chena Hot Springs, AK
- **May 21-24, 2018:** NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA

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**CGCI Schools Chairmen**

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Gardening: Greg Pokorski,  
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Landscape Design: Alexis Slafer  
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**NGC Schools Calendar  
(California)**

All registration forms are on the  
CGCI website Calendar page

[californiagardenclubs.com/calendar](http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar)

Go to [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org)

for schools in other states

- **Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 1.** Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club

NOTE: This series has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Watch this space and the website calendar for the new dates.

- **May 4-6, 2018:** Flower Show Symposium. Marriott Hotel, Pleasanton, CA

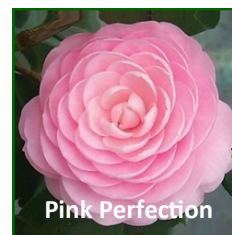
**Six Months of Blooms with Camellias**

By Kathy Bramhall, Red Bluff Garden Club

Camellias are easy to grow, are seldom attacked by disease or pests (even our resident deer don't seem to bother them much), and are a beautiful evergreen shrub even when they are not blooming. They come in very different flower forms—singles, doubles, formal, rose, peony, anemone and different plant forms. They can live up to 150 years! Warning—camellias are dangerous because they are very addictive. If you have a couple you'll feel the need to have them all and there are over 20 species and 30,000 cultivars!

There are several species of Camellia, but this article will focus on just three - *C. japonica*, *C. reticulata*, and *C. sasanqua*. If you grow these three species you can have blooms October through May!

**C. japonica** is the most widely grown. When you say Camellia it's the one most people think of. Most bloom January through April. I have two—Debutant and Pink Perfection, they are full of buds and starting to show their lovely clear pink color. These two are 25-30 years old and are about 10 feet tall. I also have a white Nuccio's Gem and a red Mrs. Charles Cobb which struggle to even survive—I don't think they like their location. *C. japonica* grow to be large shrubs or small trees 6 to 20 feet tall and wide. Prune or not – right after bloom to shape the plant, remove crossing limbs and thin dense growth.



**C. reticulata** are spectacular giant flowered on rangy shrubs/trees growing 35-50 feet tall. *Reticulata* need plenty of space and do not like to be pruned. They start blooming in March.

**C. sasanqua** are great for espaliers, informal hedges, ground cover, containers and bonsai. Some grow only 1½ feet high and others to 6 feet high. They bloom fall to early winter. The benefit of *sasanquas* in our area is that they tolerate the hot sun and drought.

Plant Camellias where they are somewhat sheltered from wind—under oaks or other tall trees is perfect. Camellias like a rich organic soil with plenty of moisture. Plant the trunk base slightly above soil level—never permit soil to wash over the base. The plants need moisture—on the roots and foliage—irrigate and spray the foliage regularly. Fertilize with a commercial acid plant food. Mark your calendar to fertilize on Mother's Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Labor Day. Do not use more fertilizer than called for on the label. Shop now for all three Camellia species.

Pick up dropped petals - The most important thing to do for Camellias besides irrigating and spraying the foliage is pick up the dropped blooms/petals. Leaving

**CGCI Programs & Projects**

Go to [californiagardenclubs.com](http://californiagardenclubs.com)  
for details

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- **Membership & Dues (NEW)**

**Chairman: Martha Smyser**  
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Sherman Oaks 91423-1319

- **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 (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  
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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

the petals causes blight which can be a serious disease. Flowers rapidly turn brown and ugly; if brown petals grow quickly into the center of the flower—suspect petal blight. Pick off all infected flowers and dispose in trash bin or burn—do not put them into your compost pile. Leaves can get scorched or yellowed areas in the center from sunburn. Burned leaf edges, excessive leaf drop or corky spots usually means over fertilizing. Yellow leaves with green veins are signs of Chlorosis—treat with iron.

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**2018 Flower Show Symposium**

**Mary Arakelian & Lili Aram-Bost, Co-Chairmen**

**May 4-6, 2018**

Marriott Hotel

11950 Dublin Canyon Road

Pleasanton, CA 94588

Registrar: Shane Looper

- Horticulture: Instructor Dottie Howatt - Tulips, Displays & Collections and "What to do about "Any Other Worthy Specimen" in the Flower Show."
- Design: Instructor Penny Decker - Featured Plant Materials' Design and Cascade Design. These are two of the new Design types featured in the *2017 Handbook for Flower Shows*. Her allied topic will be "Exploring Creativity in Botanical Arts."

Here's your chance to update your designing and judging knowledge. Early participants get front row seats, after students. Brochures will be available soon.

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**New Year's Resolutions for Gardeners**

*(From the Roseville Better Gardens newsletter)*

The new year gives us an opportunity to reflect on the past and dream for the future and maybe set some new year's resolutions. These 12 ideas can help you be the best gardener you can be. Resolve to meet one goal each month, or simply use them as inspiration for your own list.

#1-Clean out the shed and go through old materials. We've all got it: that one place in the garage or shed where forgotten garden materials have piled up and now sit, unused. Resolve to clean out your garden shed, discard expired materials and clean up tools.

#2-Take a risk, plant something new. Or, don't plant something old, however you want to phrase it. As gardeners, we all have our favorites, but there's little to be gained from doing the same thing in the garden year after year. Challenge yourself to replace an old standby with something new, like beautiful new rose varieties from David Austin.



**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**

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

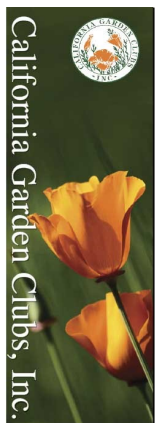
♥ **Long-Term Certificates**

Chairman: Mike Gould  
Online request form

♥ **Member Award of Distinction**

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

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**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)

#3—Add a new native species to your garden. There are so many benefits to planting native species. Beautify your garden and attract pollinators by adding a native species to your garden this year!

#4—Plant something with a child. Whether it's your own children or grandchildren, nieces, nephews or students, resolve to share the love of gardening with a younger person this year. Or, simply plant some beans in a plastic cup on the windowsill and rediscover the childlike joy of seeing the first sprouts.

#5—Do some garden volunteering. Volunteers are the driving force behind many of the gardens that beautify our public areas. Make a resolution this year to volunteer in your local conservatory, cemetery, botanical garden or museum landscape. While public gardening can be difficult, it can also be incredibly rewarding.

#6—Learn something, teach something. We believe that when it comes to gardening, there is always something to learn and something to teach. See what classes are available in your area.

#7—Plant a food you haven't tried before. Whether it's a veggie, fruit or herb, resolve to grow a new type of food in your garden this year. Remember to not plant more than you can realistically use.

#8—Go on a gardening excursion. Broaden your horizons with a trip to a local botanical garden or arboretum this year. Use the trip for design inspiration, to learn something new, or to simply relax and enjoy the beauty of your surroundings

#9—Treat yourself to a good gardening book. Gardening books are a great way to practice your hobby during the colder months or when the sun isn't shining. Resolve to read at least one gardening book this year, and check out the American Horticultural Society's Book Awards for a list of good titles to choose from.

#10—Start something from seed. This is an annual resolution for gardeners, there's something intensely rewarding about growing from seed! If this is already a regular part of your gardening routine, we suggest trying something new, or simply brushing up on your knowledge on starting from seed.

#11—Invite people over to spend time in your garden. We love the community aspect of gardening. Beautiful gardens are something to be shared, so resolve to have a gardening get-together at least once this year. If you're an apartment-dweller or landless gardener, plan a garden-related outing.

#12 – Document your garden. Finally, make a resolution to document your garden, either to track the progress of new projects or simply to enjoy. Take photos of your garden, or perhaps start a gardening journal.

(From Patty Craft's Facebook page, December 27, 2017)



If life deals you lemons, make lemonade.

If it deals you tomatoes, make Bloody Marys.





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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](http://gardenclub.org) for details on these and other projects)

**Director: 2017-2019****Peggy Olin****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**[PacificRegionGardenClubs.org](http://PacificRegionGardenClubs.org)**Convention:**

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

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**HOW TO PLAN AN ARBOR DAY EVENT****By Terry Fairfield & Mary Lou Goodwin, Arbor Day Co-Chairmen**

1. Choose the type of tree planting project you'd like to organize.
2. Adult groups, youth groups, Scout groups, CGCI Youth Gardeners, schools.
3. Decide who needs to be involved. Coordinate sponsors and garden clubs.
4. Organize a planning committee and set a date for the event. March 7-14.
5. Choose the planting site and species and get all necessary permits. Review the success of last year's event and location.
6. Analyze needs and costs. Set a Budget.
7. Raise Funds.
8. Recruit volunteers from sponsors and garden clubs
9. Order trees and supplies.
10. National Arbor Day Foundation has an online nursery, or local donations
11. Invite media participation. TV, Newspapers, Weekly Calendars, Social Media.
12. Schedule the event. Send out press releases to all media and interested groups. Select Moderator and special speaker.
13. Prepare the site. Check for good backgrounds for photos. Bring the Club banner and American Flag, if it is to be used.
14. Assemble equipment and supplies. Who is providing shovels and stakes?
15. Instruct participants and demonstrate proper planting. Have one person as the instructor.
16. Schedule routine maintenance and care for the following year.
17. Reward volunteers and others who helped. Action pictures in the newspaper are always a reward. Send thank you letters.
18. Evaluate the event. Prepare a report and put it into an Arbor Day Folder.



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Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

**75th Annual Convention April 6 –9, 2018****"Whoopin' It Up At The Hot Springs"**

Chena Hot Springs Resort

Fairbanks, Alaska

**Tours & Special Events:**

- Award winning Hot Springs Geothermal Renewable Energy Program,
- Greenhouse where fresh produce is grown 365 days a year,
- Ice Museum maintained by world ice art champions Steve and Heather Brice,
- Aurora Viewing
- Appletini in a carved ice class -yours for the keeping

Registration forms and information:

<http://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>



**DONATIONS 2017**  
**Total this month: \$1,700.00**  
**Carol Vallens, Chairman**  
 Total January 1 to date:  
**\$1,700.00**

**ARBORETUM**

Sierra Madre GC .....\$68.00  
 Memory: Fran Garbaccio

**BAY BRIDGES**

Pinole GC .....\$68.00  
 Honor: Phyllis Dill

**BAY OCEAN**

Civic GC of San Carlos .....\$136.00

**CASCADE**

Lake California GC .....\$204.00  
 Honor: Bonnie Falardeau,  
 Barbara Turner  
 Memory: Richard D. Dickson

**CHANNEL ISLANDS**

Pleasant Valley GC .....\$272.00  
 Honor: Alice Smith, Linda Malone

**COSTA VERDE**

Hermosa GC .....\$136.00  
 Honor: Gloria Ogier  
 Memory: Jan Stewart

**GOLDEN FOOTHILLS**

Chicago Park GC .....\$68.00  
 Honor: Judy Schroeder

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**

Southern California GC .....\$68.00  
 Memory: Nadia Freed

**SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS**

Sequoia GC .....\$68.00  
 Honor: Donna Mekeel, President

**VALLEY LODGE**

Calaveras County GC .....\$68.00  
 Memory: Althea Cuneo  
 Calaveras County GC .....\$408.00  
 Honor: Club members  
 Oakdale GC .....\$136.00  
 Memory: Larry Geer, Beulah Brown

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 ALL GTEP renewal forms and support documentation are due no later than February 1, 2018. Questions? Contact GTEP Chairman, Ilene Herringer, [gtep@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:gtep@cagardenclubs.org).

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*I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon.*  
 ~Author Unknown

