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From the President's desk...

Happy New Year!

Don't the years seem to fly by? The beginning of a new year is a special time, usually viewed with renewed hope and anticipation of the potential for a fresh start. Resolutions are made and focus on life changes to implement during the New Year. Often the resolutions include some of the most difficult habits to change. Weight loss, becoming a non-smoker, more exercise, less stress, better health, less time spent working, more time with family, avoiding procrastination, better communication and so many more will be found on the new year's resolution lists. Mere mortals can never be perfect but every day we do have the opportunity to become better than we used to be.

This president is very thankful that your 2018 plans include California Garden Clubs, Inc. and the upcoming Winter Board Meeting. Wow! 2018? Do you remember the turn of the century and how 2000 seemed like such a significant point in time? Now, 18 years later, the year 2000 seems like only a few years ago. It is so easy to lose track of time, especially when we are busy and having fun. During the holiday season, it is especially easy to lose track of time. To avoid missing out on the early bird pricing opportunities for the 2018 Winter Board Meeting, if you haven't already done so please take action now, make your hotel reservations ASAP and mail your registration right away. Don't sweat it you will still have time to make changes if necessary before the no refund cancellation policy begins on January 15.

Channel Islands District has been working to provide our CGCI board members with a tour, lectures, lunch and dinner programs that truly reflect Channel Islands style. We look forward to seeing you in Thousand Oaks January 30-February 2.



CGCI Winter Board Meeting

January 30-February 2, 2018

Plaza Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks

Host: Channel Islands District

Registration for the 2018 Winter Board Meeting is now open. The "Call" was distributed on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 and should be in your email inbox. If you do not find it in your inbox or spam folder all forms and information are on the CGCI website. Go to: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/nextmeeting>.

To receive the **early-bird discounted registration** package price of \$170 the form must have been postmarked by December 29. This includes your registration fee plus two lunches and two dinners.

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CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **January 30-February 2, 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
gudrun56@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

- **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.

- **February 23-25, 2018:** Flower Show School, Course 1, Ceres, CA
- **May 4-6, 2018:** Flower Show Symposium. Marriott Hotel, Pleasanton, CA

- The package price increases to \$195 when registration is postmarked December 30-January 10.
- No registration will be accepted January 11 or later and no refunds on or after January 15.
- To receive the **special room rates of \$99 per night (only \$112 with tax) reservations should be ASAP.** Hotel reservation deadline is January 14 for rooms available in our room block. Should the room block sell out prior to January 14, we may or may not be able to add additional rooms to the block at the same special rate. Reservations must be made by telephone by calling Palm Garden Hotel at (805) 716-4200.
- See the registration forms for the group booking code. Reservations made after January 14 will be subject to regular rates and availability.

You save when you register early. Don't risk the chance of forgetting, register NOW.

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

**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.

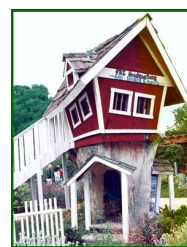


Maryanne Lucas, CGCI President 2009-2011

It is with shock and sorrow that we mourn the loss of former CGCI President, club member, mentor and friend Maryanne Lucas. Maryanne passed away Thursday, December 7, after suffering a massive stroke.

Inspiring, insightful, indefatigable and dedicated, Maryanne was the epitome of purposeful persistence. She forged ever onward, virtually to the end.

Maryanne served in many capacities with her local club in Westlake Village, the Channel Islands District and CGCI. She created the CGCI website, designed many of the graphics used in our promotional materials today and was a NGC Four-Star Member (completed all four NGC Schools). In addition to her work with garden clubs, she founded [Kids Growing Strong](#) (KGS) in 2001 with initial funding from a grant and donations from a group of dedicated gardeners. It was also her president's project. Kids Growing Strong is an educational enrichment program that today reaches tens of thousands of children and their families each year.



Maryanne partnered with numerous other organizations; most recently *California Department of Food and Agriculture, Pollinator Posse* and the *Insect Sciences Museum of California*. She was involved with the *San Francisco Flower & Garden Show* and designed the [Kids Adventure Garden at the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden](#) in Thousand Oaks, CA.

We send our condolences to Maryanne's family and her colleagues, especially the core KGS staff. We are hopeful the KGS staff can carry Maryanne's work and legacy forward. She will be missed.

To quote Maryanne: *"The best thing about garden clubs is that club members are never alone...and the work they do goes far beyond their reach. Like raindrops in a pond, garden club members are part of a much larger pool of people - some who occasionally make a big splash, but all create ripples that affect each other, contribute to the whole and carry on long after any single person is gone."*

She is survived by husband, Bob, daughters Kristen Lucas and Annie Roller, son-in-law Brett Roller, three granddaughters and one grandson. Services will be for family only. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to KGS and mailed to Sue Bennett, 7560 Shelborne Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746.



The West Valley Garden Club, West Hills, CA dedicated a Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker at Orcutt Ranch Park on June 13, 2017. Caroline Russom, Past Pres. WVGC and George Unrine, CGCI Blue Star Memorial Co-Chairman shared the history of the club and the Blue Star program. Guests included Sylvia Patsaouras, President of the PAR Commissioners, Ramon Barajas, PAR Ass't Mgr, Robert Baker, Supervisor Orcutt Park Ranch, Kevin Taylor, West Valley Representative from Mayor Garcetti's office, Dan Brin, President, West Hills Neighborhood Council, Tony Brosomale and Reyan Raynes Co-chairs WHNC Beautification Committee, Jessie Stroebel, CD 12 Park Liason, and Rita Desilets, San Fernando Valley District Director.

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: 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
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

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.



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

Remembering Ruth Bancroft

Ruth Bancroft, beloved founder of the world-renowned Ruth Bancroft Garden, passed away November 26, at her home in Walnut Creek, California, at the age of 109. Ruth was a collector and skilled plantswoman who created numerous gardens around her home, the most notable of which became a public garden and plant nursery. Many CGCI clubs and members have enjoyed visiting this beautiful facility.





It's a NEW YEAR...the perfect time to change all your passwords!

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

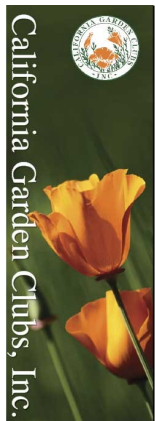
Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker
14216 Karry's Place
Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ 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)

**Green Thumb GC of Cloverdale**

Members volunteered to update the History Center garden, digging a trench and planting along the sidewalk into the Center and planting bulbs throughout. The group can't wait to see the results next Spring.

**Eureka Sequoia GC**

Each month the club selects six local yards to be designated a "Garden Jewel." Homeowners receive a certificate and are honored at the club's meeting.

**Roseville Better Gardens Club**

The club is preparing to assist a local Girl Scout Troop design and plan a garden at a Granite Bay fire station. The Troop visited a member's garden and learned about planting and propagating.

San Diego County Garden Guild is made up of several individual groups based on special interests. One is the "Anything Purple Guild." The group recently hosted a gathering that featured a beautiful and creative display using purple botanicals that provided areas to present culinary delights that followed the purple theme including an original signature purple mimosa.

**Southern California GC**

Each year the club creates tray favors of "snowman poop" (mini marshmallows) for the children at Olive View Medical Center.

My husband said that if I buy any more plants he
would leave me.
Darn! I'm going to miss that guy.

**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

NGC Classic Georgia Tour 2018**Atlanta, GA, April 2-7, 2018**

Join us as we explore the history, culture, architecture, and landscapes of Georgia's capital city and surrounding areas.

Price per person based on two sharing a room \$1,850 (excluding airfare)*

Single Supplement - \$600 (*Includes a \$100 Donation to NGC)

For more information contact: Mary Ann Bryant - Boutique Tours, Inc.

Phone: (770) 893-1570 Email: Maryannbryant1@gmail.com

Itinerary Includes:

- 5 nights lodging at the Embassy Suites at Centennial Olympic Park
- 5 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, and 3 Dinners
- Guided Tour of Atlanta neighborhoods
- Tour of the Georgia Governor's Mansion and Organic Vegetable Garden
- Tour of the Goizueta Gardens at the Atlanta History Center
- Tour of the Swann House
- Visit to the Smith Family Farm
- Tour of Founders Memorial Garden in Athens
- Tour of the University of Georgia Trial Gardens
- Tour of the Garden Club of Georgia Headquarters
- Tour of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia
- Tour of the Atlanta Botanical Garden
- Tour of the Fox Theater
- Tea at Bellmere
- Tour of Berry College, Oak Hill, and the Martha Berry Museum



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: \$1,4960.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$30,736.00

**BUTTES**

Lake Oroville Area GC\$68

Memory: Cathy Kingham

Paradise GC.....\$68

CASCADE

Red Bluff GC\$136

Memory: Pat Hauck Talbert &
Wilkie Talbert**DIABLO FOOTHILLS**

Blackhawk Bloomers GC\$68

Memory: Jean Forstner

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS

Meadow Vista GC\$136

Honor: Cheryl Driggs, Kay Connolly

MONTANA DE ORO

Los Osos Valley GC\$68

ORANGE COUNTY

Laguna Beach GC\$408

Honor: Gayle Whitaker, Connie
Maxsenti, Jackie Knauer**PALOMAR**

Bernardo Gardeners Club\$204

Memory: Claire Garner, Marjorie
Rohan, Mary Bersbach, Katie Livernash

Carlsbad GC\$204

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Southern California GC\$68

Honor: Judy Polinsky

SANTA CLARA VALLEY

San Jose GC\$68

Memory: Jan Hahn

Reminder: CGCI does not issue the certificates acknowledging Penny Pines donations. All certificates come from the Forest Service office that received the funds. 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.



Our wish for you in
2018 ...

*May all your WEEDS
be WILDFLOWERS!*