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 Deadline to submit articles: 15th of the month.



From the 2018 Convention...

Our thanks to Pamela Fish, Bob Taylor and the Valley Lode District for hosting the 87th annual convention.

The following pages include highlights from the convention and here is a brief summary of the business conducted:

- Ratifications:
 - ⇒Alexis Slafer to Board of Trustees, 2018-2024
 - ⇒Sue Bennett to Board of Trustees, 2018-2024
 - ⇒ Rita Desilets Chairman 2019 Convention and Membership Assistant
 - ⇒ Resignation of Josie Goodenow Bees Co-Chairman and California Consultants Council Chairman
 - ⇒ Dates to Official Calendar

Fall Board Meeting: September 11-13, 2018

Tri-Refresher: June 25, 2018

Environmental School: Course 1-2: January 21, 22, 23, 24, 2019;

Course 3-4: July 16, 17, 18, 19, 2019

Flower Show Symposium: February 1-3, 2019: Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego (following Winter Board Meeting)

- Accept invitation of Southern California Garden Club to host 2019 Convention, Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys, June 3-7, 2019.
- Approve Blue Star Memorials Grants in the amount of \$350 each to Four Seasons Garden Club and Linden Community Garden Club.
- Approve underwriting a fundraising dinner, up to \$1000, during the 2019
 Pacific Region Convention (hosted by CGCI). Proceeds to benefit Pacific
 Region.
- To adopt NGC's board and convention refund policy: "I understand and accept CGCI's refund policy that NO REFUNDS will be issued after (date inserted) and that the remittance will be considered a donation."

• That the 2019-2020 Liability Insurance rates will remain the same - \$1.50





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CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- September 11-13, 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



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

From the 2018 Convention

AWARDS

Special Awards:

Man of the Year: Woman of the Year: Lifetime Achievement: Lifetime Service: Award of Honor: Awards of Merit:

Youth Leader of the Year:

Baldo Villegas, APS-Sacramento Rose Society Ilene Herringer, Lake Oroville Area GC Alexis Slafer, Hermosa GC

Gudrun Kimmel, South Coast Floral Designers

Carol Alstot, La Casa GC

Rosemary Anderson, Poway Valley GC Diane Dillard, Roseville Better Gardens Earlene Henderson, Merced GC

Carol Alstot, La Casa GC

Poway Valley GC

Club/District Awards:

NGC & Pacific Region (1st Place): **Community Impact:**

> Blue Star Memorial Site Beautification: West Valley GC **Conservation Projects:** Bonita Valley GC Del Norte GC Garden Therapy: Poway Valley GC Flower Show Achievement: Floral Design Program: Palomar District National Garden Week: Poway Valley GC

Pacific Region (1st Place):

Membership Promotion: Poway Valley GC Pollinator Education: Southern California GC Small Standard Flower Show: Garden & Floral Arrangers Guild

Roseville Better Gardens Club Newsletters: Southern California GC

Club Yearbook: Seguoia GC

Roseville Better Gardens Burbank Valley GC Poway Valley GC Fallbrook GC Modesto GC Golden Foothills

District Yearbook: Council Yearbook: Cascade Judges Council Published Article/Individual: Judy Paul, Red Bluff GC Club Membership Brochure: Southern California GC Non-Membership publication: Discovery Bay GC

NOTE: For a complete list of award recipients, go to http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards



Designer's Choice Award & CGCI Flower Arranger of the Year Adele Kelly





3rd Place: Flower Arranger of the Year Lisa Ayala



CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to <u>californiagardenclubs.com</u> for details

Membership

Chairman: Martha Smyser 4949 Mammoth Ave. 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

2018 Endowment Fundraiser at the Convention: Julie West, Board of Trustees/Endowment Chairman

The canvas tote bags "Supporting CGCI and Scholarship Endowments" raised \$1,750 with donations received from the following individuals:

Sue Bennett, Lisa Brennan, Chris Collier, Myrtle Findley, Robert Gordon, Marlene Kinney, Shirley Lipa, Shane Looper, Sherry Molinari, Martha Smyser, Phil Stanley, Carol Vallens, Gail & Hank Vanderhorst, Carolyn Villi and Dave West.



The proceeds were split 50/50 between the CGCI and Scholarship Endowment Funds equaling \$875 for each. There is one tote bag remaining that will be auctioned to the highest bidder at Convention in 2019 as the design print is no longer available.



Alexis Slafer was the high bidder for the *Golden State Warriors* tickets and Dave West obtained the autographed basketball from the 1974-75 *Golden State Warriors* NBA championship team. A total of \$750 was raised for the Scholarship Endowment Fund. Thank you to the anonymous donor who provided the two *Golden State Warriors* items and "Congratulations" to the

two winners! Now that the Warriors are 2018 NBA champions, aren't those two items even more valuable? A special 'thank you' to individuals who kindly made a donation when registering for CGCl's convention:

Ted Benson, L. Bodiford, Kathy Bramhall, Brenda Leal, Cynthia Martin, Mary McNicholas and Linda Smith.

\$20 was received for the CGCI endowment fund and \$125 was received on behalf of the Scholarship Endowment for a total of \$145. To summarize, the CGCI Endowment Fund increased by \$895 and the Scholarship Endowment Fund increased by \$1,750 for a total of \$2,645 for both. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Endowment Committee, we 'thank you' for the support and generosity of those who contributed to the success of the endowment fundraising campaign at CGCI's 2018 convention.

Membership Matters

WELCOME to the newest members of the CGCI family. The following were ratified at the 2018 Convention: Clubs:



- ♥ Diggers Garden Club: Costa Verde District; 40 members; President: Sharon Ratterree
- ♥ Escalon Farmington Community Garden Club: Valley Lode District; 15 members; Co-Presidents: Annmarie Freeseha and Joan Tavares
- ♥ San Diego Bromeliad Society: Palomar District; 115 members; President: Scott Sandel

Associate Plant Societies:

- ♥ Gold Country Rose Society: 71 members; President: Cindy Phipps
- ♥ La Mesa Beautiful, Inc.: 50 members; President: Linda Morse



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.

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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

Check the website for updated forms and instructions

♥ Business Commendations Chairman: Launa Gould

Chairman: Launa Goul 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 promotional and informational materials and many are FREE*!

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

(Check the website for ordering details)

The Perfect Gift!

Carlotta Wixon-Welker, Life Membership Chairman

What can your club or district give to your officers or members in recognition of all they have done for your organization? It's simple...a CGCI Life Membership. This is a perfect "going out of office" gift for retiring officers or to honor special people for their years of service. As the name implies, it is for the life of the person you are honoring. Of course, you can treat yourself to a membership as well. Aren't you an honored member? Over the past year CGCI gained 27 new Life Members and added \$2,700 to the Scholarship Fund. Members also purchased three Pacific Region and four NGC Life Memberships. The forms are available online at

http://californiagardenclubs.com/LifeMemberships

or contact this chairman.

The following were ratified at the 2018 Convention:

CGCI:

Bettye Welsh Sue Deal Ann de Ayora
Pamela Fish Shirley Hodgson Iris Mayer
Carol Vallens Mona Solimini Joyce Humbley
Nancy Faisant Mary Berklich Vivian Poach

Pacific Region: Lois Brayton Mary Brooks

NGC: Gail Vanderhorst

New Shrubs for 2018 Judy Powers, New Cultivars Chairman

A non-invasive barberry: Researcher's at the University
of Connecticut and North Carolina University have
worked on breeding sterile and seedless varieties, so
they would be allowed in states where they are
banned. This new series of berry is called Worry Free.
Look for a compact burgundy colored one called Crim-





son Cutie and a gold-leafed one called Lemon Glow. The variety is a compact shrub, deer-resistant, drought tolerant, likes full sun to part shade, and makes a $3' \times 3'$ size. Both have beautiful leaves, one burgundy and the other a golden yellow.



• Smokebush Velveteeny is a new variety of smokebush with the purple-burgundy color of other smokebush, but it is a dwarf growing 3' x 4' tall and wide instead of 12' or more. Like other regular smokebush it likes to grow in full sun and well drained soil and it can be grown in a pot.

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





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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

Are you receiving WACONIAH, the newsletter of the Pacific Region? If not, you can subscribe here (it's FREE):

Plant America "Planting" Party

Julie A. West, NGC Liaison for Luther Burbank District of California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Petaluma Garden Club, Petaluma, CA received a 2018 NGC Plant America Grant to establish a 150 foot hedgerow along the northern border of the Sunrise Community Garden. The club is one of 28 winners out of 415 applications nationwide. The inspiration for this project was a club field trip to Singing Frogs Farm in 2017. The owner mentioned their success planting a hedgerow of flowering and fruit-bearing shrubs varying in height from five to eight feet to protect crops from insects because the hedgerow attracted a variety of beneficial insects and pollinators.

Once the grant application was accepted, Project Chairman, Deanna Statler, assembled a committee to research the plants needed that love full sun, heavy soil, summer watering and withstood afternoon winds. A variety of 30 shrubs, 21 perennials and 4 fruit trees were selected.

In March, the city of Petaluma's "Mulch Madness" program donated rolls of cardboard for sheet mulching along with several yards of wood chips to prepare for planting the 750 square foot space. The plants were ordered from a local wholesale nursery and delivered April 20. On April 21 nineteen volunteers, including garden club members, master gardeners, Sunrise Community gardeners, friends, family and grandchildren of all ages, began the planting. Once the plants were placed, numbers on fence and plants were double checked by Master Gardener Sue Calvert. Once planted, volunteers watered and spread fresh mulch.

Congratulations to Chairman Deanna Statler, committee members and planting volunteers. Deanna foresees a beautiful hedgerow that provides food for birds, butterflies and bees, shelter for other beneficial insects along with beauty and food for this neighborhood community garden.



Each 8 foot section of fence was numbered as were the 55 plants to be matched and placed by planting party volunteers.



Volunteers were divided into teams.





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Congratulations RYLEE JACKSON

Grand Prize Winner - NGC's Youth Poster Contest 2018 Rylee was sponsored by Southern California Garden Club



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 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!

The organic herb farmer was accused of dilly dallying around by his wife Rosemary, when he spent too much thyme trying to become a sage.

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"Discovering the GOLD in Valley Lode" A California Judges' Council NGC Standard Flower Show Kathy Bramhall, General Chairman

California Judges Council members created colorful eye-catching designs for their NGC Standard Flower Show "Discovering the GOLD in Valley Lode." It was held in conjunction with the CGCI Annual Convention June 3-7, 2018 in the mountains of Tuolumne County. Twelve standard-sized and 13 petite designs graced the lobby of the Black Oak Hotel. Downstairs in the Convention Center over 150 container plants, cut flowers, and cut branches demonstrated the horticulture abilities of the local Valley Lode District gardeners and a few others from around the State. Plus, four CGCI Chairmen graciously allowed us to use their educational displays as exhibits in the Flower Show.

In the Design Division the judges were awed by the outstanding designs. Marilyn Scheller won the Designer's Choice ribbon and the Award of Design Excellence for her "Springtime on the Claim" and the Petite Award was won by Susan Coolidge's 6-inch design "Ace is High".

The judging panels awarded blue ribbons galore and placed Top Exhibitor Awards on outstanding entries. Local member Jackie Portillo won the Award of Merit for her giant, beautifully formed Dill Flower in the Annuals Section and a second Award of Merit in the Roses Section for her colorful Floribunda spray 'Ketchup & Mustard'. The Arboreal Award was won by Michele Blomberg for her outstanding Jujube Tree cut-branch entry. Chris Collier's entry of a beautiful Asian Lily won the Award of Merit for the Perennial Section. Barbara Coelho's entry of an exotic Trichocereus cactus won the Grower's Choice Award for container plants and the Horticulture Excellence Award or the "Best of Show" for the Horticulture Division.

The Educational Award was won by Carol Vallens' Penny Pines display featuring a life-sized Smokey!

My thanks to all our exhibitors, judges, clerks and other helpers. Our hope is to make this Flower Show a biennial event in conjunction with the Convention in even-numbered years. Also thanks to CGCI President, Krystal Migliore; Convention Chairman, Bob Taylor; and Valley Lode District Director, Pamela Fish for supporting the California Judges Council in this effort.



Award of Design Excellence



Petite Award



Award of Horticulture Excellence Trichocereus carmorquensis 'crestata'

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BAY BRIDGES

San Leandro GC
Donor: Pat Martin \$68.00
Memory: Ken Martin
BUTTES
Paradise GC
CHANNEL ISLANDS
Pleasant Valley GC \$68.00
Memory: Arlene Blanchard
COSTA VERDE
Hermosa GC \$204.00
Honor: Diane Lewis, Barbara Clark,
Rita Cote
DIABLO FOOTHILLS
Clayton Valley GC\$68.00
Honor: Patty Remoy
Livermore Amador Valley GC
Donor: Elizabeth Judge \$68.00
Honor: Dot Bishop
GOLDEN FOOTHILLS
Chicago Park GC\$68.00
Honor: David and Ann Wallace
Roseville Better Gardens
Donor: Patricia A. Williams \$68.00
Honor: Lelia Bell Johnson

DONATIONS 2018

Total this month: \$4,012.00 Carol Vallens, Chairman

> Total January 1 to date: \$18,198.00

GREATER LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles GC	\$68.00
Memory: Thelma Kon	nasa
ORANGE COUNTY	
Laguna Beach GC	\$544.00
Honor: Debbie Sugg, (Cathy Bosko,
Natalie Harlow-Alison	ı, ElizaBeth
Chapel	

Honor. Debbie Jugg, Catrly Dosko,
Natalie Harlow-Alison, ElizaBeth
Chapel
ORANGE COUNTY
San Clemente GC\$340.00
Memory: Darlene Crittendon,
Ron Lissner, Roderick McChesney
San Juan Capistrano GC\$68.00
PALOMAR
Poway Valley GC \$68.00
Memory: Veronica "Ronnie" Dale
San Diego County Garden Guild \$68.00
Temecula Valley GC\$816.00
Honor: Janice Rosner, Debra Jones,
Nancy Waters, Judy Sundermann,
Joella Olson, Cheryl Reich, Jeanne
Roberts, Alma Lyon, Karolyn Marr,
Barbara Hayes, & all club members
Village GC of La Jolla \$1,020.00



SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY

Gardeners of the Grove \$68.00	
Geranium City GC \$68.00	
Honor: Guy Tigner	
Vaca Valley GC\$204.00	
Honor: Glenda Riddle, President,	
the Executive Board of Vaca Valley GC	٥,
& all Members	

Reminder: CGCI does not issue the certificates acknowledging Penny Pines donations or track checks. If you have guestions 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.

Donations 2017-18 to CGCI Official State Projects

J. David West, Donations Coordinator

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Total \$800

Chicago Park GC San Clemente GC Southern California GC

Blue Star Memorial Marker Fund Total \$165

Cactus Wren GC Cherry Blossom GC Linden Community GC Pinole GC

Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Total \$700

Organic GC San Clemente GC Southern California GC

Reforestation/Restoration Fund Total \$1,050

Desert Empire District Hermosa GC Oasis GC of Indian Wells Petaluma GC San Clemente GC Rosa Radicchi

Scholarship Fund **Total \$100**

Hermosa GC

Sempervirens Fund Total \$950 Alice Ribardo

Hermosa GC Kathy Trafani Linda Smith Linden Community GC Long Beach G Rosa Radicchi San Clemente GC San Jose GC

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