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From the President's Desk...

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
87th Annual Convention
June 4-7, 2018 in Tuolumne, CA
Hosted by Valley Lode District
"Going for the Gold"



Registration for the 2018 Annual Convention is now open.

- The package price when postmarked by **Friday, May 4 is only \$264** and includes your registration fee plus three lunches and three dinners.
- When postmarked between May 5 and May 18, the price for the same package is \$289.
- No registrations will be accepted on or after May 19 and no refunds after May 24, 2018.
- **SAVE when you register early.** Register NOW. Do not risk the chance of getting busy and forgetting.

Reserve Your Room ASAP

THE HOTEL at Black Oak Casino Resort

19400 Tuolumne Road, North, Tuolumne, CA 95379

Reservations: 877-747-8777

DEADLINE: May 13, 2018

Time passes so quickly it is difficult to believe that it is nearly time for our annual meeting, our convention. **June 4-7** will be here before we know it so don't delay, make your hotel reservations and submit your registration this week. Space is limited to 130 people for any meal or meeting.

The plan is for a memorable convention in Tuolumne and we hope you will join us for education fun, and fellowship. Our host, Valley Lode District has put together interesting workshops, activities, programs plus a few surprises. Their members look forward to sharing the Valley Lode experience.

Highlights:

- ♥ Special Guest: Peggy Olin, Director Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.
- ♥ NGC Standard Flower Show (Judges Council)
- ♥ Awards...awards...awards
- ♥ Workshops (photography, adaptive gardening, vegetables)
- ♥ Speakers (bird behavior, medicinal native plants, youth gardens)

Convention details and forms available at
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/nextmeeting>

I look forward to seeing all of you in Tuolumne as we GO FOR THE GOLD!
Krystal

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **May 21-24, 2018:** NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA
- **June 4-7, 2018:** CGCI Convention, Tuolumne, CA
Host: Valley Lode District

**CGCI Schools Chairmen**

Environmental: Shane Looper
slooper@sbcglobal.net

Flower Show: Gudrun Kimmel
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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

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.

- **May 4-6, 2018:** Flower Show Symposium. Best Western Grosvenor Hotel, So. San Francisco
- **June 25, 2018:** NGC Tri-Refresher, Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino. Information and registration form at <http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

Endowment Fundraisers**Julie West, Chairman, Board of Trustees**

The Endowment Committee is excited to announce a special fundraiser available at CGCI's 2018 Convention. Make a gift of **\$100 or more** to CGCI's endowment fund and you will receive the limited-edition canvas tote pictured here. These beautiful artistic tote bags, designed by Mary Lake Thompson in Oroville, make an excellent gift for incoming/outgoing club presidents while supporting both CGCI and Scholarship Endowment Funds (proceeds are split 50/50).



It's people like you who can really make a difference in supporting the two Endowments! Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$1,800 (\$900 for each fund.) Bring your donation to convention to further augment the objectives and purposes of CGCI and make a lasting contribution to the CGCI and Scholarship Endowment Funds.

Keep in mind that only a limited number of tote bags are available. If you would like to reserve your bag prior to convention with your pledged donation of \$100 or more, contact ajcarol@aol.com. Bring your pledged donation (payable to CGCI) when you pick up your reserved tote. The success of this fundraiser is determined by your generosity and support. We look forward to seeing you at CGCI's 2018 convention June 4-7!



BREAKING NEWS – California Garden Clubs, Inc. is the beneficiary of two tickets for a 2018-2019 *Golden State Warriors* game at Oracle Arena in Oakland donated to specifically raise money for the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund during Convention. A certificate with details on how to claim these **FREE** tickets goes to the highest bidder. Bring your checkbook for this priceless experience to see the 2017 NBA Champions in person!

HELP! What do I do?**Greg Pokorski, CGCI Parliamentarian.**

Questions from clubs and districts often ask what *Robert's Rules* says about an issue. What is more important is what **your bylaws say**, and if the issue is fully addressed in your bylaws *Robert's Rules* may be irrelevant. So when asking questions about your specific organization please send a copy of the bylaws (or at least the relevant sections of the bylaws) for review. Thanks for your cooperation.

If April showers bring May flowers...
What do May flowers bring?



PILGRIMS!!!

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 Herring
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

Best Western Grosvenor Hotel

380 S. Airport Blvd, South San Francisco

Note the change in location

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 registrants get front row seats, after students. Brochures will be available soon.

Join us for Summer School

Greg Pokorski, President, Southern California Garden Club

"It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"

June 25, 2018 - 7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m

Sepulveda Garden Center in Encino

Southern California Garden Club is sponsoring an educational event open to everyone which will also serve as a NGC Tri-Refresher. The day will feature eight lectures (by six instructors) and interactive exercises covering an analytical look at our neighborhoods, including our backyards, community and school gardens and the new urban forest.

A NGC Tri-Refresher allows NGC Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants in good standing to refresh their credentials. They may refresh for credit as often as once each calendar year and must refresh by the end of the fifth calendar year after becoming a consultant or last refreshing. This refresher is important to all consultants, but especially to those whose credentials are due to lapse on December 31, 2018. This is the only California refresher currently scheduled in 2018. Check with your CGCI schools chairmen: Shane Looper (Environmental Schools), Greg Pokorski (Gardening Schools), and Alexis Slafer (Landscape Design Schools) about your consultant status and eligibility to refresh.

The registration form is posted on the CGCI website calendar. Contact Registrar Robin Pokorski, cgciRobin@gmail.com, 818-361-7873.

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
9003 County Road 6470
West Plains, MO 65775

♥ **Honor Book**

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

♥ **Life Memberships**

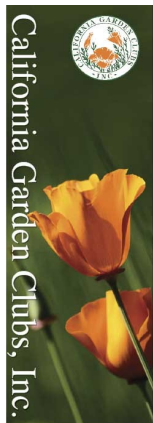
Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker
14216 Karry's Place
Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ **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)

Tips on cleaning cacti and succulents (from the Fresno Cactus & Succulent Society newsletter):

Use small, soft brushes for removing dust and spider webs; ½" paint brushes are good, or even smaller for plants with closer-set spines.



Tweezers are good for:

- Getting out leaves and those pollen packets that have been blowing around;
- Removing spent blooms—but only if they come off easily—otherwise this can scar the plant;
- Picking perlite out of your top dressing.

Fill a spray bottle with distilled water (it doesn't spot the plants as regular tap water does). For hard water spots, dip a Q-tip in white vinegar and rub gently, then spray with distilled water.

Cleaning pots with plants in them:

- Plastic/ceramic pots can often just be wiped off with water. If they have mineral/salt deposits, you can spray a cloth with Pam, dab it on, wait a bit and then scrape off.
- Smooth and terra cotta/clay pots: wipe with wet cloth (leached salt usually wipes off easily if you keep up with it [don't let it build up]); scrub gently with a brush.

Easy diagram on creating a 3 tier planter

From Debbie Barker, Roseville
Better Gardens Club



CGCI hosted an information and membership booth at the 2018 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show. Thanks to all who volunteered and/or visited the booth.

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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:

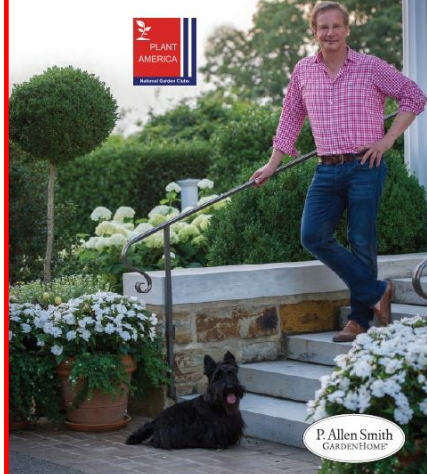
- Ames Garden Tools
 - Blue & Gold Star Memorials
 - US Botanic Butterfly Garden
 - School Gardens
 - Spring Planting for Butterflies
 - Water Projects
- (Go to gardenclub.org for details on these and other projects)

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

April 2019, California

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

californiagardenclubs.com/cgcinewsletters

Inspiring Gardens Across America

The new Plant America project, **Inspiring Gardens Across America**, includes three different collections of plants selected by P. Allen Smith. Each item was chosen for the special features in its hybridization for performance or beauty, or for its limited availability in the general marketplace.

Please note that select plant items will be shipped when it is appropriate for your growing zone. Plant orders should be placed separately from regular Member Service item orders.

Go to the NGC website for details and ordering information.



Peony Flowering Daylily Collection



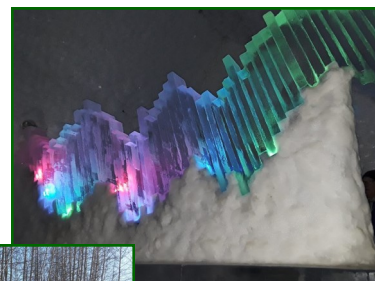
Succulents in wooden stand



Sunpatiens "Razzle Dazzle" Collection

Scenes from the 2018 Pacific Region convention...

Invitation to the 2019 convention in CALIFORNIA



Alaska's Ice Museum!



Springtime in Alaska?

Have you completed the CGCI Personnel Form?
 The Nominating Committee **WANTS YOU!**
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/personnel-form>

**WE WANT YOU!**

The Contorted Corylus

Cathy Wilson, Red Bluff Garden Club

Along with spring comes life back into the garden. A favorite early spring shrub is actually a small grafted tree known as Henry Lauders Walking Stick or *Corylus avellana* 'Contorta'. During the winter it is truly an ornamental specimen showing off its twisted branches in corkscrew patterns. Even the young twigs are curlicued. And, as if this wasn't enough to delight the senses, in April it develops 2-3 inch pendulous catkins draping from the contorted branches. It is truly spectacular!



It is named after an internationally known Scottish singer and comedian named Henry Lauder who actually performed with a crooked cane. It is also referred to as a corkscrew filbert or contorted hazelnut. It is an ornamental so it does not produce nuts. It is also deer resistant. It should be used as a prominent feature accent in the garden.

Floral designers love this shrub using the gnarled branches in their designs. One can simply clip the corkscrew branches and place them in a vase to create a unique display. They will dry out and last for years. They can also be spray-painted to match the colors of a design or décor.

This shrub grows well in zones 4-9 and prefers to be planted in well drained soil. Since it is a grafted shrub, suckers can become a problem and must be pruned when they appear.



Discovering the GOLD in Valley Lode

Kathy Bramhall, Cascade District Director

Join us at the Convention for the California Judges' Council Standard Flower Show "Discovering the GOLD in Valley Lode." It will be in the main Lobby of the Hotel and in the Pre-convention Area downstairs.

You can

- enter horticulture or design,
- help with placement—just show up!
- be a judge—contact Kathy Bramhall,
- be a clerk—contact Jill Cruz,
- or just enjoy the show.

Bring horticulture or design entries between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 4.

Designs will also be accepted between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 3. (This

is new information; the Hotel has another event going on in the Convention Center on Sunday so we can't get into the Convention Area until Monday.)

Horticulture classes will include:

- cut specimens - Roses, Annuals, Perennials, Arboreal Branches,
- container plants—bring your "babies" and show us what you do!

Design - three classes in Designer's Choice and three in Petite. We must have four entries in each class to give the NGC Award Ribbons—enter and show us your creative skills!

The Schedule is available on the Home Page of the CGCI website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/>

Contact Kathy Bramhall at jnkbramhall@gmail.com or Carolyn Hoyum at hoyumshut@frontiernet.net for more information. Come JOIN us at the Convention!

P.S. There will be a CGCI Judges Council Meeting immediately following the judging on Monday, June 4 at 5:15 p.m.





DONATIONS 2018
Total this month: \$2,448.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$10,474.00

**BAY BRIDGES**

Pinole GC\$68.00
 Memory: Patricia McDonald

BAY OCEAN

Belmont GC \$204.00

BUTTES

Paradise GC Inc.\$136.00

DIABLO FOOTHILLS

Blackhawk Bloomers\$68.00
 Honor: Sharon Jones

Clayton Valley GC\$68.00

Honor: Toni and Doug Hegemier

Livermore-Amador Valley GC\$136.00

Honor: Dolores Bengston,
 Lois Barber

GREATER LOS ANGELES

It's Garden Thyme\$272.00

Honor: Larry Smith, Anza Smith,
 Margaret Loughner, Mary Sinclair

LUTHER BURBANK

District.....\$68.00

ORANGE COUNTY

Huntington Harbour GC\$68.00

Honor: Wynne Hayes

PALOMAR

Bridge & Bay GC.....\$136.00

Carlsbad GC\$68.00

Fallbrook GC\$68.00

Memory: Laverne Christianson

Temecula Valley GC

Michael Naggar\$204.00

Honor: All Special Needs

Children of Temecula, All Citizens
 of Temecula, Autism Awareness

San Carlos GC\$68.00

Honor: Tana Wilson

ROADRUNNER

Hesperia GC \$204.00

Honor: Randy Arrowsmith

Memory: Ruth Scott, Beverly Dudley

SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY

District \$68.00

Memory: Brian Fong

Folsom GC \$340.00

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 Dwyer, Janis Erickson, Jessica Hodge,
 Denise Martinez

Shibui Arrangers Guild \$68.00

Memory: Amy Chun

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Southern California GC \$68.00

Honor: Krystal Migliore

SANTA CLARA VALLEY

South Valley Fleurs GC \$68.00

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.

Reminder:

District Directors, Chairmen and Officers,

Your budget allows for reimbursements within the CGCI year which ends on June 30, 2018. If you intend to be reimbursed for your expenses, please send your receipts with the reimbursement form available online.

- Go to <http://californiagardenclubs.com/Forms> and scroll down to the CGCI Board Members section. Click on CGCI Board: Request for Payment or Reimbursement

Send in your expenses ASAP to be processed. Receipts cannot be reimbursed after June 30 for expenses made now. Contact me with your questions. Thank you for helping the end-of-year process work efficiently.

Launa Gould, CGCI Financial Secretary

Launag@cox.net, C: 949-275-3974

**President's Travel Schedule**

May 10 Roadrunner District, Lucerne Valley

May 20-24 NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA

May 28 Tentative-Cuyucos Garden Club Blue Star
 Dedication

June 4-8 CGCI's 87th Annual Convention, Tuolumne

June 18 San Fernando Valley District, Encino

June 19 Southern California Garden Club, Encino

