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The summer flew by and fall is following right behind and moving quickly. What did your president do in the last two months? A bit of this and that.

Running the Floriculture building for the fourth year at the Butte County Fair provided opportunities to meet new people and to hear their comments and suggestions for next year. When fair-goers voted for People's Choice they went small.



♥ People's Choice winner was Ruben Rodate (a member of Green Thumb Garden Club of Gridley) for his Bonsai entry.

♥ People's Choice 2nd Place went to Lake Oroville Area Garden Club member, Ilene Herrer, for her fairy garden. Both Ruben and Ilene manned a "The Fair-Butte County Style" table during the 2017 Fall Board Meeting in Oroville.



♥ The Judges Choice was awarded to Stephanie Willow, Green Thumb Garden Club of Gridley, for her absolutely stunning Angel Wing Begonia.

The 2018 Fall Board Meeting (FBM) hosted by Golden Foothills District September 11-14, in Auburn was a success. Thank you to 2018 FBM Chairman, Nina Blonski; Golden Foothills District Director, Ann Wallace; and all the district volunteers. On the last night of the FBM, Flower Show Symposia co-Chairmen Lili Aram-Bost and Mary Arakelian went head-to-head with the Floral Design Challenge. The designers created their own designs while using the same tools and plant material. Who won? We all did!



During the FBM tour to Easley Nursery we noticed a great idea for a rack to hold gardening tools. A simple wood pallet was attached to the wall. The tools can be inserted in the top or in one of the lower openings. The tour was informative and we had the opportunity to watch an employee take a flat of approximately 1000 seedlings and begin transplanting to 6-packs. She was speedy and efficient.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Fall Board meeting was held in Orlando September 26-28.

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **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
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Gardening: Greg Pokorski,
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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 15-16 & 17-18, 2019**
Environmental School Courses
3 & 4 Chula Vista
Host: Chula Vista Garden Club

Questions about NGC Schools?
Contact any of the
Chairmen listed above

On the road again....

- September 24: GTEP Chairman, Ilene Herringer and this President participated in the Valley Lode Districts' "Hot Topics" workshop held at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock. Speakers were:
 - ◇ Berni Hendrix - how to submit CGCI awards applications.
 - ◇ GTEP Chairman, Ilene Herringer - how to determine if a club is in compliance and are up-to-date with the filing of all required reports.
 - ◇ Tarah Beaven, a leading photographer of mothers-to-be, new mothers, new-borns and mother with child in the San Francisco Bay area. Tara's degree in publicity and her experience are responsible for helping her to break into the photography business. She shared information that will work for garden clubs as well.
 - ◇ Attendees also had an opportunity for a hands-on activity...making a ribbon corsage with a Halloween theme.
- October 5: The Philanthropic Education Organization (Sacramento) learned more about CGCI, our organizations and objectives. They especially wanted to learn more about our scholarships.
- October 10: Visiting Yosemite Gateway District in Merced was quite a treat. The energy in this district is on an upswing and new members have joined. One club announced that they were going to have a baby. That is not something we usually hear about a garden club. The mom-to-be (a club member) was excited about the baby and the garden club experience. One member shared that after the meeting there was a renewed feeling of hope and felt it was possible for them to increase membership. The district made a contribution to the 2017-2019 President's Project: Sustainable and Ever-growing Scholarships. Thank you!
- October 16: Roseville Better Gardens Club celebrated its 90th anniversary. Photo L-R: City of Roseville Mayor, Susan Rohan; Roseville Better Gardens Club President, Anita Urie; Golden Foothills District Director, Ann Wallace; and CGCI President Krystal Migliore. Attending the celebration were former presidents from 1994 to the present. Educational exhibits and history books were on display during the celebration. Congratulations to the members of Roseville Better Gardens Club. Just imagine 90 years.
- October 19: An official visit to Humboldt District. The meeting was very informative and well-attended. There were plants for sale; decorated pumpkin and succulent centerpieces won; and awards for outstanding projects presented. Each of the eight clubs in the district received the Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement. Humboldt District and their clubs made a sizeable donation to the 2017-2019 President's Project: Sustainable and Ever-growing Scholarships. Thank you!



There will be more to come in the next issue.

GTEP reminder: 199-N and 990-N must be filed by November 15 for clubs on a fiscal year of July 1-June 30. This is required for GTEP.

NOTE: Have you received a letter of revocation from the California FTB? If so, please send a copy or scan and send by email to GTEP Chairman, Ilene Herringer. GTEP@cagradenclubs.com

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



Environmental School Mark your calendar!

Are you interested in protecting and conserving the living earth? Consider becoming an Environmental Consultant. The NGC Environmental School teaches participants environmental literacy, appreciation of the natural world, encourages action for sustainable development and appreciation for the interrelation of all natural things. Particular emphasis is placed on land and water conservation and air quality.

NGC Environmental School

Living Coast Discovery Center,

1000 Gunpowder Point Dr., Chula Vista, CA 91910

Host: Chula Vista Garden Club

Chairman: Michael Biedenbender, papa2j2@cox.net

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

July 15-16, 2019 - Course 3; July 17-18, 2019 - Course 4

Information/registration form: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar> (click on the "Official Calendar/NGC Schools" tab).

Having a Flower Show in 2019?

By Pat Claves, Flower Show Awards Chairman

If your group is holding a flower show, please remember to register your show with CGCI. Here is the link:

[Flower Show Registration](#)

And, don't forget to add your special event on the CGCI Calendar of Events. Here is the link to submit your event to the calendar: [Calendar Request Form](#)

If you have any questions about registering your show, please contact this Chairman, Pat Claves at patclaves@aol.com.



Design by
Shane Looper

Membership Matters

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED DUES FOR THE 2018-19 YEAR?

If you have not, your organization is ineligible for Liability Insurance, Group Tax Exemption Program and Awards.

Forms are available at:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/Forms>.

REMEMBER: 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**

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards>

♥ **Business Commendations**

Chairman: Launa Gould
Online request form

♥ **California Consultants Council**

Consultant of the Year Award:

Julie West, 850 Grandview Road
Sebastopol 95472-2930

*Gardening Consultants &
Landscape Design Awards:*

Sue Bennett, 7560 Shelborne Dr
Granite Bay 95746-8617

♥ **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)

The Race isn't over. Three offices are still open...**By Sue Bennett, Chairman, Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is in the final process of filling the Executive Committee positions for the 2019-2021 CGCI term. *The following offices are still open: Communications Director, Treasurer and Financial Secretary.* (job descriptions are below)

The committee counts on all of you to help with candidate referrals. If there is any person in your district or club, including YOURSELF, who has good leadership, communication and financial skills and would be interested in serving on the CGCI Executive Committee for the 2019-2021 term, please e-mail me their name so that the committee may invite them to be interviewed at the Winter Board Meeting, Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2019 in San Diego, CA. Interested parties can also complete and submit the Personnel Form: Go to: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/personnel-form>

The Committee Members are looking forward to hearing from you: Milly Benson, Carolyn Hoyum, Marlene Kinney, Brenda Leal, Kathy Taylor de Murillo, Bonnie Smith and Sue Bennett.

Position descriptions:

- The Communications Director shall oversee:
 - ◇ Creation and distribution of publications including, but not limited to *Golden Gardens eNews*, *Yearbook*, *Manual & Roster*, press releases and brochures; and
 - ◇ The website.
- The Treasurer should have the following experience/qualifications:
 - ◇ Basic bookkeeping skills/background including online banking
 - ◇ Knowledge of QuickBooks and a variety of software and online tools (MS Excel, MS Word, email etc.)
 - ◇ Knowledge of federal and state laws and the requirements for non-profit/tax exempt organizations (the CGCI treasurer is the resource for instructions/guidance to member organizations)
 - ◇ Good organizational and communication skills – responsive to deadlines, able to prepare required financial statements and respond to questions
 - ◇ Budget Experience - planning/preparing budgets; reviewing financial goals

CGCI will provide

QuickBooks software including 24/7 online support, if needed
CGCI email account (for official business)
Mentoring and assistance

You will need to provide

Computer with direct internet connection (no dial-up) and Printer

- The Financial Secretary should have the following experience/qualifications:
 - ◇ Knowledge of a variety of software and online tools (MS Excel, MS Word, email etc.)
 - ◇ Great with details and numbers
 - ◇ Good organizational and communication skills – responsive to deadlines, able to prepare required financial statements and respond to questions
 - ◇ Budget Experience - planning/preparing budgets; reviewing financial goals
 - ◇ Leadership skills as Chairman of Budget & Finance Committee
 - ◇ Maintaining Important Papers Binder
 - ◇ Maintaining the US Bank Account and any other Accounts
 - ◇ Familiar with Bylaws and Standing Rules for any changes

You will need to provide

Computer with direct internet connection (no dial-up) and Printer

NOTE: Elections are held in odd-numbered years. Forms are accepted through January 1 of those years. RUN FOR A POSITON NOW!

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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 5-10 2019, Van Nuys, California

Are you receiving *WACONIAH*, the
 newsletter of the Pacific Region?

If not, you can subscribe here
 (it's FREE):

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

NGC Tour: Best of the Canadian Rockies

August 18-25, 2019

By geological standards, the Canadian Rockies are a relatively young mountain range, and because they are remote, they are essentially unspoiled. Join us for a journey through some of the most untouched, most breathtaking natural beauty on the planet as well as a visit to some of Canada's most charming cities and small towns.

Reservation deadline: December 1, 2018

Tour Chairman Mary Ann Bryant 770-893-1570

Information and itinerary available at

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/> (under "Hot Off the Press")

NGC's Vision of Beauty

Vision of Beauty, is a flower arrangement and engagement calendar created by NGC as a major fundraiser and public relations tool for both NGC and its members. Members of NGC-affiliated clubs are invited to submit photos of all types of designs. Photos of a small area of your garden, such as a "pocket garden", are also accepted. The 2019 *Vision of Beauty* is available from CGCI State Pins & Misc. Sales Chairman, Hank Vanderhorst (gg411@pacbell.net) or you may order copies directly from NGC member services at <http://www.shopgardenclub.org/shop/>



Congratulations to the CGCI floral designers featured in the 2019 *Vision of Beauty*!

- ♥ Lisa Ayala, Furu Floral Designers (June & October)
- ♥ Eileen Chun, Bay Area Floral Arrangers Guild (BAFG) (March)
- ♥ Nancy Colvin, Furu Floral Designers (March, May, October & December)
- ♥ Cheryl Feuerborn, OFAD & BAFG (September)
- ♥ Jan Goehring, Sacramento Floral Design (January & March)
- ♥ Marilyn Gross, OFAD (October)
- ♥ Dolores Moffat, OFAD, Furu Floral Designers & BAFG (February)

NGC has developed a brief *Vision of Beauty* Questionnaire soliciting information from our members attached to this issue of *Golden Gardens eNews*. Please take a moment to complete it and send your responses to NGC *Vision of Beauty* Chairman, Brenda Bingham. You may return your completed form by email or US Mail as indicated on the questionnaire.

Soaring to New Heights



Pacific Region Garden Clubs 2019 Convention

By Sue Bennett, Chairman

Save the dates! Friday, April 5 - Wednesday, April 10, 2019

In the September issue, it was mentioned the Diablo Foothills District was responsible for Raffle Items – unfortunately, they will not be able to help; if your district can step in and help, let Sue Bennett know ASAP.

Reminders:

- **Airtel Plaza Hotel**, 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406, 818-997-7676
- **Room rate - \$99/night (includes breakfast)**
- **Pre-Convention Tours – optional Friday, April 5 & Saturday, April 6**
- **Convention (including Organization Meeting) Sunday, April 7-Wednesday, April 10**
 Yes – this is the same hotel hosting the 2019 CGCI Convention.

CGCI Awards

By Lynne Batchelor, Awards Chairman (please note the NEW chairman)

Can you believe the holidays are upon us and you know what that means—awards!!!

The deadline is **December 1** to have your awards in the mail. The good news is that there are *no changes to awards this year*, so just continue your winning ways from last year. If you didn't apply for awards last year, why ever not? After all you are already doing the fabulous work, so please use the awards process to share your ideas with us so that we can all learn and grow.



As an added bonus not only are your club's achievements recognized and acknowledged state-wide (and in some cases even regionally and nationally) but your club can win cash which you can then invest in even more projects! And so the circle of great work continues enriching your community.

Just a reminder to look at the evaluation sheets, so you won't miss a vital piece which could cause you to lose points. All of our clubs are involved in many worthwhile projects and programs so don't forget to return your blue ribbon checklist to your district director for recognition at awards night.

We also will be honoring outstanding members, so please go to the awards pages, look at the criteria for special awards and nominate a worthy candidate from your club or district. Finally, if you haven't done awards in several years you will be delighted by how simple the application process has become so just do it!

The list and description of awards are available in the CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* (pages 63-80) and the Awards Manual available at <http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards>. All evaluation forms are also available online in the awards section.

Creating a Fire-Safe Landscape

By Nancy Compton

While attending a convention out of state I was seated at a table with attendees from New England. One woman questioned my companion about California's weather, stating that she likes living in a place with four seasons. My companion replied that in California we do have four seasons: "Autumn, winter, spring, and fire." While this response elicited chuckles around the table, it did speak to our new reality: the growing prevalence of wildfires.

According to CAL FIRE, there are steps that we, as responsible gardeners and homeowners, can take to make our homes more fire safe. Creating a buffer between a building (your home) and the grass, trees, shrubbery, or any wildland area surrounding it is paramount. We can begin by sweeping or raking all pine needles, dry leaves, pine cones, twigs, branches, weeds, and any other debris that could serve as fuel to a fire. Remove branches that hang over your roof and keep dead branches at least ten feet away from your chimney. Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks.

While there are no fire-proof plants, there are plants that are considered fire-safe because they have the following characteristics:

- High moisture content in leaves
- Little or no seasonal accumulation of dead vegetation
- Open branching habits
- Fewer total branches and leaves
- Slow growing, so less pruning is required
- Non-resinous material on the plant (i.e. stems, leaves, or needles that are not resinous, oily, or waxy). Junipers, pines, spruces, and firs are resinous and highly flammable

Often you will find that fire resistant plants are also native plants, as they have adapted to the various climates within our state and typically are considered low-water users. The next time you replace your plants, think about these fire-resistant beauties:

French Lavender



Red Monkey Flower

Both of these plants are fire resistant and thrive in dry growing conditions. The Red Monkey Flower is a California native, and the lavender is consistent with Mediterranean growing conditions which are prevalent throughout our state from Cape Mendocino to Baja and east to the Sierra Nevada Mountains. If you live at a high elevation or in the Mojave Desert, you may need to find plants more appropriate to your region.

One of my personal favorites, the California Fuchsia has bright orange-red funnel-shaped flowers. This perennial is fire safe and needs little or no water once established. Plant, step back, and just watch the hummingbirds come. Sage is a low-maintenance plant that provides fire resistance while being drought tolerant.

California Fuchsia



Sage

Other good choices include the California Lilac, a colorful, native, fire-resistant shrub which is covered in small purple flowers when in bloom; Society Garlic, which is fire-safe and requires little water (although some find the aroma objectionable); Ornamental Strawberry, a fire-resistant groundcover which can offer a lush look to your landscape, and Ice Plant, a very low-growing groundcover with succulent, green foliage.

Check your local nursery, landscape contractor, or county's UC Cooperative Extension service for advice on fire-resistant plants that are well suited for your area. While nothing can guarantee that our homes will never burn, the more we do to lessen the amount of fuel available from our landscapes, the stronger our chances are of alleviating major damage and ensuring the safety of our families and our communities.

Sources: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE); University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

President's Project Report

By Carolyn Hoyum, Chairman

It was a pleasure to have so many of you come to the "Garden Club of Yesteryears" table at the 2019 Fall Board Meeting to support the President's project "Sustainable and Ever-Growing Scholarships." Purchasing vintage items of jewelry, gloves, hats, tea cups and linens that possibly could have been at a garden club meeting many years ago brought in nearly \$300.00. This brings the project total to about \$6500!!! Thank You, Thank you all who contributed at that meeting and prior. It is just amazing what we can do as a group!



September started a new year for most garden clubs so please don't forget to put this project in your budget or vote to add to this fund. Scholarships are important to many students and we are all interested in horticulture. Let's help give those kids a chance by supporting this fund. Again, thank you, all of you for donating whatever way you have. It is appreciated!!

And speaking of scholarships...

The **Roseville Better Gardens Club** recently announced the second year of its Scholarship Program. The club is offering this educational opportunity to help college students pursuing a horticulture-related Bachelor's or Master's degree. One-year scholarships are available for an award amount of \$500. Post-mark deadline is **May 1, 2019**. The scholarship application packet is available on the CGCI website at <http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/rbgc-scholarship-program>



I can't tell the difference between a rose and a dandelion. So when it came time to fix up my garden, I had no clue which plants to keep and which ones to remove. Until, that is, my mother gave me this handy tip: "Pull them all up. If it comes back, it's a weed."



DONATIONS 2018
Total this month: \$3,400.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$29,826.00

**BAY BRIDGES**

Pinole Garden Club\$68.00
 Honor: Jody Popke

BUTTES

Paradise GC\$136

CASCADE

Lake California Garden Club\$136
 Honor: Lake California Boosters,
 Georgia Dickson
 Donor: Carol Gibbs\$136
 Memory: Mary Evans, Cleveland
 Evans Sr.
 Donor: Marnie Gasik\$68
 Memory: Bud Ayers

CHANNEL ISLANDS

Westlake Village GC\$272
 Honor: Westlake Village Garden Club
 50th Anniversary

COSTA VERDE

Hermosa GC\$68
 Honor: Judy Parnin

DESERT EMPIRE

Desert Rose GC of California City\$68
 Honor: MaryAnn LeBlanc
 Memory: Jean Paul LeBlanc

DIABLO FOOTHILLS

Livermore Amador Valley GC \$68
 Memory: David Oakley

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS

Organic GC of Sacramento County . \$136
 Honor: Linda Holmes, Elsie Player

MONTANA DE ORO

Multiflora Garden Club \$408.00
 Honor: Karen Capadona, Linda Howe,
 Tom O'Malley, Karen Russu,,Cathy
 Van Orman, Marcia Walker

ORANGE COUNTY

Mission Viejo GC \$272
 San Juan Capistrano GC \$136

PALOMAR

Bernardo Gardeners \$68
 Memory: Robert Lincoln Kelly

SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY

Arden Park GC \$136
 Memory: Paula Munson,
 Ember Kelberlau

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Burbank-Valley Garden Club \$68.00
 Honor: Sharon Springer

SANTA CLARA VALLEY

Marina Tree & GC \$136

Honor: Planet Earth

South Valley Fleurs GC\$68

TOP O' THE STATE

McCloud GC\$612

McCloud GC\$136

Honor: Margaret Stoner

VALLEY LODGE

Patterson GC\$136

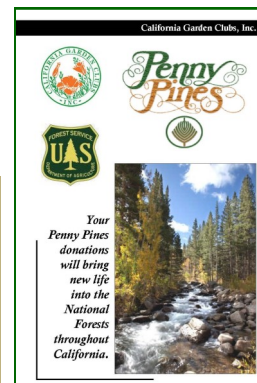
Memory: Helen Hanson,

Mitsui Yamamoto

Tuolumne County GC\$68

Memory: Robert Richardson

Penny Pines pamphlet: go to
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/pennypines>,
 scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the
 link. download and print / have printed as many copies
 as needed.

**New Organization Locator App**

By Jane McKee, Communications Director

There is a new "Locator App" now available on the website. The software allows the user to search for member organizations by **city OR zip code**. The locator will deliver information on up to 10 organizations within a 25 mile radius of the search criteria. The resulting list includes a "Directions" button that will open a Google map with specific direction instructions.

Effective October 1, 2018 **ALL member organizations in good standing** (dues paid) are included in the locator list as a benefit of your membership and to facilitate potential members finding you!

Please review your listing - go to <http://californiagardenclubs.com/organizationlocator> and type in the city or zip code pertinent to your organization.

- If the information is incorrect or you would like to add something (description, meeting location etc.) complete and submit the [Locator Update Form](#)
- If for any reason your organization does not want to be listed, send an email requesting removal to cgci@cagardenclubs.com.

Vision of Beauty Questionnaire

The NGC publication, *Vision of Beauty*, is a major fundraiser and PR tool for National Garden Clubs. The NGC *Vision of Beauty* Calendar Committee would like information from our membership.

Please distribute the following questionnaire to your membership through Clubs, FSS, and Judges Councils.

Responses may be returned to:

ngcvob@gmail.com or by mail to: Brenda Bingham, 7 Lenape Trail, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009.

1. What is your main reason for purchasing *Vision of Beauty*? (Check one)
☐ Design inspiration
☐ Calendar
☐ Fund raising
2. Would you like to see a different format?
(Change from a calendar to a collection of photos of members flower designs, botanical art, and member's gardens. Reduce the number of pages devoted to calendar and increase numbers of photos, etc.)
3. Include Junior Gardeners section (Youth designs and gardens)?
4. Would you like to see a different entry process?
5. How is the Calendar distributed and sold in your state?