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CGCI Fall Board Meeting - September 11-14, Auburn CA

Host: Golden Foothills District

Theme: *Treasures of the Golden Foothills*

Highlights:

Workshops: *A Cultivating Practice for Gardeners; Create a Bird Nesting Materials Bag; Garden Knowledge Game*

Programs: *Birds of the Sierra Nevada; Harvesting and Preserving our Treasures; New NGC Designs: Cascade, Grouped Mass, Challenge and Featured plant material; Sierra Gold Chorus (Sweet Adelines)*

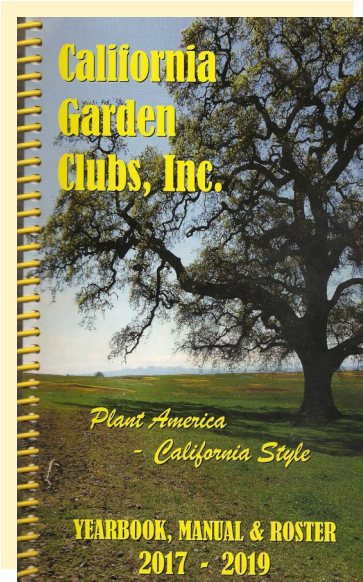
Tour: Easley Nursery --- Behind the scenes tour of the propagation of vegetable and flowers using seeds and cuttings

YEARBOOK, MANUAL & ROSTER

By Elisabeth Tufo, Chairman

A new Yearbook, Manual & Roster will not be published this year, 2018-2019. The CGCI Board of Directors is conducting a trial on the feasibility of publishing only one yearbook per presidential term. The outcome of this trial will be determined by vote at the 2019 CGCI Convention in Van Nuys.

There are plenty of extra copies of the 2017-2019 yearbook available. District directors may collect complementary copies for their new presidents/co-presidents at the Fall Board Meeting in Auburn, September 11-14. There will also be an update sheet, available to all, of the Calendar and any position/address changes on the Board of Directors.



Website update...

The list of clubs by district, including the names and email addresses of the 2018-19 presidents, has been updated with the information received to date. If your president is not listed it indicates that no Annual Contact Form has been submitted.

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **September 11-14, 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
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

- **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

NGC Leadership Workshops

- October 23, 2018: Roadrunner District
- October 27, 2018: New England Region

Apply For CGCI Photo Awards 2018

By B.J. Doerfling, Photography Chairmen

Do you take photos of public or private gardens including your own? Have you considered applying for a CGCI Photography Award? All rules and forms are available on the CGCI website, www.californiagardenclubs.com/awards.

The numbering of the awards changed in 2017. The **Wildflower Photo Award** is now number 25D and the **Arboretum/Botanic Garden Photo Collection** is now number 41. Both of these awards require a book of evidence and all the requirements are available online.

- **Award #40** is the easiest and the most popular to enter. It is for a single photo in one of a variety of flower/plant categories: 1. Your own garden, 2. A cactus/succulent you grow, 3. Your own rose, 4. A flowering tree/shrub you grow, and 5. One photo of a California arboretum or botanic garden. You can enter up to two photos in each of these five categories.
- **Submission:**
 - ◇ Insert a 5" x 7" or 8" x 10" photo into a plastic page protector
 - ◇ On the reverse side insert a CGCI Awards Application Form. Include award number and name, submitted by, date, name of club and district *plus* data requested on the Evaluation Form for Award #40. For example: if you submit a rose photo describe where and how it is grown, the name and the type of rose, be it a hybrid tea, miniature, etc.
 - ◇ An Evaluation Form (used for judging) is also submitted with each entry and it too is available online...just fill out your information at the bottom of the page, place it in an envelope and insert it also into the plastic page protector. All entries need to be postmarked by **Dec. 1, 2018**.

Any questions, call B. J. Doerfling at 818-991-0581.

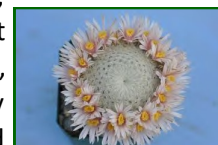
This year...go for it!

MAMMILLARIA PECTINIFERA

By Sue Haffner, President, Fresno Cactus & Succulent Society

Photos - Elton Roberts

This is a beautiful, distinctive little mammillaria. Its tightly packed tubercles and comb-like spines on a short cylindrical stem give it an overall white appearance. The flowers are whitish to shell pink, 2-3 cm. in diameter. *Mammillaria pectinifera* is native to two small areas in the state of Puebla, Mexico. It has for years been considered threatened in habitat due to mining of rock for construction, rubbish dumping, cattle grazing and illegal collecting. A 2017 research study found genetic problems in the extant population which could lead to its extinction. The species is protected from export on Appendix I of CITES. Some books describe the species as hard to grow. However, Elton Roberts writes: "I keep the plants dry over the winter in regular soil mix. Since getting rid of the limestone and changing from alkaline water to acidic water the plants have grown very well. Give a good watering and then allow the soil to dry before watering again. Give the plants good light and a little shading from the afternoon heat. The white spines reflect most of the heat back away from the body and the bright light keeps the plant growing good with nice dense spines."



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

AmazonSmile

By Launa Gould, Chairman, Budget & Finance Committee

Do you place online orders from Amazon? Did you know that you can support California Garden Clubs, Inc.—Graton, CA through AmazonSmile? <https://smile.amazon.com> is the same Amazon you know - same products, same prices, same service. It is a simple and automatic way for you to support CGCI—Graton, CA every time you shop, at no cost to you with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to CGCI.



Can you use your existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile? Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List and other account settings are also the same including Prime membership, if applicable.

How does it work?

- ♥ On your first visit to AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com>), select the charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. You can easily track your individual impact.

♦ NOTE: Be sure to select the listing designated as "Graton, CA"

- ♥ The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping and handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes or service charges.

While the donation amount may seem small, it adds up. Almost one million eligible 501(c)(3) charities have received \$89,030,554.80 as of May 2018. One member alone has generated \$9.51 to CGCI since February 20, 2018. Imagine the potential with over 20,000 members who belong to CGCI...what will your AmazonSmile impact be for California Garden Clubs, Inc. – Graton, CA? We hope you will consider supporting this easy charitable opportunity by signing up today.

Membership Matters



October 1 is the deadline to submit dues or become ineligible for Liability Insurance, Group Tax Exemption Program and Awards.

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.

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
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**

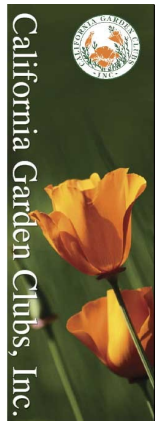
Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker
14216 Karry's Place
Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ **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 promo-
tional and informa-
tional materials and
many are FREE*!

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

(Check the website for
ordering details)

San Jose GC plant sale nets \$12,000. The annual two-day fundraiser set a record for the sale of plants, garden art, fairy gardens, and refurbished tools and planters. Proceeds benefit five local non-profit organizations.



Palomar District & San Diego County Dahlia Society co-sponsored a NGC Standard Flower Show at Balboa Park.

Top Award Winners

Award of Horticulture Excellence
Bill & Elaine Ornelas
"Dutchman's Pipe" *Aristolochia*



Award of Design Excellence &
Petite Award
Kathy Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS!**Benjamin Crook**

2018 NGC Sculpture Contest

1st Place - 7th Grade

Sponsor: Poway Valley Garden Club

**Consultant of the Year Award**

By Julie West, CCC Chairman

The California Consultants Council (CCC) sponsored **Consultant of the Year** may be awarded annually at the Convention to any environmental, gardening or landscape design consultant in recognition of non-professional achievement, involvement and/or service as an environmental, gardening or landscape design consultant in either the community or the NGC schools program for any of the three disciplines. Who do you know that is a Consultant to nominate with these qualifications?

Submit your Nominee on a current CGCI Award Application Form completing only the following: Award Name, Date, Name of Candidate, Name of Garden Club (that candidate is a member of), District and Submitted by. Do not exceed three pages listing achievements, involvement and service, including the application form. Nominations are needed by **December 1, 2018** to CCC Chairman, Julie A. West, 850 Grandview Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472-2930 or email to julieawest@aol.com. We look forward to receiving your submission!

**President 2017-2019****Nancy L. Hargroves****Headquarters:**

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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 2019, Van Nuys, California

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 newsletter of the Pacific Region?

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

NGC Special Offer

A new daffodil cultivar has been selected for National Garden Clubs by Brent Heath of Brent and Becky's Bulbs. It has been registered with the Royal Horticultural Society as *N. 'Plant America'*. Brent and Becky's Bulbs will donate a percentage of the sales to the PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Fund.

NOTE: The stock has sold out for this year but will be available again in the fall of 2019. Watch for the details from NGC.

Soaring to New Heights

**Pacific Region Garden Clubs 2019 Convention****By Sue Bennett, Chairman*****Save the dates! Friday, April 5 - Wednesday, April 10, 2019***

CGCI is honored to host the 2019 Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Convention. Our very own Robin Pokorski will be installed as the PRGC Director, along with the officers. PRGC holds a convention once a year, not only to conduct the business of PRGC but to allow plenty of time for attendees to meet other PRGC members, network, exchange ideas and "soar to new heights." Following are a few of the highlights: Note that committee and business meetings will be interspersed throughout.

- *Friday:* tour at Descanso Gardens; a no-Host Dinner at 94th Aero Squadron.
- *Saturday:* start with a tour at The Getty Museum and end the day with a PRGC Fundraiser dinner at home of Gail & Hank Vanderhorst for PRGC; *hosted by CGCI*.
- *Sunday:* lunch with a speaker, Fair & Boutique followed by the Life Members Banquet. Did we mention there are workshops that day as well?
- *Monday:* Diva Design Banquet.
- *Tuesday:* lunch with speaker, Installation Banquet. The convention is over Tuesday night after dinner when the gavel is transferred; however, the 2019-2021 team will meet on Wednesday.

Does this sound like a typical CGCI board meeting or convention? Yes, it is very similar and on behalf of the Convention Committee, we are so excited, blessed, pleased, and grateful to have the CGCI folks listed below helping us. The list is being included so the District Directors can add it to their agendas for the upcoming year.

- ♥ Boutique – Launa Gould
- ♥ CGCI Fair – Gail Vanderhorst
- ♥ Exhibits – Cathy Van Orman
- ♥ Gift for Pacific Region Director's room – Channel Islands
- ♥ Goodie Bags & Items – Palomar District
- ♥ Hostesses for tables – Terry Fairfield (Desert Empire)
- ♥ Lobby Flowers – TBA
- ♥ Name badges/meal tickets/program printing – Rita Desilets
- ♥ Pages - Humboldt District
- ♥ Program – Peggy Olin, Sue Bennett and Robin Pokorski
- ♥ Raffle Items – Diablo Foothills District
- ♥ Registrar – Robin Pokorski
- ♥ Silent Partners – Rita Desilets & Robin Pokorski
- ♥ Speakers/Workshops/Tours – Carol Vallens

Did you know, the next California-hosted PRGC Convention will be in 2031 (that's twelve years). Let's make this a Convention you don't want to miss.

California Consultant Council - Awards

By Sue Bennett, CCC Awards Chairman

In case you haven't heard, there is a new CCC Awards Chairman, Sue Bennett

This CCC Awards Chairman is happy to report that six certificates were presented during the 2017-2018 year. The goal for 2018-2019 is to present at least twelve (12) certificates. Two in each category.

Applications with requirements can be found <http://californiagardenclubs.com/CaliforniaConsultantsCouncil>; scroll down to the tab labeled *Commendation Applications*. The requirements are also listed in the CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster 2017-2019 on pages 79-80.

Here are the four awards and who they may be awarded too:

- **Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture** may be considered for Landscape Architects
- **Landscape Design Commendation** may be given to Individuals or groups for Good Land Use
- **Landscape Design Certificate of Appreciation, Recognition and/or Achievement** is for individuals or groups who have demonstrated outstanding skill in managing land use or enthusiastically supported the Landscape Design Program of CGCI/NGC.
- **Outstanding Private Garden Certificate of Recognition** may be awarded to individuals who are not Gardening Consultants but have demonstrated outstanding skill in gardening as demonstrated by their private garden and supported the Gardening School Program of CGCI/NGC.

The applications are easy to complete and the forms are fillable electronically. Who do you know that might qualify? Remember to go to: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/CaliforniaConsultantsCouncil> scroll down to the tab labeled *Commendation Applications* to complete and submit an application for consideration; maybe one for each category!

Submit to: Sue Bennett, CCC Awards Chairman, 7560 Shelborne Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746-8617

Questions? Contact sue_c_bennett@att.net or 916-791-9459. The CCC looks forward to receiving your submissions!

A Message from the Nominating Committee

By Sue Bennett, Chairman

THE RACE ISN'T OVER

The CGCI Nominating Committee is looking at YOU as a future leader. We are all volunteers, and sooner or later we find ourselves serving at some level to return the benefits we have received from CGCI. Organization by its very nature requires planning, direction and administration. **CGCI elects our officers from among its membership to direct CGCI activities and expedite education.** You work voluntarily, and you sometimes forego the pleasure of gardening to fulfill the responsibilities of leadership and administration. **The real joy of CGCI is learning and sharing.** Leadership and administration are a means to facilitate the business of California Garden Clubs, Inc. As an organization, one must not lose sight of the purpose of CGCI. **YOU are already leaders** at your local and district levels. Being a CGCI officer is just the next step in increasing your knowledge and improving your skills.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I invite YOU to consider how YOU can serve CGCI. We will soon be setting up interviews for the 2018 Fall Board Meeting; so, when a member of the Nominating Committee calls, please let them know if you are interested in a position, or suggest who you think would be a good candidate. The 2017-2019 Nominating Committee members are: Sue Bennett (Chairman), Milly Benson, Carolyn Hoyum, Marlene Kinney, Brenda Leal, Kathy Taylor de Murillo and Bonnie Smith. Feel free to contact any member of the committee and be sure to complete the Personnel Form on the CGCI website. Job descriptions and duties for the officers are located on pages 90 - 91 of the 2017 - 2019 CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*. Information regarding the process is on page 91.

REMEMBER...RUN DON'T WALK! RUN FOR A POSITION AS A CGCI OFFICER!!!

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU? The Nominating Committee is looking forward to hearing from YOU!



DONATIONS 2018
Total this month: \$2,312.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$24,658.00

**BAY BRIDGES**

El Cerrito GC \$544.00
 Honor: Landry Wildwind (2016);
 Anna Frankfurt, Rosemary Blaylock,
 Helene Woods, Mary Sharman (2017);
 Bonnie Mac Kenzie, Sarah Sirchuk
 (2018)
 Memory: Sylvia McLaughlin

COSTA VERDE

Long Beach GC \$68.00

DIABLO FOOTHILLS

Clayton Valley GC \$68.00
 Honor: Sharon Osteen

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS

Divide GC \$68.00
 Memory: Dave Cox

LUTHER BURBANK

Luther Burbank District \$136.00
 Memory: Ronnie Duffield-Dale, past
 Luther Burbank District Director;
 member Rohnert Park GC

MONTANA DE ORO

Cayucos GC \$68.00
 Honor: Sandy Alverson
 Central Coast Cactus &
 Succulent Society \$340.00

ORANGE COUNTY

Lake Forest GC \$136.00
 Honor: The dedicated Firefighters who
 have toiled so heroically to contain
 and subdue the wildfires; and the
 many individuals who have lost so
 much

PALOMAR

La Jolla GC \$136.00
 Memory: Clarke Herring, Chuck Fox
 Ramona GC \$204.00
 Honor: The Kerscher Foundation,
 Liz Horelick, Maryanne Rodarte

SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY

River Valley GC \$68.00
 Honor: Nancy R. Clark

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Cherry Blossom GC \$68.00
 Southern California GC \$136.00
 Honor: Rylee Jackson
 Memory: David Vallens
 Donor: Ilona Buratti \$68.00
 Memory: David Vallens

SANTA CLARA VALLEY

San Jose GC \$68.00
 Memory: Jan Hahn

SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS

Valley Oak GC \$136.00
 Honor: Hazel Leal, Ellen Gorelick

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.

Tree Challenge

By Robyn McCarthy, Trees & Shrubs Chairman
Pacific Region Garden Clubs

GARDEN CLUBS AND DISTRICTS, I am challenging you to plant your state tree in a public location with the involvement of children. Document the planting with a written description of the occasion and at least one photo using the project form attached. Mail form and photo(s) to me by **January 31, 2019**. Your entries will be displayed at the 2019 Pacific Region Convention. There will be a prize for the best entry.

I encourage you to make your planting an educational and fun party and hopefully including children. The history of your state tree should be shared as well as the importance of the tree's use to wildlife and man. How about a tree poem being read? Rachel Carson, author of "Silent Spring" said that if a child can take a seed and watch it grow, that child would become a better citizen of his country. I think she would say the same thing about planting a tree.

Everyone can take ADVICE FROM A TREE:

- **GO OUT ON A LIMB**
- **STAND TALL AND PROUD**
- **REMEMBER YOUR ROOTS**
- **ENJOY THE VIEW**





Pacific Region State Tree Project

City and State _____

District _____

Garden Club _____

Contact person _____

address _____

phone _____

email _____

State tree (botanical name) _____

Public location where planted _____

Describe program and or occasion and attach photos.

Snail mail all documentation to

Robyn McCarthy, Trees and Shrubs Chairman

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