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Greetings California Garden Club Members

I have just returned from Environmental School. Course 3 and Course 4 were outstanding at the Living Coast Discovery Center in Chula Vista. A big thank you to the Chula Vista Garden Club for sponsoring all four courses and especially to the School Chairman and President of Chula Vista Garden Club, Michael Biedenbender. This was an outstanding School with 24 new Environmental Consultants in California.



The City of South San Francisco recently honored this President with a citation recognizing her election as President of California Garden Clubs, Inc. I was surprised and very honored to attend the City Council Meeting to receive this award.

Now it's time to Get Ready!!! CGCI'S FALL BOARD MEETING IN REDDING **September 30, 2019 to October 3, 2019** at the Red Lion Hotel in Redding. The 'CALL' will be going out to the Board of Directors shortly. The Cascade District is ready to receive us and have some exciting programs and workshops for all. There will be an exhibit room full of chairmen exhibits and handouts. Make sure you see all the exhibits as there will be a special presentation for those who attend.

Club Presidents - Just a reminder, ASAP. If you wish to see your clubs name in the *Yearbook, Manual and Roster*, please make sure you have completed your club information online under Membership/Contact information either for your club or associated plant society. If not updated now, your name may not make it to the yearbook.

The 2020 Convention Chairmen are planning a tour of:

The President's Project 2019-2021 to the San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden.

The **Convention dates are May 26, 2020 - May 30, 2020** at the Embassy Suites in South San Francisco and the information is posted on the website.

Shane

Julie A. West

Honored with CGCI's coveted Lifetime Achievement Award for contributing significantly to the overall objectives of CGCI. Congratulations, Julie!



The award was announced at the Convention in June and reported in errors last month in eNews. Kathy Bramhall received the Lifetime Service award.



CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- September 30-October 3, 2019:**

CGCI Fall Board Meeting
Red Lion Hotel, Redding
Host: Cascade District

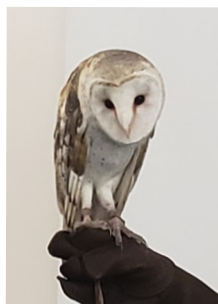
- February 3-6, 2020:**

CGCI Winter Board Meeting
Queen Mary, Long Beach
Host: Costa Verde District



Back to School
CGCI Schools Chairmen

Environmental: Michael and Leticia
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Gardening: Greg Pokorski
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Landscape Design: Alexis Slafer
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Chula Vista Garden Club Hosts Environmental School

Barn Owl

The Living Coast Discovery Center was the perfect location to hold courses #3 and #4 of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Environmental School. The sights and sounds of the coastal plants and rescued animals added to the allure and serenity of this coastal wetlands area.

The stated mission of the Environmental Schools is to teach environmental literacy to cherish, protect, and conserve the living earth. Through these courses, participants learn environmental literacy and appreciation of the natural world, as well as the interrelation of all nature. Emphasis is placed on land conservation, water conservation, and air quality.

Twenty-four participants, two from as far away as North Carolina, enjoyed the learning and interaction between the instructor, Professor Mark Valen, and class members, all of whom were surprised to learn that waste is actually a human invention. In the plant and animal world, everything is used, primarily as part of the food chain.

One of the major challenges going forward is supplying fresh water to an ever-growing population. In some third world countries, mothers and their children spend the major part of their day locating and hauling water, much of it unclear and even toxic. Another example is the San Diego basin which houses three plus million people, with another three million in Tijuana in an area with a water supply to support 12,000. Think about this the next time you leave the water running while brushing your teeth. Becoming good stewards of our earth means heightening our awareness and becoming more in tune with nature.

Completers of all four courses may become Environmental Consultants, as recognized by the National Garden Clubs, Inc., and CGCI. More importantly participants will come away with a deep understanding of the natural world and the importance of working together as we face the many climate challenges ahead.

By Nancy Compton



Professor Mark Valen, Judy Unrine, new Circle of Poppy member and George Unrine, CGCI Man of the Year



Participants at the Environmental School

2019-21 President's Project

The one and one-half acre **San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden**, located within the San Bruno Mountain State & County Park in San Mateo County, is the beneficiary of this term's President's Project. The goal is to create a new garden that fulfills the original goal of representing the native plant communities, as well as create an outdoor classroom to learn about the unique flora of San Bruno Mountain with educational signage. The financial goal is to raise **\$20,000** for this two-year project that includes 1,000 plants representing 100 species native to San Bruno Mountain plus interpretive signage.

We invite you to join us in raising funds for this conservation project as well as educate park visitors upon its completion. These donations will make a difference since the **San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden** exists today in name only. Every contribution is appreciated as we work together to reach our goal pursuing CGCI objectives. We thank the following generous donations received to date that total \$700: Sue Bennett, Roseann Costabile, Furyu Floral Designers, Garden Study Club of the Peninsula, Sherry Molinari, Elisabeth Tufo and Carol Vallens.

Make checks payable to CGCI and send your contributions to P.O. Box 75, Graton, CA 95444-0075 and note President's Project on memo line. Visit presidentsproject20192021 or call Julie A. West 707-829-9342. President's Project Chairman.

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

Projects listed in **RED** indicate a new
Chairman

- Membership**

Chairman: Adele Kelly
P.O. Box 27179
San Diego 92198-1179

- Insurance**

Chairman: Robin Pokorski
512 Newton Street
San Fernando 91340-2421

- Group Tax Exemption Program**

Chairman: Sue Bennett
7560 Shelborne Drive
Granite Bay 95746-8617

- Penny Pines**

Chairman: Nina Blonski
Checks to US Forest Service
Online form

- President's Project 2019-2021**

Chairman: Julie West
850 Grandview Road,
Sebastapol 95472-2930

- Scholarships (Applications)**

Chairman: Martha Smyser
4949 Mammoth Ave.
Sherman Oaks 91423-1319

- Stamps**

Chairman: Terry Sampson
10596 Orchid Avenue
Hesperia 92345-5380

- 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
CGCI Scholarship Fund
Sempervirens Fund

**NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards**

CONGRATULATIONS to the following clubs that received National Garden Clubs, Inc. Flower Show Achievement Awards for the 2018 Awards Year:

NGC FS-1C – **Poway Valley Garden Club**, Palomar District
NGC FS-1D – **Southern California Garden Club**, San Fernando Valley District
NGC FS-20A – **Fallbrook Garden Club**, Palomar District
NGC FS-21A – **Carolands Garden Club**, Bay Ocean District

**CGCI Flower Show Achievement Awards, etc.**

CONGRATULATIONS to the following clubs/individuals that received California Garden Clubs, Inc. Flower Show Achievement Awards, etc. for the 2018 Awards Year:

CA 30A, Class 6 – **Sacramento Floral Design Guild**, Sacramento River Valley District
CA 31 – **Garden and Floral Arrangers Guild**, Palms to Pines District
CA 32 – **Fallbrook Garden Club**, Palomar District
2nd Place – **Conejo Valley Garden Club**, Channel Islands District
CA 33 – **Carolands Garden Club**, Bay Ocean District
CA 36 – **Greg Pokorski**, Southern California Garden Club, San Fernando Valley District
CA 37 – **Irene Steiner**, Carolands Garden Club, Bay Ocean District

The recently updated *CGCI Awards Manual* for the 2019-2020 Awards Year is here:
[Awards Manual](#)

All flower shows that go on to NGC will receive a CGCI 1st place!

New flower show awards have been added thanks to the generosity of our sponsors:

30C – CA Horticulture Specialty Show, Classes 2 and 3
30D – CA Design Specialty Show, Classes 1, 2 and 3
31 – CA Small Standard Plant Society Show

Any questions, please contact the 2019-2021 Flower Show Awards Chairman:
Pat Clayes at patclayes@aol.com.

Here's a little ditty that is also a craft!

Painted Pretties

I have a little flowerpot of terra cotta clay
It's very plain to look at not very bright or gay.
I think I will adorn it with a splotch of paint or two
Liven up its exterior with tints of many hues

Maybe put some posies on it - in case the real ones die
It will always be in bloom then, until new plants I buy.
It can be a special treat I keep all to myself
I'll put it on my windowsill, or on my kitchen shelf.

But then, I could bless a friend with this lovely present
I wouldn't need to reveal how little time I spent
To create this pretty flowerpot that looks so bright and new
Let them think I labored long to make this gift, "Just for you!"

Cher Habriel

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**

Chairman: Pat Clayes

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards>

♥ **Business Commendations**

Chairman: Judy Bates

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: Bette Langford

102 Calle Cuervo

San Clemente 92672-2423

♥ **Life Memberships**

Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker

14216 Karry's Place

Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ **Long-Term Certificates**

Chairman: Judy Bates

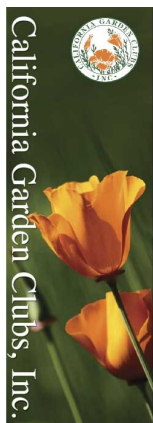
Online request form

♥ **Member Award of Distinction**

Chairman: Judy Bates

5075 Valley Crest Dr #246

Concord 94521-4914

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)

CLUB YEARBOOK AWARDS**CGCI Award #54****PLEASE NOTE THE NEW CGCI AWARD CHANGE**

CGCI will now only recognize the first, second, third and honorable mention yearbooks in each class, in accordance with the American System of Judging. Only these yearbooks will receive ribbons and certificates. CGCI will no longer give blue ribbons to all yearbooks that score 92+.

As in the past, the first place winner in each class will receive \$50, and the winning yearbook will be forwarded to Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. for further competition. If your club's yearbook goes on for further judging, your club may be asked to supply an additional copy of the yearbook to be displayed at the CGCI convention (not mandatory).

Please note that only one copy of your yearbook is required for judging.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

All yearbooks scoring a 90 or more (a 90+) will receive **special recognition!**

It is the hope of the 2019-2021 Awards Committee that this new procedure will prevent the confusion and questions that have taken place in the past regarding the actual first place (blue ribbon) winning yearbooks in each category.

Before you finalize your club yearbook, please see the criteria that the yearbook judges will rely upon when judging your yearbook. Here is the link to the evaluation form: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/sites/default/files/Awards/2019Evals/54%20Club%20Yearbook.pdf>. And the NGC, Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. and CGCI information to be included in your yearbook can be found here: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/sites/default/files/InformationForYearbooks.pdf>.

Please include a current CGCI Awards Application form when submitting your yearbook for judging. The **postmark deadline** for mailing your yearbook for judging is **December 1**. Please mail your yearbook, with application form and a copy of the evaluation form, to CGCI 2nd Vice President Carol Vallens, 21053 Devonshire Street, #104, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Any questions contact Awards Chairman Pat Clayes at patclayes@aol.com.

Paradise Garden Club working hard to replant Paradise after the Camp Fire

Most of the Paradise Garden Club members have to commute just to get back to Paradise and work on civic beautification. In our efforts to rebuild and return to Paradise, participating in such work parties really helps. It's not just about the plants! The camaraderie and hands-in-the-dirt work is cathartic. Together, we'll accomplish great things.

Ward Habriel, President



**President 2019-2021****Gay Austin****Headquarters:**

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Email: headquarters@gardenclub.org**Publication:** *The National Gardener***Website:** gardenclub.org**Conventions:**

2020: Milwaukee, WI
 2021: Rutherford, NJ

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: 2019-2021****Robin Pokorski****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**PacificRegionGardenClubs.org**Conventions:**

2020: Oregon
 2021: Nevada
 2022: Washington

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

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

californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletter

**How's Your Blue Star Memorial Looking?**

Something like this, and you would like it to look brand new again?

We have information that may be of interest to you. With ten years of experience, Thomas Stelling, owner of Historical Markers Restorations, has perfected restoring bronze markers. He lives in Daytona Beach, FL, but is willing to come west to restore our Blue Star Memorial Markers in the

Pacific Region. He has already returned home for the year, but would travel to the west coast next spring if there were enough markers to restore to make it worth his time.

He charges \$750 to restore the large Highway Markers and \$250 for the smaller By-Way markers. He does the Highway Markers wherever they are located. The By-Way markers need to be unmounted and brought to a location where he is working on a large Highway Marker. To see before and after pictures, you can look at his web site, <http://www.historicalmarkersrestorations.com>.

Perhaps your Club or District is interested in placing a new marker. There are three types of Markers. A BS Highway Marker (cost is \$1,580) is placed on a Dedicated Blue Star Memorial Highway and a BS Memorial Marker (same cost) can be placed on the grounds of a National Cemetery, Veterans Administration Center or where any military connection is appropriate. The By-Way Marker (cost is \$510) can be placed in areas such as parks, civic and historical grounds.

CGCI has a small amount budgeted for refurbishing markers. You may submit a grant for up to \$200 to refurbish a large marker. Your State Blue Star Chairmen would like to start a list of markers that could be restored this next spring. Tom has indicated he could start on the markers next April or May. Please let either one of us know what size of marker you want refurbished and where it is located. If you have any questions, please just ask!

George Unrine george.unrine@gmail.com

Shirley Lipa slipa29@att.net

Project Mission Blue Phase II

CGCI extended the original 2011 project through 2021 to propagate and plant California native nectar plants to assist the federally endangered mission blue butterfly. Your generosity helps CGCI raise the much-needed funds that are used to stabilize these endangered mission blue butterfly populations that were less than 25,000 when CGCI joined forces with Golden Gate National Park Conservancy (GGNPC) in 2011. By adopting Phase II of this project in 2016, CGCI and GGNPC continue to increase lupine diversity that serve as larval plants and ADD twelve native gems.

CGCI appreciates your financial support of this state project and thank the following for their generosity this past fiscal year adding \$700 for a total of \$4,267 since July 2016 :

- * Elk Grove Garden Club * San Bruno Garden Club * Shane Looper
- * Santa Rosa Garden Club, in memory of Linda Simonds
- * Southern California Garden Club * Pacifica Garden Club * Carolands Garden Club

This exciting project is made possible because of people like you and the generous contributions that you make. Donations (payable to CGCI) in any amount may be made by individuals, clubs or districts. Visit CGCI's website, <http://californiagardenclubs.com/projectmissionblue> or contact chairman, Julie A. West: 707-829-9342/julieawest@aol.com.





DONATIONS 2019
Total this month: \$4,760.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$19,002.00

Bay Bridges

Friends of Heirloom Flowers Garden Club \$68

Memory: Barry Rader

Bay Ocean

Caroland's Garden Club \$68

Buttes

Friendly Garden Club \$68

Memory: Leuntje Poldervaart

Cascade

Redding Wonderland Garden Club \$136.00

Honor: Those affected by the Carr fire

Diablo Foothills District

District \$68

Palomar

Poway Valley Garden Club \$68

Sequoia Foothills

Hanford Garden Club \$68

Valley Lode

Linden Garden Club \$68

Memory: Lynne Sandberg

Donor: Barbara Mozzett & Family \$68

Memory: Lynne Sandberg

Thank You!

2018-2019 Donations to CGCI Official Projects

J. David West, Donations Coordinator

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Project Total \$400

Chicago Park Garden Club

Southern CA Garden Club

Ramona Garden Club

Blue Star Memorial Marker Fund Total \$130

Cactus Wren Garden Club

Pinole Garden Club

Oasis Garden Club

Linden Community Garden Club

Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Project Total \$300 (Closed 6-30-19)

San Clemente Garden Club

Southern CA Garden Club

Reforestation & Restoration Fund Total \$1800 (Closed 6-30-19)

Hermosa Garden Club

Naples Islands Garden Club

Bernardo Garden Club

Vista Garden Club

Divide Garden Club

Sempervirens Fund Total \$550

Linden Community Garden Club

Hermosa Garden Club

Kris Brooks

Elisabeth Tufo

Diablo Foothills District

Scholarship Fund Total \$150

Gudrun Kimmel

Hermosa Garden Club

2018-2019 Endowments Financial Support

'Thank you' to those who purchased raffle tickets for the raffle prizes drawn at Convention. \$1,290 was raised specifically for the Scholarship Endowment. CGCI also appreciates the donors who generously donated the unique raffle prizes:

Bob Gordon — CGCI tote bag and copper garden sculpture

Cathy Moog — Mission blue butterfly photograph framed and matted

Linda Smith — Painted door, two horseshoe crosses and iris painting

The kind and thoughtful gifts to the Scholarship Endowment assist to further CGCI's goals and mission awarding future scholarships to college juniors, seniors, graduate and doctoral program students who plan careers in botany, conservation, entomology, floriculture, forestry, horticulture, landscape architecture, plant biology, urban planning or research in allied fields. Winning applicants chosen are based on noted accomplishments including school transcripts, character, aptitude, ability to succeed and the financial need of the student. The number of scholarships and amount of money are determined annually.

The following generous donations made to the Scholarship Endowment Fund this past 2018-2019 fiscal year are acknowledged:

Michele Blomberg, Ilona Buratti, Kathy Bramhall, Chicago Park Garden Club, Chuck Goodwin, Maria Krenek, Eva Smith,

South Bay Geranium Society, Elisabeth Tufo, Gail and Hank Vanderhorst.

Scholarship Endowment TOTAL \$3,725

Contributions to the CGCI Endowment help secure a sound financial base for the future of the organization. The generosity from the following individuals is appreciated that strengthen the ability to pursue CGCI's objectives:

Ted Benson, Michele Blomberg, Chuck Goodwin and Maria Krenek

CGCI Endowment TOTAL \$150

CGCI is sincerely grateful for these magnanimous gifts made to both the Scholarship and CGCI Endowment Funds. Visit CGCI's website for more information how you, too, can support the Endowment Funds: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/endowments>

Julie A. West, Board of Trustees/Endowment Chairman