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Holiday Greetings to CGCI Members:

Finally, rain throughout California and possibility an end to the fire season. Here in Northern California, a week of rain and wind and snow in Southern California!! I know it doesn't rain in Southern California according to the song, but SNOW?

I am amazed at what garden club members do for fundraising projects. Last month, I was invited to Chicago Park Garden Club's "Victoria Affaire" high tea party fundraiser in Nevada City. A lovely day with lots of sunshine within a beautiful pine forest setting. The Club President, Diane Jacobson, invited Former CGCI President, Sue Bennett, CGCI 100th Birthday Girl, Myrtle Findley, District Director, Nina Blonski and CGCI Rose Chairman, Dolores Moffatt to sit with me at her honor table.



What a fun afternoon with tea, cookies and sandwiches. Our male waiters wore tuxedos. WOW!! This event reminded me of the Fairmont Hotel on Nob Hill in San Francisco during its heyday.

The room was full with 150 people which included club members and guests to hear and see what was considered a trendy fashion dress to wear to social events from 1890 to the early 1950s. Performances of dancing styles were exhibited with each dress style. Just a lot of fun including door prizes and silent raffle items. This fundraiser supports the club with its many garden club activities in the community.

Another club, the Men's Garden Club of Santa Rosa, invited me to its meeting to talk about my President's Project. What a great group of men and women who work constantly to plant seeds and cuttings for their plant sales and county fair garden exhibit. They have raised enough funds through plant sales to give 13 scholarships to high school students interested in a degree in agriculture last year — a very active gardening group.

Each club has a different perspective on how to fundraise to meet their club's objectives. These two clubs have found a way to fundraise and I commend and recognize all of their efforts.

I am looking forward to visiting other clubs and districts. Have a merry holiday season!

Shane



President's Travel:

December 7, 2019	Linden Garden Club
January 14, 2020	San Jose Garden Club
February 23, 2020	San Fernando Valley District Meeting
February 25, 2020	Montana de Oro District Meeting
April 3, 2020	Buttes District Meeting



CGCI Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- February 3-6, 2020:**

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

- May 26-30, 2020:**

CGCI Convention
Embassy Suites, So. San Francisco
Co-Hosts: Santa Clara Valley and
Bay Ocean Districts

**CGCI Schools Chairmen**

Environmental: Michael and Leticia
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gudron56@att.net

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Gardening School

January 20-21, 2020 Course 1

January 22-23, 2020 Course 2

July 13-14, 2020 Course 3

July 15-16 Course 4

Sponsor:

Chula Vista GC, Chula Vista

Chairman: Michael Biedenbender

Contact: MikeB.cvgc@gmail.com

Registrar: TishB@cvgc@gmail.com

Gardening School

February 15-16, 2020 Course 3

March 7-8, 2020 Course 1

March 28-29, 2020 Course 2

April 18-19, 2020 Course 4

Sponsor:

Valley Lode District

Location: Turlock

Contact: Berni Hendrix
distdirvld@gmail.com

NGC Schools

All registration forms are on the

CGCI website Calendar page

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

Awards

With Postmark Date of Friday, January 10, 2020.
Please see the *Awards Manual* and the corresponding evaluation forms on the CGCI website under "Awards," and the 2019-2020 CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* (pp. 60-81).

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ◆ Lifetime Achievement | #17 Seminar & Workshop |
| ◆ Lifetime Service | #18 Ways & Means |
| ◆ Man of the Year | #20 Backyard Habitat |
| ◆ Woman of the Year | #22 "Green" Recipe |
| ◆ CGCI Member Award of Honor | #24 Horticulture Award |
| ◆ Gardener of the Year | #27 Unique Backyard Enhancement |
| ◆ Youth Leader of the Year | #33 Flower Show Staging |
| ◆ Awards of Merit (3) | #34 Flower Show Table Setting |
| ◆ Consultant of the Year | #36 Flower Show — Designer's Choice |
| ◆ Flower Show Judge of the Year | #37 Flower Arranger of the Year |
| #4 Horticulture Excellence in Gardening | #40 Photography Award |
| #5 Landscape Design Advocate | #41 CA Arboreta/Botanic Photography |
| #10 Blue Ribbon Certificate | #64 Youth Junior Essay Contest |
| #12 Club Program | #60 Youth Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest—must be received by CGCI SB/ WO Poster Contest Chairman by Jan. 25. |
| #13 Club Touring | |
| #15 Home Garden Tour | |

Awards Update

Having trouble fitting your information (name, address, email address and phone number) in the "fields" on the CGCI awards application form that is on the CGCI website? If so, you can simply type the required information onto a blank piece of paper – but do not put anything else on this page-- only the required information:

Award Number and Award Name
Applicant
Club / District
Contact Name and Position
Contact Address, Email, Phone
Number of Members for whom CGCI and District dues are paid
Is this a new project? ____ Yes ____ No
Beginning Date / Expected Completion Date or Ongoing

Then you will have three more pages to complete your application – insert the information that is required to be placed according to the corresponding evaluation form.

NGC allows this. "A three-page application may have a cover sheet with just the identifying information requested by national on it. This information is shown on the national application on the website. If you choose to have a cover sheet with this information on it, do not put other application data or photos on the cover sheet. That would give you a four-page application which is not allowed. Three full pages and a cover sheet are permissible, or three full pages in total, with the application information listed at the top of the first page." (NGC 2019-2021 Award Rules) If NGC says it is allowed, it is allowed by CGCI! Questions? Contact patclayes@aol.com or 760-773-0516.



CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- 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**

- Project Mission Blue**

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

- Scholarship 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

Ships Ahoy!

Costa Verde District invites you to drop anchor with CGCI on the Queen Mary for the 2020 Winter Board Meeting.

Save the dates:

Monday, February 3 to Wednesday, February 5, 2020

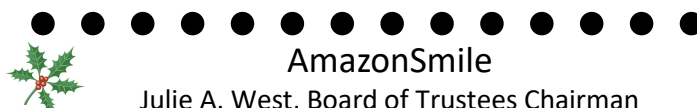
Thursday, February 6 Two hours of tri-refresher lectures

There will be a Tri-refresher over-laying the meeting.

The **Queen Mary** is an historic Long Beach Hotel on a 1936 ocean liner featuring ornate Art Deco décor salons & staterooms.

Wonderful educational and fun opportunities are planned. Programs and workshops will focus on gardening, the environment, landscape and floral design. We look forward to welcoming you aboard as part of our CGCI Crew as we *Drop Anchor at the Queen Mary*.

Alexis Slafer, Chair, CGCI 2020 Winter Board Meeting
aslafer@ca.rr.com



Julie A. West, Board of Trustees Chairman

Are you doing any holiday shopping online? You can support California Garden Clubs, Inc. – Graton, CA through AmazonSmile <https://smile.amazon.com> 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.

How do you select **California Garden Clubs, Inc. – Graton, CA**? On your first visit to AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com>), you need to select your charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation to CGCI.

The *AmazonSmile Foundation* will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Almost one million eligible 501(c)(3) charities have received \$156,109,909.51 as of November 2019. One member alone has already generated \$45.81 to CGCI. We hope you will consider supporting this easy charitable opportunity by signing up today for your shopping using AmazonSmile.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Scholarship Opportunity

by Lisa Robinson

Forty-One NGC Scholarships are available at \$4,000.00 each! This NGC distinguished program assists deserving students further their education. Please assist your state scholarship chair in identifying applicants in your area. Over the years, the NGC scholarship program has awarded over \$4,000,000.

All scholarship application forms are on the [NGC website](http://ngcwebsite.com). Applicants must be majoring in agriculture education, horticulture, environmental concerns or other related fields of study. NGC Scholarship applications must be received by your state chair by February 1. If you have any questions regarding application procedure or eligibility requirements, contact your state scholarship chair, your region director or me at ngcscholarship2020@gmail.com.

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: Pat Clayes

californiagardenclubs.com/awards

♥ **Business Commendations**

Chairman: Judy Bates

Online request form

♥ **California Consultants Council**

Chairman: Sue Bennett

Sue_c_bennett@att.net

Consultant of the Year,
Environmental, Gardening, &
Landscape Design awards.

♥ **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**

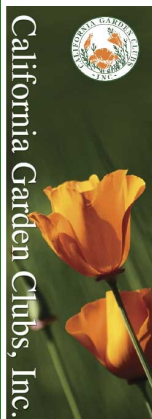
Chairman: Judy Bates

5075 Valley Crest Dr #246

Concord 94521-4914

Promotional Materials

Did you know that CGCI offers promotional and informational materials and many are FREE*!



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

(Check the website for
ordering details)

THE ANNIVERSARY(S)

The phrase "We will never forget" was etched into our minds because of the 9/11 attacks we suffered; but was previously voiced by those that went through the Japanese attack on us in World War II. Now a-days it can also be heard as "We will never forget you", during the eulogy for a fallen police officer or fire fighter killed on the job.

Every anniversary of September 11th 2001, reminds me of exactly where I was, what I was doing, who I was with.

Every anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake (October 19, 1989) reminds me of exactly where I was, what I was doing, who I was with.

Every anniversary of the Oakland Hills Fire (October 1991) reminds me of exactly where I was, what I was doing, who I was with.

All these events are etched into my mind so "I will never forget". Although I was impacted personally by these major events of 1989, 1991, and 2001. I was not personally involved in doing anything about the recovery. But now???

The Camp Fire of 2018, however, will never be forgotten; some slogans will last forever: "Paradise Strong", "Butte Strong", "We Still Believe", (and my personal favorite) "You Are Loved".

All this will affect me and what I do *now and for the rest of my life*, for my property and for my community. And this is true for many of you, my fellow gardeners. The questions are looming over us: can I plant in this soil? Is the water safe to irrigate my edibles? What can I plant now since all my shade trees are gone? How much defensible space is enough?

Fear not; there are answers to all the questions from a variety of speakers at our club meetings, plus the latest resources, and our own sharing of ideas and expertise – gardener to gardener.

Ward Habriel, President, Paradise Garden Club

Woo-hoo!!!! It's Liability Insurance billing time.....

Liability Insurance bills were sent to the club and APS treasurers on November 15. Complete the form included and mail check (made payable to CGCI) to me before the deadline of January 15, 2020. There is a \$25 late fee that will be assessed for every payment received January 16 or later. Let's see who gets in first. I have a prize for the first 10 clubs that correctly submit their payment.

Membership dues must be paid in full and I will be checking the number of members your club has paid for against how many members are indicated on the renewal form you send me.

Also included in the mailing is a Certificate / Endorsement Request form for those clubs needing additional insured certificates.

I am always happy to help you!

Robin Pokorski, Liability Insurance Chairman

Cgciinsurance@CAGardenClubs.org or 818-361-7873

P.S. Are you taking pictures to enter in the Pacific Region Photo Phundraiser? Please help make this a success! Each of you is special to me!

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

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

May 11-16, 2020: Milwaukee, WI
 May 17-20, 2021: Rutherford, NJ

Ongoing projects:

- Plant America
- 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:**

April 27-30, 2020: Silverton, Oregon
 April 8-12 2021: Las Vegas, Nevada
 2022: Washington

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

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

President's Project

The photo on right (courtesy of Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi, Director of *San Bruno Mountain Watch*) depicts *Mission Blue Nursery* that will be propagating 1,000 plants representing 100 species for restoration of the 1.5 acre *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden*. This conservation project is dependent upon people like you and the generous contributions that you make to reach the goal of \$20,000. Remember, a \$100 donation will propagate three native plants and one small species sign and contributions in any amount are welcome.



We thank the following donors for their generosity received to date in the amount of \$925 since the November issue and \$4,645 total since July 1, 2019: **Arboretum District, Atwater Garden Club & Camellia Society, Chicago Park Garden Club, El Cerrito Garden Club, Sherry Miller, San Dieguito Garden Club and Yosemite Gateway District.** Your support is appreciated!

Please make checks payable to CGCI with "President's Project" noted on memo line and send to P.O. Box 75, Graton, CA 95444-0075. Feel free to contact Chairman, Julie West for more information and/or visit the President's Project page/link on CGCI's website:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/presidents-project-2019-2021>

Roseville Better Gardens Club ask members to sign Holiday Cards and bring to the December luncheon. The cards are then distributed to local retirement communities.

Southern California Garden Club is delighted to announce the dedication of a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. This is the third Blue Star Memorial Marker to be dedicated by the club. We are pleased to be the first dedication in California in response to Pacific Region Director Robin Pokorski's Special Project, "*Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region*," and the first dedication to meet her challenge to California to add or refurbish five Blue Star Markers each year of her term.

National Garden Clubs' Blue Star Memorial Program dates back to 1945 and honors all men and women who have served, are serving or will serve in the United States Armed Services. We are proud to honor those who risk their lives to keep us free.

Greg Pokorski, President
 Southern California Garden Club
 A **Blue Ribbon** Garden Club – Celebrating 92 Years

Plants & People Bloom in Garden Club





Nina Blonski, Chairman
Total donations this month: \$ 3400.00

District	Club / Donor	Honor or Memory of Whom		Amount
Bay Bridges	Pinole Garden Club	Honor	Cristina Mauri, Jennifer Mills	136.00
Buttes	Chico Horticultural Society	Honor	Sheriff Kory L. Honea and All affected by the Camp Fire	136.00
Diablo Foothills	Clayton Valley GC/Carolyn Whitmore	Honor	Drake Wolf & Dylan Wolf	136.00
Golden Foothills	Divide GC	Honor	Bobbie Kahnberg	68.00
Luther Burbank	Petaluma GC			68.00
Luther Burbank	Rohnert Park GC	Memory	Veronica (Ronnie) Vale	68.00
Mendo-Lake	Potter Valley GC	Honor	Maggi Shepard	68.00
Montana de Oro	Multifora GC	Honor	Karen Granstrom, Janet Smith, Susan Tissue, Chris Thomas.	272.00
Orange County	Del Norte GC	Honor	Delsie Ford, Lois Geeter	136.00
Orange County	Niguel Shores GC	Honor	Ruth Edwards	68.00
Orange County	Newport Hills GC	Honor Memory	Bea Lacey-Buchan Maricia Marlowe	136.00
Orange County	Newport Hills GC/Maureen Nesbitt	Memory	Barbara Wieland	68.00
Palomar	Carlsbad CG			136.00
Palomar	San Dieguito GC	Honor	Deborah Batey	68.00
Palomar	Point Loma GC	Memory	Mike Hebert	68.00
Palomar	Paradise Gardeners			68.00
Palomar	Chula Vista GC	Honor	Myrna Nichelson	68.00
Palomar	Poway Valley GC	Memory	Agnes Markin	68.00
Palomar	Poway Valley GC			204.00
Roadrunner	Hesperia GC	Memory	Max Charles Marshall	68.00
Sac River Valley	Clarksburg GC	Memory	Rick Raymond	68.00
San Fernando Valley	Burbank Valley GC	Honor	Kreigh Hampel, Janet Jack, Ingrid Nonast	204.00
San Fernando Valley	Burbank Valley GC	Memory	Linda Bailey	68.00
Santa Clara Valley	South Valley Fleurs	Honor	Santa Clara Valley	340.00
Sequoia Foothills	Sequoia GC	Honor	Kay Wolfe Past Pres. 2001-2006	68.00
Sequoia Foothills	Valley Oak GC	Memory	Dollie Adelaide Faria	68.00
Valley Lode	Patterson GC/Frank Stehli	Honor	Isabel Maria Butzner	68.00
Valley Lode	Foothills GC	Honor Memory	Foothill Garden Club Albert Czerwinsky	68.00 68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC	Memory	Betty Watson	68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC/Mary Jo Malone	Memory	Frank D. Malone	68.00
Valley Lode	Newman GC	Memory	Cal Fire Captain Paul Rotondaro	68.00
Yosemite Gateway	Le Grand Community GC	Honor	Maria Giampaoli	68.00



NEW Blue Star Holiday Ornament
 available from National Garden Clubs
 3 inch ornament with 4 inch gold string \$10
 Order: [NGC Blue Star Ornament](https://www.ngc.org/blue-star-ornament)

