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From the Paradise Garden Club - an update

The first official project for the Paradise Garden Club took place on Saturday, December 29, 2018 when five members of the club planted some 350 hyacinth bulbs at the corner of Skyway and Neal. President Ward Habriel outlined what will become an arrow-shaped bed of white hyacinths pointing toward town as a sign of hope and encouragement to the community. There are future plans to repeat this planting at Clark and Pentz Roads. A sign is in the making that will read "**Paradise Garden Club - watch us bloom!**" to let everyone know PGCI is here to stay!



The Foster Triangle: After the Fire By Jim Johnson, Paradise GC

The Foster Triangle, a club project for several years, is an interesting situation post-fire. We thought the fire had demolished it but upon closer inspection, the Ponderosa Pine, one of the three semi-mature trees, still has green needles at its top (which is only 12 feet above the ground). Almost two months now after the burn I have every reason to believe that it's a survivor. The Dogwood, which we love, is scorched but the twigs still have sap. Another survivor? The Redbud, which we love less, is much like the Dogwood - darn it. Time will tell.

The smaller plants (like the Fringeflower, Euphorbias, Coreopsis, Velvet Centaurea, Helichrysum, Juniper, and Nandina) all got fried. And the "Pink Crystals" red-tinted grass planted less than a month ago, just disappeared. On the other hand, the Blue Fescue grass came through the fire saying "It was nice to be warm for a few hours." The base plants, Prostrate Manzanita, which have been there since time began, burned quite well but might survive because of their fairly deep roots. A couple dozen white hyacinths have been planted as a symbol of rebirth and they might look nice with the daffys just starting to break ground in the Triangle.

NOTE: If you would like to follow the "rebirth" of Paradise and its garden club visit their website: <http://paradisegardenclub.org/>

From the President's desk...

Have you ever noticed that at the beginning of the garden club year, it seems like there are a normal number of activities spaced out at a reasonable pace? Then in January, when you are ready to get back into the swing of things after the holidays...WHAM a tipping point is reached and the pace accelerates to warp speed and, in what seems like the blink of an eye, the garden club year skids to a halt in June. Hang on to your garden hats and gloves, the tipping point is approaching. Get ready to swing into high gear...and experience a sense of satisfaction and the other rewards of being a garden club member.



January has been a busy month preparing for the upcoming Winter Board Meeting in San Diego. It's pretty amazing that an organization as large as CGCI meets only three times a year to conduct the business of the organization. This would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. Everyone works for the good of the organization, and while the meetings may seem long, there is time for enjoyment as well. During meals we have the opportunity to enjoy each other's company and learn from the programs presented.

Winter Board Meeting Chairman, Adele Kelly and her Palomar District volunteers have planned *Fiesta Fun* workshops, programs and meals with the goal of a productive, fun and memorable three and a half day event. Remember, dinner on January 31, is a fiesta and diners have been asked to wear brightly-colored attire. Join us for the celebration and the program, *Hot Colors, Dry Garden*.

During the Winter Board Meeting the following will be included:

- **Ratifications:** It is with regret that we accept the resignation of Third Vice-President, Martha Smyser. Carol Vallens has been appointed to the positions of Third Vice-President and Membership Chairman for the remainder of the 2017-19 term. Carol will work with clubs wishing to join CGCI, fulfill orders for promotional materials, and promote the benefits of garden club membership. She will continue to serve as Penny Pines Chairman. CGCI Membership Administrative Assistant, Rita Desilets will continue to receive and process membership dues.
- **Election of delegates** to represent CGCI at the Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. 2019 Conventions: CGCI is allowed to elect twelve delegates and twelve alternates for each convention. Are you interested in being considered to represent CGCI as a delegate? If so, please contact this president by email and in the subject line add the word: Delegate. Who qualifies to be elected as a CGCI delegate to the conventions? Members of a CGCI garden club! What happens if we have more than twelve who wish to serve as a delegate or alternate? This usually isn't a problem but if it does arise we will cheer and follow the Policy section on page 108 of the 2017-19 *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

While on the topic of convention delegates, now is a good time for club and APS presidents to consider the election of delegates to represent their organizations at the CGCI Convention, June 3-7, 2019. For more information review Article XI Section 4, 5, and 6 of the CGCI Bylaws on page 94 of the 2017-19 *CGCI Yearbook Manual & Roster*. Instructions for reporting delegates to CGCI will be included in the Call to Convention.

Have a wonderful February and hang on to your garden hats.

Krystal



Membership Matters:

Has your organization experienced an increase in membership during this year? To what do you attribute your success? Have you implemented a plan to promote membership? We'd like to hear from you. Articles may be submitted to *Golden Gardens eNews* for consideration (goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org) or to the CGCI President (cgcipresident@cagardenclubs.org).

Did you install new officers in December or January? Don't forget to provide the updated contact information to CGCI using the [Annual Contact Form](#). And remember clubs and associate plant societies (APS) are required to pay dues for additional members periodically using the [Dues: Additional Members \(Clubs/APS\)](#) form found on the website. Mail a copy of the completed form and your check for dues to the address shown on this form.

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **April 5-10, 2019:** Pacific Region Convention
Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys
Host: CGCI
- **April 29-May 2, 2019:** NGC Convention, Biloxi MS
- **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
gudron56@att.net

Gardening: Greg Pokorski
gregpokorski@earthlink.net

Landscape Design: Alexis Slafer
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NGC Schools Calendar (California)

All registration forms are on the
CGCI website Calendar page

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

Go to gardenclub.org
for schools in other states

- **February 1-3, 2019:** Flower Show Symposium. Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego (following Winter Board)
- **March 30, 2019:** Tri-Refresher,
Host: Colfax GC
- **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

February 20: Leadership Workshop
Host: Southern California GC

Details:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

How to sponsor a NGC Educational School

By Myrtle Findley, Colfax GC

Are you intimidated by the thought of holding an Educational School? Have you questions like "where to hold it, where do I find instructors, what do I do first"? All good questions, but no problem! I have done it too many times to recall, had fun each time, AND the district or club sponsoring the school, always made money.

Let me help you. Come for a visit to Colfax, or text me: 530-276-1099, e-mail: mbfrwf@aol.com, phone: 530-346-2450, or write: PO Box 1480 Colfax, 95713-1480.

Order the instruction book from National Garden Clubs. We can go from there!

NOTE: For information go to <http://www.gardenclub.org/schools/>

San Diego County Garden Guild donated over 300 pounds of pet food to AniMeals which distributes the pet food to the Meals on Wheels seniors who have pets.

**Roseville Better Gardens Garden Tips**

- Got Weeds? If you have an area that you want to keep weed and plant free, instead of using round-up, spread rock salt. And don't forget the cracks in-between your cement where pesky weeds seem to love it most.
- Add functionality to your shovel or rake by transferring measurements from a measuring tape to the handle with a marker or alternately attaching a vinyl measuring tape to it.
- Don't throw away leftover brewed coffee or water used to boil vegetables. Use it to water your plants instead.

Did you know?

CGCI provides a variety of FREE materials to its members. These include information pamphlets on a variety of topics: *Blue Star Memorials*, *Edible Gardening*, *Penny Pines*, *Choosing the Right Tree* and more.

Go to: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/publications> and click on the "Information" tab. The pamphlets can be downloaded and printed for distribution to your club members or to the public. There is space to add your club information.

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

• Membership

Chairman: Carol Vallens
21053 Devonshire St #104
Chatsworth 91311-8248

• 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
Girdley 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

Internet Security...an update

By Jane McKee, Communications Director

Happy 2019! But the coming of a new year brings with it the reminder that the hackers, phishers and spoofers are still out there and hard at work to try to steal your personal information and/or entice you to send them money.



Are there technical means available to thwart the bad guys? Probably, but beware because the "solution" may turn out to be a scam. **The most effective deterrent is to be VIGILANT** and learn to recognize those false and misleading messages that flood our electronic inboxes.

Please share the following information with your members.

- **Hacker:** one who is skilled at literally breaking into email, websites or systems and taking the information, many times without the owner being aware that anything is wrong.
- **Phisher/phishing:** sending out messages asking for help or offering a deal too good to be true ("free money!" or wanting to share their lottery winnings with YOU!)... all you need to do is provide them with your bank account information!
- **Spoofers/Spoofing** is the **forgery of an e-mail header** so that the message appears to have originated from someone or somewhere other than the actual source. Distributors of spam often use spoofing in an attempt to get recipients to open, and possibly even respond to, their solicitations; again usually asking for money and/or financial information.
 - ◊ If you receive an email that appears to be from CGCI or a CGCI officer and it looks suspicious, call the individual to find out if it is legitimate...DO NOT respond directly to the email.

Please note that **CGCI WILL NEVER REQUEST THAT YOU SPEND MONEY** on its behalf. All CGCI expenditures are done through official channels via the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

- Emails asking you to purchase items or donate to a specific cause "on behalf" of CGCI are fraudulent and you should never take action.
- Emails asking you to "pay a vendor x dollars" are fraudulent. Note if these appear to come from someone within your local organization be sure to check with the purported sender.
- Pay attention to the "sending" email address. In many cases the email address displayed is not even close to an "official" address and can easily be identified as fraudulent.
 - ◊ Following is a recent example:
Migliore <info@presidentexecutive.com>
 - ◊ Obviously the "@presidentexecutive.com" is NOT a CGCI address
- NEVER click on any link in a suspicious email
- Report the email as spam or phishing to your email provider (most have a link somewhere in the email account)

God made rainy days, so gardeners could get the housework done.

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**

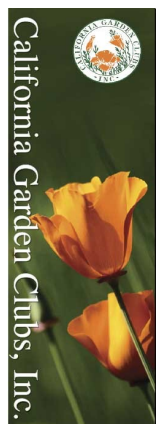
Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker
14216 Karry's Place
Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ **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)

Attention Consultants**By Greg Pokorski, Chairman Gardening School**

NGC Consultants are those garden club members who have completed NGC's Environmental, Gardening, or Landscape Design Schools. To maintain good standing they must attend a refresher at least every five years, but can refresh for credit as often as once per year. Since there has been little opportunity to refresh so far in the new year, virtually all of California's Consultants in good standing are eligible to refresh now. Environmental Consultants may refresh at any of the four courses of the Environmental School in Chula Vista this year and also at the March 30 Tri-Refresher in Colfax. The Colfax Tri-Refresher (see information below) is the only scheduled opportunity for Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants to refresh in California this year. Those whose good standing dates only run through 2019 must refresh this year or lose their Consultant status.

So, all Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants can head to Colfax for a day of education (as well as Environmental Consultants not refreshing in Chula Vista) and those Consultants due to lapse this year should head to Colfax. If you have questions about your Consultant status please contact Shane Looper (Environmental School), Greg Pokorski (Gardening School) or Alexis Slafer (Landscape Design School) and let us know if you are attending this event. And of course anyone may attend this event for the information to be provided, whether or not they are Consultants.

Make Life More Beautiful...a Tri-Refresher educational event

March 30, 2019

Gladyscon Mobile Home Park Meeting Hall, Colfax, CA

Host: Colfax Garden Club

Co-Chairmen: Ingrid Elsel & Myrtle Findley

Instructors:

Dennis Belisle, Rare Fruit Grower
Ed Dempsey, Retired Professional
Jewell DeLapp, Retired Principal/Teacher
Ingrid Elsel, Lifelong Educator
Rob Littlepage, Landscape Architect, ASLA
Lyn Muth, Master Gardener and Educator



This educational event is open to everyone, but only NGC Consultants may receive refresher credit. For details and registration form go to:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP)

GTEP Chairman, Ilene Herringer, gtep@cagardenclubs.org

February 1, 2019 is the deadline for submitting GTEP renewal forms. If you haven't already done so, please mail your renewal form, support documentation and check to the address shown on the form. If you need to download the renewal form, go to www.californiagardenclubs.com/gtep then click on the Forms tab. If you have any questions, please contact the GTEP Chairman by email or telephone (the number is found on page 18 of the 2017-19 CGCI Yearbook, Manual and Roster).

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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/cgcnewsletter

NGC 2019 Convention**April 29 - May 2, 2019*****Beau Rivage Resort, Biloxi, Mississippi***Information & forms: NGC website

NOTE: The Optional Meal for April 29 Lunch listed on the online registration form and printable form as (Lunch – Finance, PH & E and Organization Study - \$25.00) has been changed to a Buffet Lunch – Open to all members. This was also omitted from the registration form printed on page 27 of *The National Gardener* Winter 2018 issue. The online registration and printable registration form will be updated soon to reflect the change.

**Pacific Region Garden Clubs 2019 Convention****Sue Bennett, Chairman****Friday, April 5 - Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

- **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**
- **Tuesday, April 9: CGCI's very own Robin Pokorski will be installed as Pacific Region Director. Come join the celebration!**
- **Information and registration form available at**
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

February in the garden....(excerpted from *Sunset Magazine*)

- ♥ Order seeds, such as pepper, pumpkin, tomato, and zucchini, for spring and summer vegetables gardens.
- ♥ Start seeds of beets, carrots, collards, fava beans, kale, leeks, lettuce, parsley, peas, rutabaga, spinach, and turnip.
- ♥ Grow rhubarb from bare root. It prefers acidic soil and cold temperatures, so try growing one plant in a very large pot in the coldest part of your garden, such as the base of a slope where cold air drains. Prune away frost damaged leaves and stems once your garden's last frost date is past.
- ♥ Cut back ornamental grasses before new growth starts.
- ♥ Fertilize citrus and avocado along the coast. Use a granular organic fertilizer and follow label directions.
- ♥ If your cymbidium orchids are bulging out of their containers or the bark has decomposed, it's time to repot them. Do this between mid-February and early July to assure bloom next season. Remove old bark, cut off dead roots, and discard soft or rotted bulbs. Repot the plant into a larger container, or divide plants into groups of three to five pseudobulbs (bulbs with leaves). Replant in medium-size bark or purchase a cymbidium mix.
- ♥ Give your sweetheart a valentine that will live on long after February 14. Tie a red ribbon around a lemon tree or put a bow on a bare-root rose. Or choose a flowering plant that can go outdoors after bloom is through. Choices include azaleas, camellias, carnations, gardenias, and Oriental lilies.





DONATIONS 2019
Total this month: \$2,312.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$2,312.00

**Bay Bridges**

Berkeley GC\$136
 Honor: Betty Merritt, Roberta Horton

Bay Bridges

Pinole GC..... \$68
 Honor: Carole Dutra
 San Leandro GC\$136
 Honor: Paradise, CA Firefighters
 and all who fought the 2018 Camp Fire

Cascade

Lake California GC
 Donor: Georgia Dickson\$136
 Honor: Georgia Dickson
 Memory: Martin Corralejo

Costa Verde

Long Beach GC\$272
 Honor: David Baxter Joyce, Gabriel Ryan Pace, Connor Keese and Ariana Ebrahimian and club members

Diablo Foothills

Livermore Amador Valley GC\$136
 Memory: Donald Bird, Robert Kuenning
 Donor: Christine Bird\$68
 Honor: Donald Bird
 Donor: Donald & Cynthia Bird\$68
 Honor: Rebecca & Natalie Tarantino
 Donor: Jeri Stark\$68
 Memory: Thomas Smith

Luther Burbank

Petaluma GC\$68

Montana de Oro

Los Osos Valley GC\$68
 Memory: Marjorie Johnson

Palms to Pines

A Garden Club.....\$204
 Honor: Lil Conboy, Jean Choate, Donna Lee Martin

Orange County

Del Norte GC\$136
 Honor: The Firefighters/First Responders of the 2018 Holy Fire

Palomar

San Dieguito GC\$68
 Memory: Judy Honnen
 Donor: Jane Wilkerson
 Memory: Carol H. Werner

San Carlos GC\$68
 Memory: Barbara L. Daub

Sacramento River Valley

Elk Grove GC\$68
 Honor: Past club members
 Fairfield GC\$136
 Honor: Shirley Hunley, Deanna DuPont

Santa Clara Valley

San Jose GC\$68

Valley Lode

Calaveras County GC\$68
 Honor: Pamela Cameron
 Manteca GC\$68
 Memory: Marion Elizabeth Golisano
 Oakdale GC\$68
 Memory: Natalie Corona
 Patterson GC\$68
 Memory: Eleanor Brown Holtzman

**New Organization Locator App**

By Jane McKee, Communications Director

A reminder: 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.

ALL member organizations in good standing (dues paid) are included in the listing as a benefit of your membership. Let those potential members find 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 or update information (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@calgardenclubs.com.

