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## Fiesta Fun

### Highlights:

#### Workshops

- *Fiesta of Dia de Los Muertos*: learn a brief history of this colorful holiday *and make vibrant paper flowers* like those used by our neighbors to the south.
- *Tillandsia*: a genus of 650 species of evergreen, perennial flowering plants in the family Bromeliaceae commonly known as air plants. *Create your own miniature tillandsia design.*

#### Programs:

- Raptors native to San Diego
- Design Your Own Succulent Tapestry (Laura Eubanks)
- San Diego River Park Foundation
- Hot Colors, Dry Garden (Nan Sterman)

## 2019 Winter Board Meeting

January 29-February 1, 2019

Crowne Plaza Hotel

2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego

Host: Palomar District

Theme: **Fiesta Fun**

Chairman: Adele Kelly

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

- ⇒ **January 7, 2019** - deadline for hotel reservations at group rate
- ⇒ **January 16, 2019 - LAST DAY** to register (NO registration forms accepted postmarked January 17 or later)

All forms and information are available at

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/nextmeeting>

## Smokey Bear Poster Contest

**FINAL Reminder: Clubs and/or Districts** - the **FOUR** winning posters from each grade **MUST** be **received by the Poster Chairman by January 20, 2019 - No later!** Be sure to allow plenty of time for mail delivery.

### Please include:

- the full name of the club or district Poster Contest Chairman and that person's contact information.
- how many posters were received, in total, and how many schools were contacted.

### Mail posters to:

Charlotte Tucker, 18047 Lime Kiln Road, Sonora 95370-8786

Questions: [ctucker@mlode.com](mailto:ctucker@mlode.com)



**CGCI Official Calendar**

[californiagardenclubs.com/calendar](http://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

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**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  
aslafer@ca.rr.com

**NGC Schools Calendar  
(California)**

All registration forms are on the  
CGCI website Calendar page  
[californiagardenclubs.com/calendar](http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar)  
Go to [gardenclub.org](http://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

**February 20:** Leadership Workshop  
Host: Southern California GC  
Details:  
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

**Gold Star Families Memorial By-way Marker**

On November 10, 2018 Merced Garden Club, Inc. (MGCI) dedicated a Gold Star Families Memorial By-way Marker at American Legion Post 38, Veterans Memorial Building in Merced. Vince Cole, American Legion Post 38 Commander, accepted on behalf of the Post. During the ceremony Fremont Elementary Honor Choir sang patriotic songs, Boy Scout Troop 1240 presented the colors, Debbie Toland, Merced County Blue Star Families Chaplain, gave the invocation, and Shelby Stillman, FFA Regional Vice President, led the flag salute. Vanda Aalgaard and Alan Claunch, MGCI members, read the history of Blue and Gold Star Families Memorials and Joleen Mills, MGCI, presented flowers. The marker was purchased by MGCI and Yosemite Gateway District. This is the first Gold Star Families Memorial Marker in California.



For information on the Blue & Gold Star Families Memorials project including details on ordering a marker go to

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/bluestarmemorials>



## CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to [californiagardenclubs.com](http://californiagardenclubs.com)

for details

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### • 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

## SAN JOSE GARDEN CLUB GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

By Floy Taylor

What does a garden club do for the Christmas holidays? Give! ...Give!... and ....Give! Like others, the San Jose GC views Christmas as a time for giving. At its annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon, the club announced financial and other support to several worthy community causes:

1. \$3,431.00 to the Second Harvest Food Bank, a non-profit organization that provides food to the needy in Santa Clara County. The contribution is equivalent to 6,862 meals;
2. 100 children's books, donated by club members, were mailed to North Carolina FAST-NC (Florence Aid to Students and Teachers). Most of the donated books were about fun garden themes suitable for ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade for classroom library corners;
3. 86 beautiful, colorful, stuffed animals from fluffy teddy bears to Christmas geese, appropriate for infants to older children. Items donated by club members will be delivered to the Intake Department of the San Jose Police Department and distributed to children who have experienced traumatic events;
4. \$68.00 was contributed to Penny Pines, Stanislaus National Forest.

After lunch, members walked to *Christmas in the Park*, an annual holiday event in San Jose at Cesar Chavez Plaza to view the garden club sponsored Christmas tree displayed for all to see. Volunteers decorated the tree with ornaments handcrafted by members, including birds and multi-colored ornamental flowers. The tree was one of several provided by community organizations.



### 59th CGCI Symposium

**February 1-3, 2019 (following the Winter Board meeting)**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego**

**Co-Chairmen: Lili Aram-Bost & Mary Arakelian**

Any interested person can attend the Symposium full or part time. You need not be a Judge or a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. or California Garden Clubs Inc.

For details and registration form, go to

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

**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

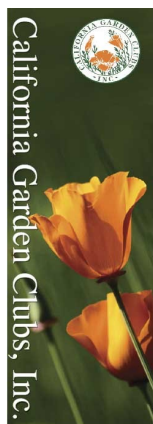
♥ **Member Award of Distinction**

Chairman: Mike Gould

1212 Avenida Buena Suerte

San Clemente 92672-2348

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**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)

**CGCI Special Awards update**

**By Bob Gordon, Chairman**



The deadline to submit nominations for Special Awards (Man/Woman of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Lifetime Service etc.) has been **extended to January 15, 2019**.

Please review the special awards criteria, page 63 in the CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* or the awards manual. If you know someone deserving of one of those awards please nominate them.

Nominating is simple. Write a paragraph or two on why you think an individual deserves the award. Mail it to me

Bob Gordon, 1532 Monterey St. San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or  
email it to [sloflwrs4u@aol.com](mailto:sloflwrs4u@aol.com).

Please be sure to include your email address so the nomination can be acknowledged. Thank you for the part you will play in an exciting awards presentation

**Environmental School  
Mark your calendar!**

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](mailto:papa2j2@cox.net)

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

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

**Remembering Marjorie Johnson**

Marjorie served for many years as the CGCI Amenities & Protocol Chairman and did her best to keep us all in line! She taught us when to stand, when to pick up our fork, to pass the salt AND pepper when either were requested and told us where to sit...all with that gracious smile.

Marjorie was a CGCI, Pacific Region and NGC Life Member, the 2007 recipient of the CGCI Lifetime Service Award and member of the Circle of Poppies. She was 94 years young but according to her "not a day over 92!" When asked her age she would reply "age is but a number and mine is unlisted." We will miss her wonderful sense of humor and love of life.

Cards may be sent to her family (her daughter Trish Niehuser is staying at Marjorie's home):

Marjorie Johnson Family  
2335 Osos Court, Los Osos 93402-4510



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

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 St. Louis, MO 63110-3492  
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**Email:** [headquarters@gardenclub.org](mailto:headquarters@gardenclub.org)**Publication:** *The National Gardener***Website:** [gardenclub.org](http://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](http://gardenclub.org) for details on these and other projects)

**Director: 2017-2019****Peggy Olin****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**[PacificRegionGardenClubs.org](http://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/cgcnewsletters](http://californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletters)

**NGC 2019 Convention**

April 29 - May 2, 2019

Beau Rivage Resort, Biloxi, Mississippi

Information & forms: [NGC website](http://ngcwebsite.org)**An Opportunity for NGC Members**

The Philadelphia Flower Show has introduced new photography classes to the Competitive Classes area of the Flower Show and NGC members are invited to submit entries. This is a great way to enter the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show if you don't live in the Philadelphia area. They will be accepting 35 entries in each class. These entries will be juried by a panel of experts to narrow down to an appropriate number of photographs to be judged at the show. **The deadline for RECEIVING entries is January 11, 2019.**

For information, details and the complete Exhibitor's Guide go to:

<https://theflowershow.com/get-involved/exhibit-at-the-flower-show>

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***Soaring to New Heights*****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**

The PRGC Convention is just around the corner.

- ♥ Has your District/Club signed up to help with a task(s)?
- ♥ Does your District/Club have raffle or boutique items that can be brought to the CGCI Winter Board Meeting? Remember we are hosting the Pacific Region – most folks will fly in; thus, something that fits in a suitcase, wallet, etc.
- ♥ A RAFFLE CHAIRMAN is needed. Let me know if you are interested.
- ♥ Exciting things are being planned. Come show your support for CGCI and Pacific Region.
- ♥ Thank you to those who have already RSVP'd. I am sure you will be hearing from the PRGC Committee.

Contact Sue Bennett [sue\\_c\\_bennett@att.net](mailto:sue_c_bennett@att.net) for details.

The Call to Convention will be distributed in February but the information sheet and registration form are attached to this newsletter. See pages 7 and 8.



**DONATIONS 2018**  
**Total this month: \$1,564.00**  
**Carol Vallens, Chairman**  
 Total January 1 to date:  
**\$34,142.00**

**Arboretum**

It's Garden Thyme .....\$68  
 Honor: Marty Sinclair, Anza Smith,  
 Margaret Laughner, Larry Jones

**Bay Ocean**

Carolands GC .....\$68

**Cascade**

Lake California GC  
 Donor: Dean and Tere Hancock .....\$68  
 Honor: Reta & Bart Lovett

**Channel Islands**

Conejo Valley GC .....\$68

**Costa Verde**

Hermosa GC .....\$68  
 Honor: Suzanne Evans-Ackermann

**Diablo Foothills**

Livermore-Amador Valley GC .....\$68  
 Memory: Patricia Burnett

**Donors:**

Christine Bird.....\$68  
 Honor: Donald Bird  
 Dolores Bengtson .....\$136  
 Honor: Eric & Stacy Bengtson;  
 Ian & Sheri Bengtson  
 Grandma Lea & Grandpa Len .....\$272  
 Honor: Scarlett Smith, Oliver Smith,  
 Ronin Beltz, Kellen Beltz  
 Sandra Hirst .....\$136  
 Honor: Craig Hirst, Mike Dill  
 Gayle Pawlosk .....\$68  
 Memory: Patricia Burnett  
 Jeri Stark.....\$68  
 Honor: Shelby Garrison

**Orange County**

Lake Forest GC .....\$68  
 Honor: The dedicated Firefighters  
 and the many individuals who lost so  
 much due to the fires.

**Roadrunner**

Hesperia GC .....\$68  
 Memory: Russ Blewett

**Santa Clara Valley**

San Jose GC .....\$68

**Sequoia Foothills**

Sequoia GC .....\$68  
 Honor: Margaret Allen, Club  
 President 2009-2011

**Valley Lode**

Foothill GC.....\$136  
 Memory: Doris Helms, Don Howard

*Happy New Year!*



Cheers to a new year and another  
 chance for us to get it right.

Oprah Winfrey



Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.  
76<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – April 5 - 10, 2019  
*Soaring to New Heights*  
Van Nuys, California



**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**

**Tour – Descanso Gardens** – 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – a garden with internationally renowned botanical collections

**No host dinner** – 6:00 p.m. Tucked away next to the Van Nuys Airport, **94th Aero Squadron** is a charming French chateau complete with ivy-covered walls, stone paths, plush gardens and an inviting interior adorned with aviation relics and replica warcraft.

**Saturday, April 6**

**Tour – The Getty Museum**, Los Angeles, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We will be treated to a docent-led garden tour with plenty of time to visit the museum on your own.

**PRGC Fundraiser Dinner** at the home of Gail & Hank Vanderhorst, hosted by California Garden Clubs, Inc., 5:00 p.m. Imagine having dinner “with the stars” on the most filmed residential street in Los Angeles! Join CGCI as you dine in a comfortable garden atmosphere under the stars, have fun and make new friends with all proceeds going to a good cause - PRGC.

**Convention Activities**

**Sunday, April 7** – Committee meetings, lunch, Fair, Life Member Banquet/Celebration of Life

**Monday, April 8** – Pre-Convention Board Meeting, workshop, lunch, Convention meeting, Design Banquet

**Tuesday, April 9** – Convention meeting, lunch, workshops, Installation Banquet

**Wednesday, April 10** – Organizational Meeting

Come join us in Van Nuys, we'll be **Soaring to New Heights**. Questions? Contact Sue Bennett, Chairman, [sue\\_c\\_bennett@att.net](mailto:sue_c_bennett@att.net) 916-791-9459 or 916-316-5873 (cell)



**PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**76<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – April 7-10, 2019**

*Soaring to New Heights*

Airtel Plaza Hotel, 7277 Valjean Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406

Telephone: 1-818-997-7676; Reservations: 1-800-224-7835

(Mention "Garden Clubs Meeting" to obtain the special group rate. Deadline March 15, 2019)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

State Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Region Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Status: ☐ PR Board of Directors Member ☐ Delegate ☐ Alternate Delegate

**BADGE INFORMATION – Please check all that apply:**

<input type="checkbox"/> NGC President	<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse or Guest
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Former Pac. Region Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region State President	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club Member	<input type="checkbox"/> First-Time Attendee
<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Design Consultant

**PACKAGE PLAN REGISTRATION – NO refunds after March 25.**

Package Plan includes: \$45 Registration (\$15 for CGCI members), 3 Lunches, 3 Banquets, all workshops.

Full-time Package – postmarked by March 15	\$261	\$ _____
Full-time Package – CGCI Members – postmarked by March 15	\$231	\$ _____
Full-time Package – postmarked AFTER March 15	\$291	\$ _____

**PART-TIME REGISTRATION – NO refunds after March 25.**

Part-time Registration Fee (meals not included; add below as desired)	\$ 45	\$ _____
Part-time CGCI members Registration Fee	\$ 15	\$ _____
Spouses, Guests and Companions – registration fee waived	\$ 0	\$ _____
Meals – Open to all members, spouses, companions and guests		
Sunday, April 7      Luncheon	\$ 32	\$ _____
Sunday, April 7      Life Member Banquet/Celebration of Life	\$ 50	\$ _____
Monday, April 8      Luncheon	\$ 32	\$ _____
Monday, April 8      Diva Design Banquet	\$ 50	\$ _____
Tuesday, April 9      Luncheon	\$ 32	\$ _____
Tuesday, April 9      Installation Banquet	\$ 50	\$ _____

**TOURS:**

<b>Descanso Gardens</b>		
Friday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – no host lunch	\$ 30	\$ _____
<b>No-Host Dinner at 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron</b>		
Friday, April 5, 6:00 p.m.	check if attending	_____
<b>The Getty Museum</b>		
Saturday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – no host lunch	\$ 25	\$ _____
<b>Fundraiser Dinner at home of Gail &amp; Hank Vanderhorst hosted by CGCI</b>		
Saturday, April 6, 6:00 p.m.	\$ 50	\$ _____

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Diet Restrictions: ☐ Gluten-free Other \_\_\_\_\_

**No Refunds after March 25, 2019**

Make check payable to "**Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.**" Mail registration and check to:  
Robin Pokorski, 512 Newton Street, San Fernando CA 91340-2421 [CGCIRobin@gmail.com](mailto:CGCIRobin@gmail.com) or 818-361-7873  
CONTACT: Sue Bennett, Convention Chairman [sue\\_c\\_bennett@att.net](mailto:sue_c_bennett@att.net) or 916-316-5873 cell