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Meet the CGCI President

Charlene "Shane" Looper 2019 - 2021



Living in South San Francisco, Shane started taking evening flower arranging classes through the South San Francisco Park and Recreation in 1980 and continued those classes for 25 years. She became involved in local garden and floral design clubs and worked her way up through district, CGCI and NGC offices. In 2002 she retired from New York Life Insurance Company.

She is a Master Flower Show Judge and has been a flower show exhibitor for 37 years. As a Flower Show Judge, Landscape Design Consultant, Master Gardening Consultant and a Master Environmental Consultant she became a NGC 4 Star Member. She is a member of the California Consultants Council.

From 1998-2011 Shane was involved with San Francisco Flower & Garden Show as an exhibitor and chairman of the floral art section sponsored by CGCI. She exhibits regularly at the San Mateo County Fair and periodically enters other county fairs. She conducts floral design programs and workshops for garden clubs, districts or others interested in design. Two of her designs have been published in the "Vision of Beauty" calendar and two were in "The Floral Designer's Guide to Photography."

She is a member of The Peninsula Succulent Club, Pacifica Garden Club, Furyu Designers, Organization of Floral Art Designers and Bay Area Floral Arrangers Guild and has served as an officer and chairman in all of them. She has served CGCI as a chairman (Nominating Committee, Bylaws & Standing Rules, Environmental School, Mission Blue Butterfly Project, Liability Insurance, Honor Books, Three-year Calendar sales, Budget and Finance, and the 2009 State Convention), board member (District Director) and officer (Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, First Vice President and and President-Elect). At NGC Shane has served on the following committees: "Vision of Beauty" calendar, Nominating, Organization Study, Flower Show School Manual, Plant America, and the Award of Excellence. She was the 2017-19 NGC Historian.

If garden club doesn't keep her busy enough, Shane is involved in her community as a Cultural Arts Commissioner and is on a special committee with the Parks and Recreation called "Improving Public Places."



The "Design Diva" with one of her fabulous creations!

From the President's desk...

Greetings California Garden Club Members:

It was an honor and pleasure to be elected President of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) at the Van Nuys Convention in June. What a great convention hosted by the Southern California Garden Club! There were many workshops with hands-on activities. Nancy Hargroves, NGC President 2017-2019 attended and installed the officers. Good times and educational programs were provided by the host garden club.

I look forward to meeting many of you as I travel throughout the state. Let's get excited about CGCI. See how your club can get involved in the many state projects and how your club is benefiting by being a member of CGCI.



President's Project 2019-2021 Plant America – Plant Parks

CGCI has supported national, state, county and city parks for many years. It's extremely important for CGCI members to realize how much they contribute to their community. A very special state park, San Bruno Mountain State & County Park, has been selected as my President's Project. Over the next two years you will be hearing about this park and the restoration of a botanical garden and signage bearing CGCI's name. CGCI is providing funds to help finance this project that will start this August. Details and forms will be available soon on the CGCI website.

Plans for the upcoming year:

- The Fall Board Meeting will be September 30-October 3, 2019 at the Red Lion Hotel, Redding. Cascade District is the host.
- The Winter Board Meeting will be February 3-7, 2020 on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, hosted by Costa Verde District. A tri-refresher for all NGC Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants will be held in conjunction with this meeting. It will be a new experience for CGCI Board Members to be on a ship!
- The 2020 Convention will be held in the San Mateo area with Gay Austin, NGC President 2019-2021, as our special guest. The Convention will include a flower show hosted by the State Judges Council. Everyone is invited to participate. Details will be available shortly including the flower show schedule.

Enjoy the summer!

Shane



Nancy Hargroves & Ben Brown,
2019 NGC Scholarship recipient



Jeana Fenton, 2019 Susan Bennett
Scholarship recipient & Sue Bennett

CGCI Official Calendarcaliforniagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **September 30-October 3, 2019:**
CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Red Lion Hotel, Redding, CA. Host: Cascade District
- **February 3-6, 2020:** CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA. Host: Costa Verde District

**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
Go to gardenclub.org
for schools in other states

- **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

**Highlights from the 2019 Convention****Special Awards**

Lifetime Achievement
Lifetime Service
Man of the Year
Woman of the Year
CGCI Member Award of Honor
CGCI Award of Merit
CGCI Award of Merit
Gardener of the Year
Youth Leader of the Year

Julie A West
Kathy Bramhall
George Unrine
Launa Gould
Ward Habriel
Shizuko (Susie) Strom
Christine Chambers
Roy Wilburn
Heidi Towne-Hillesheim

**NGC Awards (1st Place)**

State Newsletter
State Social Media
State Website
Club Yearbooks

CGCI
CGCI
CGCI
Chula Vista (70-99 members)
Southern California (100 + members)
Modesto (300+ members)
Valley Lode
Bernardo Gardeners
Poway Valley

Pacific Region Awards (1st Place)

State Newsletter
Club Newsletter
Club Yearbooks

District Yearbook
Council/Guild Yearbook
Club Membership Publication
District Membership Publication
Club Non-membership Publication

CGCI
San Clemente (100+ members)
Chula Vista (70-99 members)
Southern California (100 + members)
Modesto (300+ members)
Valley Lode
Shibui Arrangers Guild
Burbank-Valley (60-99 members)
Valley Lode
Roseville Betters Gardens (30-59 members)
Foothill (30-59 members)
Naples Island (100+ members)
Poway Valley
Bernardo Gardeners
Valley Lode

George Unrine, Man of the Year &
Judy Unrine, Circle of Poppies



Kathy Bramhall, Lifetime Achievement
& Launa Gould, Woman of the Year

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

NOTE: 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 2019-20**
&

Project Mission Blue

Chairman: Julie West

P.O. Box 75
Graton 95444-0075

- **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 (2 funds)
CGCI Scholarship Fund (direct)
President's Project 2019-21
Project Mission Blue



Sweepstakes Awards

Class I Under 20 members	Carolands GC, Bay Ocean
Class II 20-29 members	Sequoia GC, Sequoia Foothills
Class III 30-44 members	Foothill GC, Valley Load
Class IV 45-69 members	Roseville Better Gardens, Golden Foothills
Class V 70-99 members	Poway Valley GC, Palomar
Class VI 100-199 members	Southern California GC, San Fernando Valley
District:	Valley Lode

Check the CGCI website for a complete list of awards presented at convention.



2019-2021 Executive Committee: (Seated L-R): Carole Vallens, Lynne Batchelor, President Shane Looper, Adele Kelly, Gail Vanderhorst. (Standing L-R): Kathy Taylor de Murillo, Greg Pokorski, Milly Benson, George Perko, Rita Desilets

Membership Matters:

Effective June 1 the **NEW CGCI MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN** is:

Adele Kelly

P.O. Box 27179, San Diego 92198-1179

cgci3rdvp@cagardenclubs.org

Dues for the 2019-2020 year are to be sent to the new chairman.
Dues for additional members for the 2018-2019 year should have
been paid by now.

REMINDER: Update your official records by submitting the Annual Contact Information Form. Starting this year there are separate forms for Garden Clubs and Associate Plant Societies. Here are the links to the new forms:

[Garden Clubs](#)

[Associate Plant Societies](#)

To ensure that the correct information appears in the *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*, forms need to be received by July 1.

Attention CGCI Board members: Please make the following corrections to your interim directory email list:

Adele Kelly: akelly@san.rr.com or cgci3rdvp@cagardenclubs.org

Sharon Tooley: djsj21643

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 Claves

<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: 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**

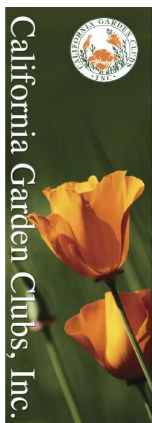
Chairman: Judy Bates

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)

2018 Flower Arranger of the Year

By Pat Claves, Flower Show Awards Chairman

Congratulations to **Irene Steiner** of Carolands Garden Club, Bay Ocean District, for winning CGCI Award #37 -- Flower Arranger of the Year at the 2019 CGCI Convention!

Did you know that all garden club members can apply for CGCI Award #37 -- Flower Arranger of the Year? Simply submit photographs of your flower designs (limit five entries per applicant), enclose each in a plastic page protector and include the CGCI Awards Application form which is available on the CGCI website under "Awards." On the application form, the applicant must describe the container used; the accessories (if used); the mechanics; the background; and the plant material included in the design. Designs must be made and photographed during the awards year (January through December 2019) for the 2019 Flower Arranger of the Year award.



Woodland Hills Floral Designers Club is the sponsor of this award. First place receives \$50, second place winner \$30, and third place \$20 (along with certificates and ribbons). **Who wants to be the 2019 Flower Arranger of the Year?**

ATTENTION - 2019 AWARD APPLICANTS

ALL CGCI and NGC applications and evaluation forms have **CHANGED** for the 2019 awards year.

Go to <http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards> to review the Awards Manual and all forms.

Check out the sample awards application (will be on the website shortly)

Deadlines for entries are December 1, 2019 and January 10, 2020

Be sure you have the correct form and format before submitting your entry.

Questions? Contact CGCI Awards Chairman

Pat Claves - awards@cagardenclubs.org

Nine former CGCI Presidents joined Shane for the 2019 installation: (Standing L-R): Mary Lou Goodwin, Bob Gordon, Julie West, Rita Desilets, Krystal Migliore, Sue Bennett. (Seated L-R): Elisabeth Tufo, Beverly Brune, President Looper, Robin Pokorski.



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

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Publication: *The National Gardener*

Website: gardenclub.org

Conventions:

2020: Milwaukee, WI

2021: Rutherford, NJ

Information: NGC website

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/cgcnewsletters

Here is the information needed for club and district yearbooks:

National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC)**Gay L. Austin, President**

405 Marion Avenue,
McComb, MS 39648-2709

Email gaylaustin@gmail.com

Phone 601-684-3952 Cell 601-248-7661

Theme: *Plant America*

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. (PRGC)**Robin L. Pokorski, Director**

512 Newton Street,
San Fernando, CA 91340-2421

Email prgcdirector@gmail.com

Phone 818-361-7873

Theme: *Reconnect To YOUR Pacific Region*

California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI)**Charlene "Shane" Looper, President**

213 Carmelo Lane,
South San Francisco, CA 94080-2204

Email cgcipresident@cagardenclubs.org

Phone 650-871-0172

Theme: *Plant America – Plant Parks*



If you want to have your yearbook judged, the entry must be **postmarked by December 1, 2019** and sent to CGCI 2nd Vice President Carol Vallens, 21053 Devonshire Street, #104, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Include a CGCI application form and an evaluation form (Award 54 - Club Yearbooks / Award 55 - District Yearbooks). Look for the evaluation forms on the CGCI website, (under "Awards") to see what is required if you want to win!

NGC Poster Contest**By Charlotte Tucker, CGCI Chairman**

DON'T FORGET: Smokey Bear will turn 75 years young on August 9th, 2019. If you participate in, or would like to participate in the Poster Contest consider the following ideas:

- Read the Smokey Bear story at "Story Time" in the local library on that day or during the week
- Have the kids sing *Happy Birthday* to Smokey
- Serve birthday cake or other small treats
- This will give you an opportunity to connect with parents who might take the Poster Contest information to their child's school for the beginning of the new school year in September and get your Poster Contest program off to a good start.

Remember I'm only as far away from you as the telephone or your computer and I'm always ready to help you with whatever it takes to make your Poster Contest a success.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SMOKEY



“Reconnect to YOUR Pacific Region”

Director’s Special Projects

“Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region!”

Goal (for California): to install or refurbish 5 Blue Star Markers each year of this term

“Let’s Bring ‘em Back in”

Goal: to develop resources and materials to connect with clubs that have not disbanded but have left our federation

Coming Attractions

Photo Phundraiser - \$5 per photo entry in one or more of the following categories: 1. Landscapes/ Gardens; 2. Animals; 3. Insects/Birds; 4. Single Bloom; 5. Moose – Entry forms available shortly – cash prizes for Best in Show & for the club with the most entries per capita! Show held at the Pacific Region Convention in April 2020 in Oregon.

Installation Booklet – Available this fall; contributions welcome

Centerpiece Give-away Ideas – Available this fall; contributions welcome

Region Cookbook – featuring recipes from our Region states; contributions welcome

Inspiration Booklet – Available this fall; contributions welcome

Youth Activities Ideas Handbook – Booklet to share ideas from around the region; contributions welcome

Ideas for Increasing Membership – Booklet to share ideas from around the region; contributions welcome

Jelly & JAMboree – homemade jams and jellies contest at the Pacific Region Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada April 2021

Environmental Art Show – at the Pacific Region Convention Las Vegas, Nevada April 2021; member participation encouraged

Digital History of the Pacific Region – completion expected by April 2021

Join us for the Pacific Region Convention

April 27 - 30, 2020 Silverton, Oregon at The Oregon Garden

April 30 – May 2, 2020 Post-Convention Tour

Be a part of the fun & education!

For information on any of these projects, programs or activities, contact:
Robin Pokorski, 818-361-7873 or PRGCDirector@gmail.com



DONATIONS 2019
Total this month: \$4,556.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$23,558.00

**ARBORETUM**

San Marino GC\$408
 Honor: Southwestern Academy,
 Clairbourn School, Saints Felicitas
 and Perpetua School, Shirley Jagels,
 Marilyn Peck, Gretchen Sheperd
 Romey
 Year Around GC\$408
 Honor: Henrietta Peavy, Nancy Bird,
 Babs Cosand, Evelyn Ade, Joan
 Snyder, Yolanda Peterson

BAY BRIDGES

San Leandro GC\$136
 Memory: Betty Quadros, Tony San-
 tos

BAY OCEAN

Garden Study Club/Peninsula..... \$68

DIABLO FOOTHILLS

Blackhawk Bloomers\$476
 Honor: Kim Chandler, Barbara Mur-
 phy, Pat Jenkins, Brenda Markson,
 Ann Negovetich, Barbara Wilson,
 Kathleen Gibbons

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS

Colfax GC\$68
 Memory: Alexander Kinghorn Turner,
 Jr.
 Organic GC/Sacramento
 County\$136
 Honor: Jane Strain, Nyla Baker

ORANGE COUNTY

Del Norte GC\$68
 Memory: Robert Dean Cooper
 San Juan Capistrano GC\$136

PALMS TO PINES

The Palms GC\$544

PALOMAR

Fallbrook GC\$340
 San Carlos GC\$68
 Honor: Susan Pappert
 San Diego County Garden Guild \$68
 Temecula Valley GC\$816
 Honor: Susan Puma, Sherri Whitton,
 Janice Rosner, Ruth Lozano, Floarn
 Lott, Carol Howe, Judy Sundermann,
 Ann Mousner, Mary Irving, Robert
 Boyd, Marlene Voll, Lesley Gjedde

ROADRUNNER

Hesperia GC\$136
 Honor: Gale Misuraca, Shirley Brog-
 don

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Cherry Blossom GC\$68
 Memory: Lorene Van Ark-Miller
 Sherman Oaks GC\$68
 Memory: Haley Wady

VALLEY LODGE

Calaveras County GC\$68
 Memory: Carole Gordon
 Manteca GC\$136

Penny Pines correction: In the June issue the total for
 Bernardo Gardeners should have been \$340



From the Editor: This is my last issue as Editor of *Golden Gardens eNews*. It has been a privilege and pleasure to bring you the news of CGCI and its member clubs and districts. Please welcome Launa Gould as the new Editor and don't forget to send your newsletters and articles to goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org. Thank you for your continued support.

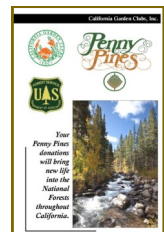
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Penny Pines brochures are availa-
 ble on the CGCI website. Go to
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/pennypines>

Download and print (or have
 printed) as many copies as need-
 ed.

Penny Pines
 donation form:

- ◇ Please DO
 NOT use ALL
 CAPS
- ◇ DO submit
 multiple
 names on a single form



CGCI DOES NOT issue the certi-
 ficates acknowledging donations or
 receive/track the checks. Ques-
 tions should be directed to the
 pertinent Forest Service Office



Scenes from the 2019 Convention

