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Meet the President:

NGC President 2019-2021:

Gay Austin

Gay is a native of Liberty, Mississippi, now living nearby in the City of McComb. As a youth living in rural Mississippi, she helped with her mother's flower and vegetable gardens. Currently, she continues to grow and harvest fruits and vegetables for family use, specializing in making jams and jellies to share with friends. Gay studied art at Newcomb College in New Orleans, Louisiana, and later obtained her nursing degree. In her professional career, she worked as an Emergency Room RN, then as the Office Manager of Southwest Mississippi Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic.

Gay joined the McComb Garden Club in 1986, and she continues to participate as an active member. She has served as chairman and officer of most positions in this club, as well as Club President in 1996-1997. Gay also is a member of the Flower Lovers Garden Club in McComb and the Natchez Garden Club, located in Natchez, Mississippi. On the district, state and regional levels of garden clubs, she served in many positions, including Chairman of the 2003 NGC Annual Convention, State Flower Show Chairman, State Awards Chairman and President of the MS Flower Show Judges' Council. She was editor of the state garden club publication, Miss Gardener from 2005 – 2009. She also served in many elected office positions, before serving as the State President of The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. from 2009 – 2011.

Gay is a National Garden Clubs Master Flower Show Judge and NGC Flower Show Schools Horticulture Instructor. She is currently on the Executive Committee of both Keep Mississippi Beautiful and the Mississippi Heritage Trust. Since 2006, she has been an active member of the Pike County Master Gardeners, including serving as President. Gay has been a member of the Amite River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution since 1975.

In addition to Gay's interest in garden clubs, she is passionate about animal rescue. In her spare time, she serves on the board of directors of PALS Rescue, Inc., a local no-kill animal shelter, of which she is past president and past chairman of the shelter building committee in 2010. She is an accomplished multimedia artist with works in many private and corporate collections, many of which she donated through the years for fund-raising events. She has been active in many local groups, including the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, McComb Junior Auxiliary and Pike County Arts Council, serving as board member and president of each.

She and her husband, Will, live in a rural part of Pike County, Mississippi. They have five children with spouses and ten grandchildren, along with nine dogs and two cats, all of which bring great joy to their lives.

Many years ago, a NGC officer spoke at a garden club meeting. Her words "the service you give to others is the legacy you leave behind," have inspired Gay and strengthened her commitment to her family, her community, her state, and National Garden Clubs.

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **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
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

**Celebrate: Achievement, Creativity and the Future...**

June 3-7, 2019

2019 CGCI Annual Convention

Host: Southern California Garden Club

Chairman: Rita Desilets

Membership Matters:

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

Adele Kelly

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

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.

CGCI 3-year calendars 2020 - 2022 are available on consignment and for individual sales. The calendars can be obtained from the State Pins and Misc Sales Chairman, Hank Vanderhorst, on consignment in packages of 10 to sell at the club and district meetings. To order, use the Sales Order Form available on the website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/PromotionalMaterials> (click on the "Sales" tab). They will also be available at the 2019 CGCI Convention in Van Nuys.

**Celebrate National Garden Week
June 2-8, 2019**

Join NGC clubs across the country and celebrate National Garden Week. Promote the NGC objectives of beautification, education of environmental efforts, gardening, and involvement in your community. It is an opportunity to encourage pride in your community, interest new members, and work with other groups to be part of those efforts.

To download the poster and proclamation go to:

NationalGardenClubs.com/NationalGardenWeek



CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- **Membership (NEW)**
Chairman: Adele Kelly
P.O. Box 27179
San Diego 92198-1179
- **Insurance (NEW)**
Chairman: Robin Pokorski
512 Newton Street
San Fernando 91340-2421
- **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
Sempervirens Fund

Golden Legacy Society

By George Perko, Chairman

You have demonstrated your continued interest in and support of your own garden clubs, district, and California Garden Clubs, Inc. Now we challenge you to provide a further, lasting way to contribute.

In 1931, Founding President Mrs. Leonard B. Slosson, understood that California's natural beauty and its botanical heritage had to be encouraged and expanded by harnessing the efforts of kindred spirits in a new organization: California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI). Since then, thousands of enthusiasts have been devoted to the development of all phases of gardening and floral design, the betterment and beautification of the community, the protection and conservation of our natural resources, and the exchange of information and ideas. You have inherited this legacy, and through your support of CGCI, you have shown just how much you value that legacy.

What if there was a way to transform your annual support into an enduring legacy – a way to support the work of CGCI not just for today but also for decades to come?

A bequest in your will or the designation of CGCI as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets (RPAs) will achieve just that. These gifts, funded after your lifetime, can ensure that these same values will be conveyed to future generations.

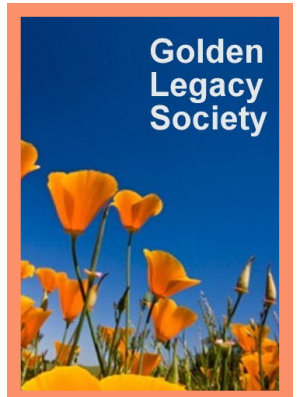
CGCI has two Endowment Funds – one for scholarships and one for the overall organization – both are vehicles to make a significant difference to future generations.

Bequests and gifts of RPAs offer significant benefits to you:

- ♥ It costs you nothing now
- ♥ There is no minimum donation – every gift make a difference
- ♥ Loved ones and CGCI can both be made beneficiaries
- ♥ Beneficiaries can change at any time (if your kids begin to annoy you) – you are not obligated by a decision made today
- ♥ You may remain anonymous OR, by sharing your decision with other CGCI supporters, inspire others to take a similar step

It is possible to help CGCI achieve a greater tomorrow – and you can make the difference that creates a golden future for CGCI.

To download the brochure, go to [Golden Legacy Society](http://GoldenLegacySociety.com).



**How do we know global
warming isn't just Mother
Nature having a hot flash?**

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

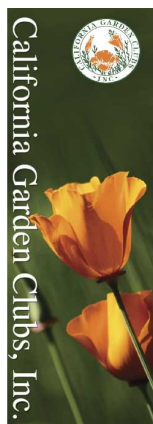
Chairman: Mike Gould

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)

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Carvill Veech, 1st place at "Art Alive" for her interpretation of artist Alice Neel's painting. Now in its 38th year, Art Alive is the San Diego Museum of Art's most important fundraiser. The event attracted nearly 12,000 visitors April 12-14, 2019. Carvill is a Master Flower Show Judge, member of Southwestern Judges Council and Crown Garden Club of Coronado, Palomar District.



Auburn Garden Club celebrating 85 years. Refreshments represented what folks could grow in their home gardens during the Great Depression - pickled beets, egg salad, green beans, etc. Members sported vintage clothing. Photo (L-R) Billy True, Virginia Rowley, Suzie Stark and Barbara Ogden in their aprons!



What's Up in Pacific Region?

By Robin Pokorski, PRGC Director

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. (PRGC) is comprised of the eight western states - Washington, Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska, Hawaii - take the first letter of each state and you have *WACONIAH* - the name of the official publication of the Pacific Region.

Each Director selects a Director's project that, hopefully, all region states will participate in - this term because I am so tall, I selected two special projects - "*Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region*" and "*Let's Bring 'em Back In.*"

"*Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region*" seeks to significantly increase the number of Blue Star Memorial Markers in our region states. I have promised to attend as many dedications as I can - there is a Blue Star cake (made of wood) that will proudly sport the state flag for every dedication. California has been challenged to dedicate (or refurbish) five markers each of the next two years. I'd like California to have the most flags on the cake so start thinking where your club and/or district can place a marker. Idaho has already had a dedication so they have the first flag in the cake - come on, let's not dilly-dally - let's get California on the cake!

"*Let's Bring 'em Back In*" seeks to develop and provide membership materials/resources to state membership chairman to use in identifying and contacting clubs that have not disbanded but have left our federations. Our own Carol Vallens is the Project Chairman, contact her if you have ideas, want the materials we develop or know of a club in your district that has left.

Mark your calendars for the Pacific Region convention in Silverton, Oregon April 27 - 30, 2020 and then stay on and join us on the fundraiser tour of McMinnville and Corvallis, Oregon! I promise it's a special tour not to be missed.

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

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 St. Louis, MO 63110-3492
 Telephone: (314) 776-7574
 Fax: (314) 776-5108

Email: headquarters@gardenclub.org**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/
 cgcnewsletter](http://californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletter)

NGC News

The President's Project: **Plant America** will continue through the 2019-2021 term with a singular focus on gardens and gardening. The words of this theme can either be a command to service or a description of what NGC clubs do. This concept supports the idea that the main reason people join a garden club is to learn about gardening. It covers any and every aspect of gardening, horticulture, garden design and community service – even water and conservation issues, as one cannot garden without water! It applies to every kind of garden: Blue Star plantings, vegetable gardens, community gardens, container gardening on town streets, neighborhood plantings, etc.

Projects in local communities are what distinguish us from the work of other gardening organizations. Towns, cities, neighborhoods, and roadsides across the United States are all beneficiaries of National Garden Clubs projects.

NGC will continue to financially support the activities of our member clubs through the "Plant America Community Project Grants." For details on the program and information on how to apply for a grant go to NGC Plant America

**NGC Officers 2019-2021:**

First Vice-President
MARY WARSHAUER



Second Vice-President
BRENDA MOORE



Third Vice-President
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Recording Secretary

Donna Donnelly

Treasurer

Lynette Jeffres

Corresponding Secretary

Bonnie Borne

Historian

Andrea Little

Parliamentarian

*Joan H. Corbisiero, PRP***Region Directors**

New England

Suzanne Bushnell

Central Atlantic

Gail Corle

South Atlantic

Carolyn McCafferty

Deep South

Lena Bateman

Central

Jodi Meyer

South Central

Linda Lawson

Rocky Mountain

Darla Anderson

Pacific

Robin Pokorski



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

Thank You

BAY BRIDGES

Hillside Gardeners/Montclair.... \$544
 Honor: Eriko Hermans, Kate &
 Richard West, Frank O'Brien,
 Elena Ortega, Ann Ludwig, Peter
 Lester, Marietta & Chris Hickey,
 Merle Boese, Suzanne & Bill
 McLean, George Duncan

BAY OCEAN

Pacifica GC \$204
 Honor: Dorene Roy, Frances
 Wright, Betty & Dan Wells

CASCADE

Lake California GC \$136
 Honor: Georgia Dickson
 Red Bluff GC \$272
 Honor: Carr Fire Recovery

COSTA VERDE

Long Beach GC..... \$204
 Honor: Club members
 Memory: Ronald Mayo, James
 Anna and Harvey Tuttle, Edward
 Tuttle, Margie Tuttle Veit, & Judy
 Milum

Riviera GC \$204

DIABLO FOOTHILLS

District \$68
 Honor: Dolores Moffat
 Clayton Valley GC \$68
 Honor: Barry Hart
 Donor: Margaret Arundell \$68
 Memory: Don Arundell, Phil Cook
 Discovery Bay GC
 Donor: Trilogy GC \$68
 Memory: Capt. Rodney J. Bruce
 CC Fire District

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS

Colfax GC \$136
 Memory: Loreen Lish, Mary
 (Mickey) Fletcher

GREATER LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles GC \$68
 Memory: Robert Shea

LUTHER BURBANK

Petaluma GC \$68

PALOMAR

Bernardo Gardeners \$204
 Honor: Judy Krupski
 Memory: Maxine Schimmel

Chula Vista GC \$68

Honor: Margaret Mary Selvitz

La Jolla GC \$68

Honor: Mary Mitchell
 Donor: Mary Mitchell..... \$136
 Memory: Dr. Edward & Mrs.
 Mary D. Mitchell, Thomas C.
 Mitchell

Point Loma GC \$136

Memory: Christian Massard,
 Donna DeMillan

Donor: Margaret Cook \$68

Memory: Eileen Van Winkle

Ramona GC \$204

Honor: Maggie Crane, Verna
 Dailey, Sandi Clark

Village GC of La Jolla \$1,224

Vista GC \$272



SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY

Arden Park GC.....\$204
 Memory: Eva Eldridge, those lost
 in wildfires

Elk Grove GC\$68

Honor: Past garden club members

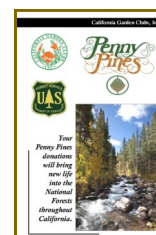
Folsom GC\$476

Honor: Sharron Anderson, Kathy
 Bramall, Rhonda DesVoignes,
 Judith Greenalch, Judith Hickey,
 Karen Hoff, Cyndi Murdoch



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

Download and print (or have printed) as many copies as needed.



Penny Pines donation form:

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

CGCI DOES NOT issue the certificates acknowledging donations or receive/track the checks. Questions should be directed to the pertinent Forest Service Office

CORRECTIONS:

In the April issue several donor clubs were listed under the wrong district. Following is the correct list:

Arboretum: It's Garden Thyme

Valley Lode: Foothill GC, Lodi GC, Newman GC, Sierra Madre GC, Tuolumne GC