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



## June 3-7, 2019 2019 CGCI Annual Convention

**Host: Southern California Garden Club**

**Chairman: Rita Desilets**

Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys, California

Room rate: \$105 with breakfast included. \$5 parking fee

DEADLINE TO RESERVE AT CGCI RATE: May 19

### Highlights:

- ♥ **Monday, June 3:** Pre-convention committee meetings
- ♥ **Tuesday, June 4:**
  - ◇ Luncheon honoring club presidents
  - ◇ Awards banquet
- ♥ **Wednesday, June 5:**
  - ◇ Luncheon honoring District Directors
  - ◇ Design banquet: Flower Show Awards and design competition featuring the three Vice-Presidents
- ♥ **Thursday, June 6:**
  - ◇ Youth luncheon-Smokey Bear 75th birthday party
  - ◇ Installation banquet - *Shane Looper, CGCI President 2019-2021*
- ♥ **Friday, June 7:** Post-convention Board Meeting, Organizational meeting
- ♥ **Workshops:** Miniature Floral Design Techniques, Drying Flowers, Tea (A Journey from Leaf to Cup), Leadership, Adaptive Gardening, Make-it & Take-it floral design, Broken-pot succulent planters, Internet Security, and more.
- ♥ **Boutique:** Featuring hand-crafted and unusual items

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## Registration for the 2019 Annual Convention is now open.

- ◇ *The early bird package price is \$240 when postmarked by Monday, May 13.* It includes registration fee plus three lunches and three dinners.
- ◇ **\$265** if postmarked between May 14 and May 24
- ◇ **No** registrations will be accepted after May 24 and **no refunds** after May 24, 2019.
- ◇ Register NOW and save. Do not risk the chance of getting busy and forgetting.

Details & forms: [2019 Convention](#)

**CGCI Official Calendar**

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

- **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

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**CGCI Schools Chairmen**

Environmental: Shane Looper  
slooper@sbcglobal.net  
Flower Show: Gudrun Kimmel  
gudrun56@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

- **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

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- **May 15-17: Flower Show School**  
Course 1, Las Vegas, NV. Information/Forms contact Jean Engelmann, Registrar, 702-456-3126  
[wjengelmann@gmail.com](mailto:wjengelmann@gmail.com)

**From the President's desk...**

Conventions provide a wonderful opportunity for us to  
“Celebrate: Achievement, Creativity and the Future”.

The **88<sup>th</sup> Annual CGCI Convention will be held in Van Nuys** and we hope you will join us for education fun, and fellowship. Our host, Southern California Garden Club has put together interesting workshops, activities, programs and more. **June 3-7** will be here before you know it so don't delay, make your hotel reservations and submit your registration forms now.

- ♥ Print and review the **INFORMATION** provided-The Call, Convention Schedule, Registration Form, Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws (print your copy and bring it with you to the meeting), proposed 2019-21 slate of officers.
- ♥ Review the **HOTEL** information, and make your room reservations now. The deadline for the special rate is May 19.
- ♥ Complete and mail your **REGISTRATION** form. Take advantage of the “early bird package price” and mail **by Monday, May 13.**
- ♥ **PRESIDENTS:** Don't forget to complete and submit the Credentials Form to determine the voting privileges for your organization. It is to be submitted online - not mailed.

**District Directors:** Election of the Nominating Committee for the 2019-2021 term will take place. PRIOR TO CONVENTION, please identify candidates who are willing and able to do this work and who will attend all state meetings (it is necessary to have a quorum at each meeting to conduct business). It could be you! Be prepared for the election of the Nominating Committee.

NOTE: See Greg Pokorski's articles on Page 3 for information and guidelines for delegates and the nominating committee.

This president looks forward to seeing you at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual CGCI Convention in Van Nuys, June 3-7, 2019 when we will “Celebrate: Achievement, Creativity and the Future.”

*Krystal*

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**Membership Matters:**

It's time to 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 June 1. And don't forget, dues for all additional members should be paid by May 1 so that the financial records can be finalized.

**CGCI Programs & Projects**

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

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- **Membership (NEW)**  
**Chairman: Carol Vallens**  
21053 Devonshire St #104  
Chatsworth 91311-8248
- **Dues:**  
**Admin Ass't: Rita Desilets**  
**8316 Sparton Avenue**  
**Van Nuys 91402-4030**
- **Insurance (NEW)**  
**Chairman: Robin Pokorski**  
512 Newton Street  
San Fernando 91340-2421
- **Group Tax Exemption Program**  
Chairman: Ilene Herring  
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

**2019 CGCI Convention Guidelines**

By Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian

**Garden Clubs, Who are You Sending to Convention?**

Each member club and associate plant society is entitled to representation at the CGCI annual meeting (convention). This is your opportunity to be aware of how your organization is being run and to participate in its administration, as well as an opportunity to meet and network with fellow members from all over California and to learn from the workshops and programs provided.

Member organizations are entitled to representation both by their presidents (or the president's alternate) and by delegates (the number of official delegates that may attend from each organization is based on the size of the membership of each organization and is specified in CGCI's bylaws). Delegates should be elected by each club – or at the least, appointed by whomever (usually the president) has appointing authority. Club members cannot just fill out registration forms designating themselves as delegates. For every registration form that indicates the attendee is a president, alternate or delegate there needs to be a Credentials Form from that club verifying this information. See instructions with the Call to Convention. One Credentials Form is submitted by each club that is sending representatives, and this is usually submitted by the club president.

Delegates should be those who plan to attend convention business sessions where they have the opportunity to vote on behalf of the club they are representing. Be a part of your parent organization. Attend the CGCI convention and take information and ideas back to your club. And let us know you are coming by being sure that your club has submitted its Credentials Form.

**CGCI Districts, Who Will Represent You on the CGCI Nominating Committee?**

Every two years CGCI elects new officers and a new Nominating Committee to identify candidates for the administration that will begin two years later. All CGCI Districts are entitled to be represented on the Nominating Committee, but only seven districts are represented in any one term and those districts cannot be represented two terms in a row. **Therefore, Bay Bridges, Cascade, Diablo Foothills, Montana de Oro, Palomar, Sacramento River Valley, and Sequoia Foothills Districts which have served this term will NOT be eligible to be represented on the 2019-2021 committee.**

**All OTHER Districts** should now be thinking about who can represent their District on the Nominating Committee. This is each district's opportunity to participate in the selection of our future leaders. Members of the CGCI Nominating Committee will be members of the CGCI Board of Directors and will be expected to attend the four board meetings and two conventions of the 2019-2021 term (especially all Nominating Committee meetings). Who from your District is willing to serve? Nominees must have served on the CGCI board of directors and be present at the convention when they are nominated. Those Districts who identify candidates for the Nominating Committee should also identify a back-up because if the elected member has to leave the position for any reason, a replacement is appointed from the same District. The good news is that your District is represented for the full term!

Prepare to be represented in determining CGCI's future. Identify candidates to represent your District. Be ready to nominate and elect members of our Nominating Committee at the upcoming convention.



**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

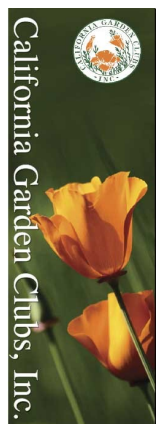
**♥ Member Award of Distinction**

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)

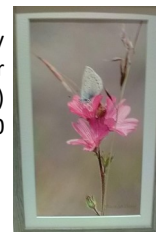
**CGCI Endowment Funds - Raffle**

A special raffle to benefit the Endowment Funds is now underway. The drawing will be held during the 2019 CGCI Convention in Van Nuys. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and may be purchased from your District Director or at Convention.

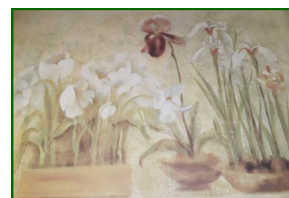


Mary Lake Thompson  
Limited Edition Tote  
Bag: Value \$100

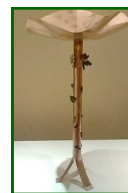
Photo: Mission Blue Butterfly  
on pink flower  
12 3/4 w x 19 3/4 h (framed)  
Value \$400



Painted flower  
Door, 24" w x 72" h:  
Value \$50



Iris painting acrylic  
36" w x 24" h  
(unframed) Value: \$50



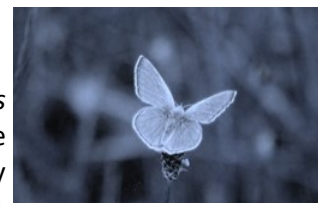
Solid copper birdbath,  
30" H, Value: \$1200

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**Project Mission Blue****By Shane Looper, Chairman**

Remember the song "Where have all the flowers gone"? Well, where have all the donations for the Mission Blue Butterfly project gone? The Federally Endangered Mission Blue Butterfly continues to be in need of financial support for its species to survive especially in this wet winter and spring. This is one of the reasons why CGCI has taken on Project Mission Blue as a State Project. We strive to help fund a \$2,000 annual donation to increase the summer and silver lupine in the park and to propagate and plant twelve California native nectar plants. We have fallen a bit short this year. Please consider donating to Project Mission Blue. The donation form is located on the CGCI website. For more information, please contact Shane Looper at [slooper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slooper@sbcglobal.net).

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/projectmissionblue>



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**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.**

**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 29-May 2, 2019, Biloxi, MS  
 BeauRivage Resort

Information: [NGC website](http://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](http://gardenclub.org) for details on these  
 and other projects)

**Director: 2019-2021****Robin Pokorski****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**[PacificRegionGardenClubs.org](http://PacificRegionGardenClubs.org)**Conventions:**

2020: Oregon  
 2021: Nevada  
 2022: Washington

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



**2017-19 National Garden Clubs, Inc. President,  
 Nancy Hargroves**  
 will be our honored guest at the CGCI Convention

The President's Project: Plant America Grants  
 will continue through the 2019-2021 term



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**Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.  
 Director 2019-2021  
 Robin Pokorski**



Madam Director!

Scenes from the 2019  
 PRGC Convention



The  
 "Designing  
 Diva"



PRGC Executive Committee



A Hollywood happenin'



Hank & Gail  
 Hosts extraordinaire



### New CGCI Liability Insurance Chairman

**Reminder: Effective April 15, 2019** the NEW Liability Insurance Chairman is **Robin Pokorski**. Robin's contact info is: 512 Newton St., San Fernando, CA 91340-2421, 818-361-7873 home, 818-425-3247 cell, Email: [cgcinsurance@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:cgcinsurance@cagardenclubs.org). Please direct all insurance payments, questions, certificate requests, garden tour contracts, Additional Insured contracts/requests, etc. to Robin. Thank you in advance for your assistance making this an EASY transition!



The online forms have been updated. Go to <http://californiagardenclubs.com/insurance> to download.

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### Arbor Day 2019

Humboldt District and its member clubs celebrated Arbor Day 2019 with several tree plantings:

- ♥ Eureka Sequoia GC planted a Pacific Willow tree at the Sequoia Park Zoo. The Zoo is replacing all non-native plants with native species.
- ♥ Ferndale GC planted a tree in Shirley's Pocket Park at the Francis Creek Bridge.
- ♥ The district and its eight clubs planted a Vine Maple tree (*Acer circinatum*) in the Wildberries Natural Riparian Area of the Humboldt Botanical Garden.



Eureka Sequoia members at the Zoo



Mary Lou Goodwin, CGCI Arbor Day Chairman, Jeanne Johnson, Humboldt District Director & Evelyn Giddings Humboldt Botanical Garden President.

Ferndale Garden Club





**DONATIONS 2019**  
**Total this month: \$3,778.00**  
**Carol Vallens, Chairman**  
 Total January 1 to date:  
**\$14,008.00**

**ARBORETUM**

District ..... \$68  
 Memory: Margaret Harris

**BAY BRIDGES**

El Cerrito GC ..... \$272  
 Honor: Martha Jackson,  
 Ce Ce Nguyen, Molly Ong, Lily Polk

**BUTTES**

Colusa County GC ..... \$68  
 Memory: Dan Holland

**CASCADE**

Lake California GC ..... \$68  
 Memory: Viola Longmire  
 Donor: Lake California Senior  
 Singles ..... \$68  
 Memory: Viola Longmire

**CHANNEL ISLANDS**

Pleasant Valley GC ..... \$136

**COSTA VERDE**

San Pedro GC ..... \$136  
 Honor: Jeanne San Paolo, Mike Czap

**DESERT EMPIRE**

District ..... \$68  
 Honor: Paradise GC

**DIABLO FOOTHILLS**

District ..... \$204  
 Honor: Dolores Moffat, Gloria Utley  
 Clayton Valley GC ..... \$68  
 Honor: Robin Willis

**GOLDEN FOOTHILLS**

Auburn Arrangers Guild ..... \$68  
 Honor: Helga Sallmon

**GREATER LOS ANGELES**

It's Garden Thyme GC ..... \$340  
 Honor: Samantha Leyer,  
 Club members  
 Memory: Margaret Harris

**MONTANA DE ORO**

Cayucos GC ..... \$68  
 Memory: Dixie Lindquist

**ORANGE COUNTY**

Lake Forest GC ..... \$136  
 Honor: The dedicated Firefighters and  
 individuals who lost so much due to  
 the fires

**ORANGE COUNTY**

Newport Hills GC ..... \$272  
 Honor: Arbor Day & Earth Day  
 Niguel Shores GC ..... \$68  
 Memory: Margaret Brugger  
 San Clemente GC ..... \$340  
 Honor: Mike & Launa Gould  
 Memory: Wilma Cogswell

**PALOMAR**

Chula Vista GC ..... \$68  
 Memory: Herbert J. McDade & Family  
 Point Loma GC ..... \$68  
 Memory: Marilyn Pavel  
 Poway Valley GC ..... \$408

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**

Burbank-Valley GC ..... \$68  
 Honor: Ray Law  
 Southern California GC ..... \$204  
 Honor: Robin Pokorski, Shane  
 Looper, Nancy Hargroves  
 West Valley GC ..... \$136  
 Memory: Madelyn Jameson,  
 Adrienne Krause

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY**

Green Thumb GC of Milpitas ..... \$68  
 Memory: Shirley LaMotte

**VALLEY LODGE**

Calaveras County GC ..... \$68  
 Memory: Lynda Kuykendall  
 Escalon Farmington GC ..... \$136  
 Honor: Annemarie Freeseha,  
 Judy Scheppman  
 Foothill GC ..... \$68  
 Memory: Bill Loretta  
 Patterson GC  
 Donor: Frank Stehli ..... \$68  
 Honor: Mabel Emmagene Stehli

**Tell us about it...**

Does your club or district have a unique way to raise funds for Penny Pines? If so, let us know...we would like to share with everyone. Send a brief description to [pennypines@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:pennypines@cagardenclubs.org) and we will include in future *Golden Gardens eNews* issues.

Of all the paths you take in life,  
 make sure a few of them are dirt  
 John Muir