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Greetings California Garden Club Members,

California is in the midst of fires and wind. Many of our members are dealing with these fires and having to look for shelter. Many others are without electricity. CGCI is hoping that all is well with our members, their homes and their gardens. Please stay safe.

Atwater Garden Club and Camellia Society invited me to the Yosemite Gateway District meeting that they were hosting.

This is a small district, but what a great day it was hearing what three clubs are accomplishing in their cities and towns. The club Presidents from Merced Garden Club, Le Grand Garden Club, Atwater Garden Club and Camellia Society reported their activities. They do so much for their community such as tours, refreshing landscape around town, fundraising projects for scholarships plus flower and rose shows which introduce the community to their clubs' activities. They promote club membership during these community exhibits. Outstanding communication of club activities was presented at this district meeting. Merced Garden Club's Yearbook states "Your mind is a Garden, your thoughts are the seeds, you can grow flowers, or you can grow weeds."

Well done, Yosemite Gateway District.

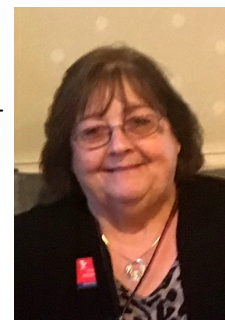
Reminders:

- The call for CGCI Winter Board, Feb. 3-6, 2020 will be sent later this month. It will be held in Long Beach on the Queen Mary.
- Dues were due July 1, 2019 and late October on 1, 2019. Please get your dues in immediately.
- Liability insurance billing will be sent out to the membership before the end of this month.

Shane

President's Travel:

November 8, 2019	Chicago Park Garden Club – Victorian Faire
November 12, 2019	Men's Garden Club of Santa Rosa
December 4, 2019	Hanford Garden Club
January 12, 2020	San Jose Garden Club
February 23, 2020	San Fernando Valley District Meeting
February 25, 2020	Montana de Oro District Meeting



CGCI Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- February 3-6, 2020:**

CGCI Winter Board Meeting
Queen Mary, Long Beach
Host: Costa Verde District

- May 26-30, 2020:**

CGCI Convention
Embassy Suites, So. San Francisco
Co-Hosts: Santa Clara Valley and
Bay Ocean Districts

**CGCI Schools Chairmen**

Environmental: Michael and Leticia
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Flower Show: Gudrun Kimmel
gudron56@att.net

Gardening: Greg Pokorski
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Landscape Design: Alexis Slafer
aslafer@ca.rr.com

Gardening School

January 20-21, 2020 Course 1

January 22-23, 2020 Course 2

July 13-14, 2020 Course 3

July 15-16 Course 4

Sponsor:

Chula Vista GC, Chula Vista
Chairman: Michael Biedenbender
Contact: MikeB.cvgc@gmail.com
Registrar: TishB@cvgc@gmail.com

Gardening School

February 15-16, 2020 Course 3

March 7-8, 2020 Course 1

March 28-29, 2020 Course 2

April 18-19, 2020 Course 4

Sponsor:

Valley Lode District

Location: Turlock

Contact: Berni Hendrix
distdirvld@gmail.com

NGC Schools

All registration forms are on the
CGCI website Calendar page
californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

Yearbook, Manual & Roster

Hopefully everybody has now received their yearbooks. The printing press broke down in the middle of our print limiting the number of books available at the Fall Board Meeting, a logistical nightmare!! Sincere thanks to Adele Kelly for coping with the distribution in Redding and to Sharon Tooley and Robin Pokorski for their assistance.

Directors who did not place a yearbook order and had insufficient books for their club presidents/co-presidents may collect them from the Sales Table at the Winter Board Meeting in Long Beach. Extra copies may be purchased from me for \$6 each plus \$3 postage.

I have been advised of some corrections. Apologies to them.

Lisa Cosand - email address: sflowerpLc@aol.com

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Emily Wisneski - telephone area code: 626

Elisabeth Tufo, YMR Chairman

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760-946-0793

AWARDS

Postmark Due Date of Sunday, December 1 (December 2 is OK)

- | | |
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| #1. Community Impact | #50. Newsletters |
| #2. Blue Star Memorial Site Beautification | #51. Publications |
| #3. Civic Development | #52. National Garden Week |
| #6. Memorial Planting | #53. Website |
| #11. Achievement for a Single Event | #54. Club Yearbook |
| #14. Garden Therapy | #55. District Yearbook |
| #16. Membership Promotion | #61. Youth Recycle Sculpture Contest |
| #21. Conservation Projects | #62. Youth Poetry Contest |
| #23. Home Garden | #65. School Garden Award |
| #25. Operation Wildflower | All Flower Show Awards (except for #33, |
| #26. Pollinator Education | #34, #36, #37) |



Any National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. awards that do not have corresponding CGCI awards are also due by December 1. Send these to the CGCI Awards Chairman Pat Claves, P.O. Box 757, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352. Any questions, please contact CGCI Awards Chairman at patclaves@aol.com.

GARDENING SCHOOLS

All Gardening Consultants can refresh once next year – at any one of these courses listed in the sidebar at the left, or at the Tri-Refresher at the WBM in Long Beach. If you're good standing expires this year, request an extension from this chairman and attend one of the 2020 events.

Greg Pokorski
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CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- 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 2019-2021**

- Project Mission Blue**

Chairman: Julie West
850 Grandview Road,
Sebastapol 95472-2930

- Scholarship 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
CGCI Scholarship Fund
Sempervirens Fund

Blue Star Memorial Marker News

Some good news! For those of you that were not able to attend the recent Fall Board meeting in Redding, a motion was passed to allot \$7,500 from the CGCI General Fund to be used for the refurbishment of 10 or more large Blue Star Memorial markers. For a club or district to apply for these funds, a picture of the marker and the dollar amount requested needs to be sent to this Blue Star Chairman by February 1, 2020. A committee will decide which markers will receive state refurbishment funds.

Thomas Stelling, owner of Historical Markers Restorations, will come out west from his home in Florida at his own expense, if he has at least 12 to 15 markers to restore. He will come in late spring of 2020 and perhaps again in 2021 if there is a need for more restorations. The cost to restore a large highway marker is \$750 and he does the restoration on site. The cost for the small By-way marker is \$250. By-way markers must be unmounted and taken to a site where a highway marker is being restored. Some of the markers have been in place for quite a few years and are looking a bit shabby. This is a reflection on all CGCI members. For this allotment to be used most beneficially, it would be good if clubs could raise some of the cost on their own. Even if your club is not going to have a marker restored, perhaps you could donate some money to another club in your District to help get one done.

Our Pacific Region Director has given us the challenge of installing or refurbishing at least 5 markers, both this year and next year. I know that with everyone's co-operation, we can meet that goal of 10 new or refurbished markers in two years. Regardless of whether you will be requesting state funds, we need to know if you wish to have Tom do a marker restoration so that an orderly schedule can be made for his travelling efficiency. Let's get "eyes on" every Blue Star Memorial Marker in the state. For a list of markers in your area, visit: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/sites/default/files/Projects/BlueStarPage.pdf>

To view Tom's restoration work: www.HistoricalMarkersRestorations.com. For more information, please just ask. Applications for the funds should be sent to me at: 837 7th St., Fortuna, CA 95540

Here's to some new looking Blue Star Memorial Markers!

Shirley Lipa, Blue Star Memorial Marker Co-Chair

Don't Run for The Hills, Run for The Board!

The Nominating Committee was elected, per our Bylaws, at the June 2019 Convention. The committee is responsible for nominating candidates for the Executive Committee for the 2021-2023 term.

Co-Chairmen:

Ward Habriel	530-877-3435	thehabs@sbcglobal.net
Martha Smyser	510-541-6617	mbsmyser12@gmail.com

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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

♥ Awards Program

Chairman: Pat Clayes

californiagardenclubs.com/awards

♥ Business Commendations

Chairman: Judy Bates

Online request form

♥ California Consultants Council

Chairman: Sue Bennett

Sue_c_bennett@att.net

Consultant of the Year,
Environmental, Gardening, &
Landscape Design awards.

♥ Honor Book

Chairman: Bette Langford

102 Calle Cuervo

San Clemente 92672-2423

♥ 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

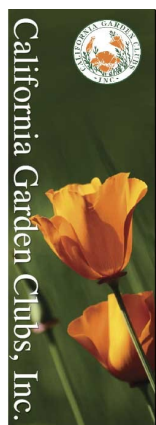
Chairman: Judy Bates

5075 Valley Crest Dr #246

Concord 94521-4914

Promotional Materials

Did you know that CGCI offers pro-
motional and infor-
mational materials
and many are FREE*!



- Banners
- Bookmarks*
- Rack Cards*
- Pamphlets*

(Check the website for
ordering details)

Scholarships

News Flash! This year CGCI will offer four \$2,000 scholarships to outstanding students. The Pacific Region offers a \$1,000 scholarship and National Garden Clubs offer two California students \$4,000 scholarships. All the details can be found on our CGCI website. The deadline for our CGCI scholarships is January 15, 2020 and the deadline for applications for both the Pacific Region and NGC scholarships is February 1, 2020.

Does your Garden Club offer a scholarship? Do you refer your scholarship winners to the CGCI website and encourage them to apply for a CGCI, Pacific Region or National Garden Club scholarship? You have already done the preliminary vetting by evaluating your winner. It is likely that they will qualify for at least one of these scholarships. The qualifications differ slightly between CGCI and the Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs. Please reach out to your 2019 and maybe even your 2018 scholarship winners and encourage them to apply for these scholarships. There is absolutely nothing that rules out the winner of a local Garden Club scholarship for competing for these awards. Each application has space on it for the student to list his/her awards and accomplishments and your scholarship will be a great endorsement for these applicants.

If you have questions about scholarships please reach out to Martha Smyser, mbsmyser12@gmail.com or call 510-541-6617.

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP)

By Sue Bennett, Chairman – gtep@cagardenclubs.org

The Difference between Nonprofit and Tax-Exempt Status

Nonprofit status refers to an organization conducting activities without intention of profit; it does not automatically come with a federal or state tax exemption. A nonprofit organization is not required to pay federal or state income taxes.

A **501c3** is a nonprofit corporation or unincorporated association considered by the IRS to be a "public charity" under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Similar classification is usually granted by California.

A **nonprofit** organization that has been given **501c3** status by the Internal Revenue Service is not only tax exempt, but it also allows donors to write off donations.

If you don't have tax-exempt status and would like to learn more about the benefits and requirements for participation in GTEP, the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Handbook provides the answers. The handbook is available online at: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep> (click on the GTEP Handbook tab).

GTEP Annual Renewal notices were emailed to the email addresses on file for club/district treasurers and presidents/directors. If you have **not** received an email by November 2, 2019, please send an email to this chairman. Include your name, email address, title, club or district along with a note.

To check your status with the IRS, go to: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/> To check your status with the FTB, go to: <https://webapp.ftb.ca.gov/eletter/?Submit=Check+Status>

If you are not sure if your club or district is a member of GTEP, please view the complete list of all clubs and districts found on the website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep>. click on [GTEP members](#).

Paperwork is due February 1, 2020. Return as soon as you have completed it.

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Email: headquarters@gardenclub.org**Publication:** *The National Gardener***Website:** gardenclub.org**Conventions:**

May 11-16, 2020: Milwaukee, WI
 May 17-20, 2021: Rutherford, NJ

Ongoing projects:

- Plant America
- 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:**

April 27-30, 2020: Silverton, Oregon
 April 8-12 2021: Las Vegas, Nevada
 2022: Washington

Are you receiving *WACONIAH*, the newsletter of the Pacific Region?

If not, you can subscribe here

(it's FREE):

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

Welcome to New Clubs Joining CGCI

The following new clubs were ratified at the Fall Board Meeting:

High Desert Garden Club of Acton-Agua Dulce, San Fernando Valley District, 24 members, Co-Presidents – LaNelle Thomas and Gay Robbins. This new club supports and promotes gardening in the mountainous area just south of the Mojave Desert.

Valley Floral Arrangers' Guild, Valley Lode District, 12 members, President – Barbara Coelho. This new club's objective is to educate members through floral design and to appreciate the beauty of nature in the home and in the community.

Reminder – Additional Member Dues

All Clubs and APSs are required to pay dues for additional members periodically using the *Dues Payment for Additional Members* form found on the CGCI website. A good rule of thumb is to examine your organization's membership count on a quarterly basis. If you have additional members who have joined your Club or APS since you paid your Annual Membership Dues for 2019-2020, please submit a check (\$2.75 x each new member), make it payable to CGCI and remit to the Membership Chairman, Adele Kelly, P.O. Box 27179, San Diego 92198-1179.

President's Project

A big 'thank you' to Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi, Director of San Bruno Mountain Watch, for his special presentation at CGCI's fall board meeting: *Rescuing a Botanic Garden called San Bruno Mountain*. It was fascinating to learn its history and struggles through the years for survival.

Ariel's program was followed by FUNdraising via a live auction with items from the President's Jewelry Box, a beautiful succulent planter donated by members of Cascade District and cash donations that raised \$1,600 for the President's Project. Ten necklaces and three rings were donated by President Looper and several winning high bidders were seen wearing their "new" treasures. In addition, proceeds from crafts made by Milly Benson and sold in the vendors room was donated to the President's Project.

We THANK the following donors for their generosity received to date in the amount of \$2,120 since the last issue and \$3,720 total since July 1, 2019: **Michael & Leticia Biedenbender, Milly Benson, Lynne Caraway, Pat Clayes, Roseann Costabile, Rita Desilets, Adele Kelly, Meadow Vista Garden Club, Lynn Macfarland, Sherry Molinari, Frankie Raymond, Martha Smyser, Linda Tucker, Carol Vallens, Hank Vanderhorst, Aurelia Wick** + the individuals who made cash contributions (you know who you are). This conservation project is dependent upon people like you and the generous contributions that you make to reach the financial goal of \$20,000. A \$100 donation will propagate three plants and one small species sign. Contributions in any amount are welcome.

Please make checks payable to CGCI with 'President's Project' noted on memo line and send to P.O. Box 75, Graton, CA 95444-0075. More information, contact Chairman Julie West and/or visit the President's Project page/link on CGCI's website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/presidents-project-2019-2021>

Julie A. West, 2019-21 President's Project Chairman



Someone "Moosed" Me at Fall Board
 At the California Garden Clubs, Inc. Fall Board Meeting in Redding,
 I was "moosed." Moose items kept showing up and I love them all!!!
 Thank you, my secret moose-friend! Robin Pokorski



Nina Blonski, Chairman
Total donations this month: \$ 1292

District	Club / Donor	Honor or Memory of Whom		Amount
Bay Bridges	Berkeley GC	Honor	Art Woodworth, Barbara O'Hay	272.00
Bay Bridges	Eden GC	Honor	Peggy Maurer	68.00
Channel Islands	Pleasant Valley GC			136.00
Palomar	Chula Vista GC	Honor	Gloria Escalera	68.00
Palomar	Point Loma GC			68.00
Sac River Valley	Pioneer GC	Honor	LaVonne Bussey, Jean Jurich, Nancy Sills	204.00
Santa Clara Valley	Green Thumb GC of Milpitas	Memory	Dorothy Dickerson	68.00
Santa Clara Valley	San Jose GC			68.00
Valley Lode	Valley Lode District			272.00
Valley Lode	Valley Lode District	Memory	Dwight "Doc" Wait	68.00

Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

One of the workshops held at the recent CGCI Fall Board Meeting in Redding was "Fairy Gardens." Smoky Bear salt and pepper shakers were provided by Jill Cruz, instructor. She also provided the succulent cuttings.

Your Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest should be in full swing now. Remember I'm only as far as your telephone so if you need help, suggestions, etc., please give me a call.

You need to pick up your completed posters from the schools before they go on Christmas break. That will give you time to organize your judging, complete it, copy your winning posters and fill out your winner's report. Send up to 20 winning posters (the top 4 from each grade) to me before **January 24th, 2020**.

Thanks for participating in this fun activity.

Charlotte Tucker, CGCI Poster Chairman



Project Mission Blue Phase II

Did you know that the mission blue butterfly was recognized as the 2011 Species of the Year with Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (GGNPC), National Parks Service and the Presidio Trust? 2011 is the same year CGCI partnered with GGNPC raising \$16,896 to propagate lupine needed for the mission blue's larval/host plant through June 30, 2016. Phase II adopted in 2016 propagates and plants twelve native nectar plants in addition to the lupine.

Narrow-leaved Mule's Ears (*Wyethia angustifolia*) is featured here as one of those twelve nectar plants that adult mission blues feed on that grows 1-3 ft. high by 1-3 ft. wide.

Photo is courtesy of GGNPC's Mission Blue Butterfly publication.



THANK YOU for the generous donation received from **Carolands Garden Club** and **Rosa Radicchi**.

\$616 since July 1, 2019 and \$4,883 has been raised for Phase II since July 1, 2016. Your charitable contributions in any amount may be made and are appreciated to help the population of this endangered species to survive.

Visit CGCI's website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/projectmissionblue> for more information or contact this Chairman at 707-829-9342/email: julieawest@aol.com

Julie A. West, 2019-21 Project Mission Blue Chairman

Carolyn A. Mayes, CPA
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Graton, California

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2019, and the related statement of activities, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

My responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the America Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Carolyn A Mayes, CPA

Santa Rosa, California
September 23, 2019