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Greetings California Garden Club Members

This summer has been spent compiling the Yearbook, Manual & Roster (YMR). Hours of time go into producing the Best State Garden Club YMR each year. Elisabeth Tufo, our Yearbook Chairman now has memorized my phone number since it has taken all summer to compile the yearbook. I think your clubs will be pleased with the YMR and they will be distributed to the district directors at Fall Board 2019 in Redding in a few weeks. A big thank you to our yearbook chairman for spending her summer creating our new YMR.

If you have not registered for the Fall Board Meeting in Redding, please know that we have met our contracted Hotel room quota. Make your arrangement for a room immediately. Our Chairmen have asked the Hotel to increase the rooms but just by a few, otherwise you may not get a room at the CGCI rate. Looking forward to seeing each of you September 30 to October 3, 2019 at the Red Lion Hotel in Redding.

I will be attending the 35th Anniversary of the Livermore-Amador Garden Clubs Party on September 12, 2019. I am pleased and honored to represent CGCI at their anniversary party. I love parties so I am expecting to have fun!!

Did you know? The NGC Penny Pines Chairman has advised us that many clubs from California are sending their funds to National Garden Clubs for their Penny Pines Donations. CGCI has their own Penny Pines Program on our website. Please note there has been a change in Chairmanship and forms. Instructions are online. Any questions, please contact our chairman, Nina Blonski at nblonski@gmail.com.

Winter Board 2021 will be hosted by Southern California Garden Club, January 24-27, 2021 at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys. Mark your calendars.

The President's Travel Dates:

National Garden Club - Fall Board Meeting Sept. 17-21, 2019 in St. Louis MO.

Shane



California Garden Clubs, Inc.
2019 CGCI Fall Board Meeting

September 30 - October 3, 2019 - Redding, California

Hosted by Cascade District

Theme: "Moving Forward"

Workshops, Programs, Meals, Music, & Tours!

Alpaca Farm, Turtle Bay Arboretum, Build a Fairy Garden and more!



CGCI Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **September 30-October 3, 2019:**
CGCI Fall Board Meeting
Red Lion Hotel, Redding
Host: Cascade District
- **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
- **Registered Flower Shows**
September 14-15, 2019:
Standard Flower Show
Point Loma Garden Club
Hervey Library, San Diego.
Contact: dalerekus2@yahoo.com
October 5-6, 2019:
Standard Plant Society Show
Riverside-San Bernardino Counties
Orchid Society
Gubler Orchids, Landers
Contact: rflangX25@gmail.com
October 18-20, 2019:
Small Standard Plant Society Show
Garden and Floral Arrangers Guild
The Huntington, San Marino
guildonthego@cagardenclubs.org



CGCI Schools Chairmen

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Gardening: Greg Pokorski
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NGC Schools

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

Go to gardenclub.org
for schools in other states

From: *Keeping In Touch*: National Garden Clubs, Inc

Not all PLANT AMERICA grants are for a physical presence such as a hard-scape, garden renovation, landscaping or Blue Star Memorial plantings. One of the aspects of the grants is "a horticultural or environmental event for the public."



The Town and Country Garden Club of Libertyville (Illinois) is using the grant to bring Mike MacDonald, a nationally acclaimed nature author, conservationist, photographer and humorist to an event in November 2019. MacDonald is well-known in the Chicagoland area, focusing more on the wilderness areas in the vast suburban landscape. His goals are to increase the gardener's awareness of the beauty of native flowers and natural gardens. Town and Country Garden Club of Libertyville is prominently promoting the event as part of the PLANT AMERICA program, using the logo in their printed and online publicity.

Remember, PLANT AMERICA grant application deadline is OCTOBER 15, 2019. Application information can be found at: [PLANT AMERICA GRANT](#)

David Robson, National Garden Clubs Plant America Chairman



2019-2021 President's Project



CGCI members have an opportunity to make a difference with their financial support to restore the San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden, located within the San Bruno Mountain State & County Park in San Mateo County. The project exists in name only on the pages of San Mateo County's trail map of San Bruno Mountain pictured here.

Every contribution is appreciated as we work together to reach our goal raising \$20,000 to propagate 1,000 plants representing 100 species native to San Bruno Mountain plus educational signage. *A \$100 donation will propagate three plants from Mission Blue Nursery and one small species sign manufactured by San Mateo Parks Department that will tell a unique story of San Bruno Mountain and its native plants.*

THANK YOU for your generous donations received to date totaling \$950. The following donations have been received since the August issue from **Prem Chand, Steven Brown and Carolands Garden Club**. Please join us to raise funds pursuing CGCI's conservation and educational objectives for this project.

Make checks payable to CGCI and send your contributions to P.O. Box 75, Graton, CA 95444-0075 and note President's Project on memo line. Visit this link: [President's Project](#) on CGCI's website or contact Julie A. West, 707-829-9342, President's Project Chairman. Stay tuned for several FUNdraising events to be announced in future issues...

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**

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

Nine Months Post Camp Fire, Paradise, CA.

(or, Birth Pangs & Three Trimesters) by Ward Habriel, Paradise Garden Club

Recovery is simple when all you had was a tooth pulled or a cyst removed. Recovery when your whole world was taken away is not so simple.

But it all involves phases of life after fire: first trimester, VICTIM; second trimester, SURVIVOR; third trimester, THRIVER. And THRIVER is when your strength starts to come back and you see more positive than negative in your world. And yes, it has taken nine months. But those last few months are filled with anticipation (do you remember your first born?).

Truly, an unwanted gestation period but the painful birth pangs have materialized and we are starting to 'embrace' the newborn. "Look, that business is open again!" or "they got their certificate of occupancy at the new house on Sawmill Road".

Or more personally, when viewing my own property: "look at that! I didn't think that would come back" and suddenly what was being born was the regrowth of what was burned to a crisp. Did God plan it that way? My personal pleasure is the seven-foot-tall redwood tree from nothing! Almost a foot of growth per month. Much of my property is trying to come back. One tomato plant I had forgotten about is now producing (and the deer are enjoying it).

Sadly, that is not the case in much of Paradise. There is still plenty of the ugly; the burned-out car where a person perished; the multitude of 'campers' that are barely surviving, and all the properties that are still waiting for the cleanup from Cal/OES.

But a gardener has a different focus on what to do. And that is to look to the future. After the birth, don't you look to the future of what you have planted and are nurturing; just anticipating the maturity of it?

Unfortunately, Paradise lost both of our local nurseries and that creates a struggle for plant supply and local support. But the resilient folks of the Paradise Garden Club are not giving up. They want you to know we will continue to work to help beautify the little Town of Paradise, whether it is planting more daffodils or cleaning up the weeds at the library; WE ARE HERE. If You want to be part of our recovery, we appreciate every contribution, PGCI, PO BOX 1246, Paradise, CA 95967

(post script) What was ours, was taken away without our permission. The birth pangs have really hurt! But there are lessons learned as well; and that will be a future topic.

Facebook

Did you know that CGCI has a Facebook page? Here is the link: [CGCI Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CGCI-Facebook/)
Please "like" and regularly visit the CGCI Facebook page. It contains lots of important CGCI information and also some useful gardening, landscaping, environmental, flower show, etc. photographs, articles and links — and also some fun quotes and sayings.

If you want to submit anything to be posted on the page, please send photos and descriptions to the CGCI Facebook Administrator Pat Clayes at patclayes@aol.com. If your organization has a Facebook page, send Pat the link and she will make sure that CGCI "likes" your page.



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

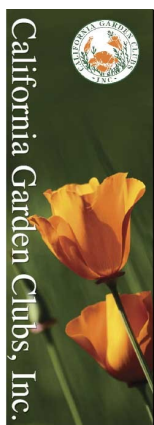
Chairman: Judy Bates

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)



Awards Update

2019-2021 CGCI Awards Application Form

Because National Garden Clubs, Inc. revised its Awards Appli-
cation form over the summer, CGCI followed suit.

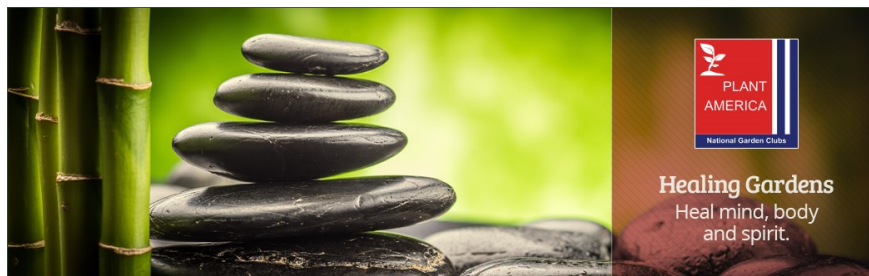
If you are applying for a CGCI Award, the new Award Applica-
tion form for 2019-2021 must be used. You can find it here:

[Awards Application](#) or look on the CGCI website under "Awards". The form is
one page and must be completed. For most awards, you can then attach up to
three pages (front side only) to the form — thus submitting up to four pages at
the most (which includes the Application form) when applying for awards. Excep-
tion: Some flower show awards and Award #41 CA Arboreta/Botanic Gardens
Photographic Collection require books of evidence along with the one page CGCI
Application form.

You can find a sample completed application form with 3 pages attached here:
[sample application](#) or look under "Awards" on the CGCI website.

And, please do not forget to add the evaluation form for your award which the
judges will use when judging your Awards Application submission. You can find
all of the evaluation forms here: [evaluation form](#) and look under the tabs for your
award category (general, flower show, yearbook, youth).

Any questions, please contact CGCI Awards Chairman Pat Clayes at
awards@cagardenclubs.org.



Stagecoach Hill Azalea Project has closed

California Garden Clubs is sad to see this project closed. Here is part of a letter
of appreciation addressed to Mary Lou Goodwin.

*"We will not be requesting any funding from the California Garden Club for this
effort. California State Parks will continue to care for the propagated azaleas at
the Mill Creek Nursery until they are large enough to transplant into the Stage-
coach Hill Azalea Management Area.*

*I would like to thank you and the volunteers that helped with propagating azal-
eas and removing the competing vegetation from around the azaleas on Stage-
coach Hill over the last 3 years. In addition, thank you to the members of the
California Garden Club and the Eureka Sequoia Garden Club for your interests
and partnership in the propagation of native western azaleas."*

Michelle Forys

Environmental Scientist

North Coast Redwoods District

California State Parks

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

2020: Milwaukee, WI
 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:**

2020: Oregon
 2021: Nevada
 2022: Washington

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If not, you can subscribe here (it's FREE):

californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletters

Project Mission Blue Phase II

The mission blue butterfly was discovered in San Francisco in 1937 and one of the first insects added to the federal endangered species list in 1976. Today it fights for survival in remaining fragments of its native Bay Area grasslands. CGCI partnered with Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy in 2011 to financially assist with this butterfly's existence.

Phase II of Project Mission Blue propagates and plants twelve native nectar plants. Planting patches of nectar plants between patches of larval lupine plants assists the adult mission blue butterflies ability to navigate since they are poor flyers.



One of the twelve native plants Phase II supports is Coast Buckwheat (*Eriogonum latifolium*) pictured above with a mission blue nectaring. Photo is from National Park Service, U.S. Dept. of Interior, Golden Gate National Recreation Area *Mission Blue Butterfly* 2010 brochure.

Coast Buckwheat is 1-2 ft. high with a 1-2 ft. spread. Its flowers are small spheres, white to pale pink with low, rounded mounds of gray foliage. Buckwheats attract native bees and a variety of butterflies in addition to mission blues and provide food and cover for birds and small animals.

Thank you for the generosity of donations received from **Fortuna Garden Club**, **Walnut Creek Garden Club** and **Santa Rosa Garden Club** totaling \$456 since July 1, 2019. When Phase II began July 1, 2016, \$4,723 has been raised because of people like you and the generous contributions that you make. Donations in any amount may be made by visiting CGCI's website [Mission Blue](http://MissionBlue) or contact chairman, Julie A. West: 707-829-9342/julieawest@aol.com

Robin's Pacific Region Updates

There's a lot goin' on in the Pacific Region! I hope you are a part of it. We are looking for your contributions of recipes to a Region cookbook (each recipe must include an ingredient particularly from or grown in California) and inspirations and benedictions for a region booklet. AND...where are the invitations to Blue Star Marker dedications? We want **Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region** to shine brightly in California. Shirley Lipa is keeping the list of clubs that want to refurbish their markers. Grants are available from the region for refurbishment AND new marker installations.

I sure hope to see Californians at the region Convention next April at The Oregon Garden in Silverton and then I hope you'll stay for an extra couple of days and join us on the Post-Convention Tour (it's gonna be super!). And finally, I hope you are all looking through your pictures to enter a few in the Photo Phundraiser that will culminate at the April 2020 Convention. There is more value emerging in our region –

I hope you will encourage members to **Reconnect to YOUR Pacific Region!**

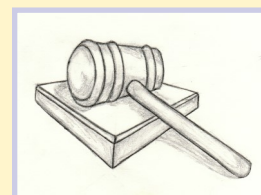


Nina Blonski, Chairman
Total for July: \$ 2244
Total January to Date: \$ 26,316

District	Club / Donor	Honor or Memory of Whom		Amount
Bay Bridges	Hillside Gardeners of Montclair	Honor	Ronni Brega, Peggy Esposito, Dianne Farber, Ellen Gruenwald, Diane Hill, Kathy Jessen, Robin Johnson, Helga Mahlmann, Janet Mangini, Maro Nitoff, Millie Swafford, Sarah Van Roo.	816.00
	Friends of Heirloom Flowers GC Donor: Denise LePeilbet	Memory	Rick Frost	68.00
Buttes	Magalia Beautification Assoc.			68.00
Costa Verde	Long Beach GC Donors: Lurlie Edgecomb, Aaron Mercer			68.00
Diablo Foothills	Blackhawk Bloomers GC	Honor	Anna Wilewski	68.00
	Clayton Valley GC	Memory	Melanie Alarcon	68.00
	Livermore-Amador Valley GC	Honor	LAVGC 35th Anniversary	204.00
		Memory	Rebecca Walker, Bernice Oakley	
Golden Foothills	Chicago Park GC Donor: Lori Stanley	Memory	Bob Pries	68.00
Luther Burbank	Santa Rosa GC			204.00
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Honor	Firefighters	68.00
Palomar	Point Loma GC	Memory	Jane Walker-Bishop	68.00
	Point Loma GC Donor: Margaret Cook	Memory	Terry Van Winkle	68.00
Roadrunner	Cactus Wren GC			68.00
Sac River Valley	Vaca Valley GC	Honor	Lost lives and homes in Wildfires	136.00
San Fernando Valley	Southern Calif GC	Memory	Joan Berg, Jane Troutman	136.00
	West Valley GC Donor: Sally Bagley	Memory	Charles and Ute Ward	68.00

Bylaws Request

Just a friendly reminder from your new Bylaws Chairman, it's that time of year again and; according to Article XX- Amendments Section 2 (page 97 of the 2017-2019 yearbook) Proposed amendments to the bylaws must be submitted to the bylaws committee chairman by November 1 (2019). Email any proposed changes to this chairman as soon as possible, at: cgci2ndvp@cagardenclubs.org.



I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming Fall Board Meeting, just a month away.

Carol Vallens
 CGCI 2nd VP, Bylaws Chairman