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Greetings CGCI Members:

Recently, I attended the San Jose Garden Club and Santa Clara Valley District meetings. Take a look at San Jose Garden Club's website --www.sanjosegardenclub.com. The club has a photo album showing the club's prior meeting history by using their cameras. You might even see me in one of the pictures. Like many other clubs, this club is very active in the community. Members participate in planting parties, rose pruning groups, tours, plant sales and San Jose's Christmas in the Park. Plus, they manage to take tours to nurseries and museums throughout the year. An excellent program was given at this meeting featuring succulents and how to use them in the garden and how to use the cuttings in arranging. Members planted succulent pots, and these succulent pots were for sale at the meeting. The club members were so much fun to be around that I actually wished I was a member of the club.

Santa Clara Valley District, of which the San Jose Garden Club is a member, is looking forward to co-hosting the 2020 Convention with their neighboring district Bay Ocean. In attendance at the meeting was Nancy McDougal and Roseann Costabile who were reaching out to club members to come to the Convention in 2020.

IMPORTANT: This President is looking for suggestions for new state projects. If you have a recommendation that meets the objectives and goals of CGCI and are willing to be the chairman of the project, please let me know.

Shane

President's Travel

February 24: San Fernando Valley District Meeting

February 26: Montana de Oro District Meeting

March 8: CGCI Arbor day Celebration, Tree Planting, Gardening School

April 3: Buttes District Meeting

April 23: Bay Bridges District

April 27-30: Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention

May 11-16: National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention

May 26-30: CGCI Convention

June 25: Diablo Foothills 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
- **Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2020:**
CGCI Fall Board Meeting
Sacramento
- **January 24-27, 2021:**
CGCI Winter Board Meeting
Van Nuys
- **June 7-10, 2021:**
CGCI Convention
Visalia



CGCI Schools Chairmen

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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



President's Project

Exciting news - you may have the opportunity at convention to actually visit the site of San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden as well as *Mission Blue Nursery* with Ariel Cherbowsky, Director of San Bruno Mountain Watch, as our guide. Watch for details in the Call to Convention and sign up for the optional tour being organized for CGCI members.

Remember a **Gently Used Jewelry FUNdraiser** is planned for Convention May 26 -30, 2020 with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the President's Project. You don't want to miss either of these special events!

We acknowledge and appreciate the following donations received since the January issue in the amount of **\$1,150: Anonymous, Green Thumb Garden Club of Milpitas, Maria Krenek, Riviera Garden Club, Santa Clara Valley District and San Jose Garden Club. \$6,620** has been raised since July 1, 2019 for the San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden project. The generous support from all donors who have contributed is appreciated!

We invite you to join us in raising funds for this conservation project which will educate park visitors when complete. 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. You may contact the Chairman, Julie West (julieawest@aol.com) or visit CGCI's website for more information: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/presidents-project-2019-2021>

Seafaring Saga

from the Jan/Feb. issue of Westways

The **Queen Mary** first set sail in 1937, but the legendary liner, now permanently moored in Long Beach, constantly reinvents itself, "She's as old as Noah, but as contemporary as Lady Gaga." said spokesperson Commodore Everette Hoard at the opening of "The Cunard Story."

The onboard exhibit chronicles the Cunard Line from the 1840 Atlantic crossing of its Britannia, to the launch of **Queen Mary**, to the sailing of today's luxurious ocean-going vessels. On display are menus, luggage tags, table settings, and officers' uniforms from some of the historic Cunard Line ships, as well as photos of celebrities, such as Greta Garbo and Gary Cooper, who sailed on them.

Particularly moving is a section revealing Cunard's significant, but little-known role in transporting thousands of Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany during the 1930s.



CGCI Programs & Projects

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for details

- **Membership**

Chairman: Adele Kelly
P.O. Box 27179
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- **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

For the Love of Roses

By Nancy Compton, River Valley Garden Club

My grandmother's house always smelled so pretty. As a child, I didn't know why, but as a young adult, I discovered the connection between her ample rose garden and the lovely aroma inside her home.



Ask around, and you will find that many people have strong emotions or memories connected to roses. The question is – why? A multitude of flowers come in a variety of colors, have a pleasing aroma, and make good cut flowers. But roses, the most beloved of flowers, are everywhere – woven into poems, painted into art pieces, and sold on street corners, especially on Valentine's Day and Mother's Day.

Roses are perennials with over 300 species that hybridize easily to produce a multitude of colors, shapes, and sizes. Scientists have even found a fossilized rose within the U.S. that they determined dates back 35 million years, so people have been enjoying these flowers seemingly forever.

Over the centuries, roses have taken on cultural significance. In the religion of Islam, the fragrance of the rose represents the sacredness of people's souls. In Catholicism, the fragrance is called the "odor of sanctity," and is often associated with angels. And worldwide, roses have become associated with romance. In Victorian England, roses were encoded with different meanings from friendship to love, depending upon the color or number of roses in a bouquet. Today, the red rose, above all others, has become a symbol of true love.

While roses are technically edible, you may want to think twice before munching on any bouquets purchased at the grocery store, as many industrially grown roses are chock full of chemicals and grown with a generous helping of pesticides. However, if you grow organic roses in your back yard, you can comfortably add rose petals to your salads and desserts for a bit of color and romance on your menu.

If I ever decide to grow roses, I will smell each one until I find the fragrance that I remember as a child. And then I'll smile and enjoy the beautiful memories.



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 Claves

californiagardenclubs.com/awards

♥ Business Commendations

Chairman: Judy Bates

Online request form

♥ California Consultants Council

Chairman: Sue Bennett

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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

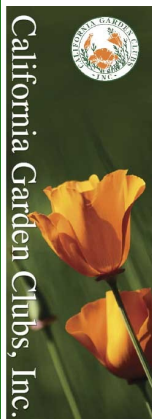
Chairman: Judy Bates

5075 Valley Crest Dr #246

Concord 94521-4914

Promotional Materials

Did you know that CGCI offers
promotional and informational
materials and many are FREE*!



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

(Check the website for
ordering details)

So You Wanna Recycle !!!

By Gail Vanderhorst, NGC Recycling Chairman

Remember the great pumpkin pies and apple pies from Costco that we all enjoyed over the Holidays? Well, the plastic pie holders make great indoor or outdoor plant saucers and you will have no more stains on your carpeting, wood floors or patio. Not the aluminum pie tin but the outer plastic pie holder. Or you can plant succulents in the plastic pie holders. Just poke a few holes in the bottom if you want to plant succulents. They look great and are a nice neutral cement color that doesn't interfere with your décor. Save a few and try it out.



Procedure Committee Request

By Marlene Kinney, Chairman

The Procedure Committee is making it easy for you to document your responsibilities. By doing so, it will be a useful tool for all future chairman.

You can request a Sample Procedures form, fill it out and email back to:

marlenekinney@comcast.net

Here is a summary of the form:

1. Read and edit the description of your chairmanship in the CGCI Yearbook Manual and Roster.
2. Explain what you do (receive email/checks/send thank you notes, etc.
List your duties, Month by Month, for example:
September – announce in eNews
February – report at board meeting
June - prepare final report



Attend a Flower Show in 2020

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| March 7: | Near Club Standard Flower Show, Colton |
| March 21: | Southern California Garden Club
"Nature's Forces," A Standard Flower Show |
| April 25: | Fallbrook Garden Club Flower Show & Plant Sale |
| April 25: | Poway Valley Garden Club
42nd Standard Flower Show & Plant Sale |
| May 2: | Temecula Valley Garden Club Flower Show and Plant Sale |
| May 2-3: | Vista Garden Club 86th Annual Standard Flower Show |

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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

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

What's Cookin' in the Pacific Region

You are not only a part of your club and district and as such a part of California Garden Clubs, Inc. but you also are a member of Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. Pacific Region is the layer that connects our eight western states in a close network. As your Director, it is my proud honor and distinct pleasure to sit on the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Executive Committee and represent you and the rest of the Pacific Region. As the largest membership not only in our Region but also in the country, we have a unique position. The other states are so small in membership, surely we can't learn from them. Or can we? I have the opportunity to visit clubs, districts and states these two years and already with several visits behind me, I am convinced that California's membership in the Pacific Region can prove of great benefit to us. I have so many ideas to share with you from around the other region states. You will find them in my messages on our website.

I am so very pleased and grateful that so many Californians accepted positions on the Pacific Region Board of Directors. I hope to see every board member as well as many other Californians at the Pacific Region Convention in Silverton, Oregon at The Oregon Garden, April 27 – 30. The Oregon Convention Team has planned a great program of workshops, entertainment, education, presentations and tours for us. Join us for our first Photo Phundraiser! **Cash prizes** are offered to the best in each of five categories (Landscapes/Gardens; Animals; Insects/Birds; Single Bloom; Moose- yes MOOSE) AND there is a cash prize offered to the club that has the most entries (not even winning entries).

There is a Post-Convention Tour that is going to be super! Over two and a half days we will visit the Aviation and Space Museum, have lunch with a garden club, tour Oregon's only olive mill, get up close and personal with some animals at a wildlife rescue facility, enjoy tea and a floral demonstration at a Victorian home and delight in a pizza party! There are very few slots available, so I hope you will join us for that as well.

What's Cookin' in the Pacific Region has made its debut. A cookbook of recipes from around the region – is yours in there? I'm taking advance orders. Just send me an email. I will have the books available soon. We already have a *Fundraising & FUN-raising* booklet with ideas from around the region. Also coming down the Pacific Region pike is an Inspiration booklet, Installation booklet, Youth Projects booklet, Membership Increase Ideas booklet. You see there are a lot of things happening in our region.

Come be a part of the excitement!
 Robin Pokorski, Director

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."

Phil Jackson



Nina Blonski, Chairman
pennypines@cagardenclubs.org

Total Donations for 2019 \$34,680 !!!

The History of Penny Pines

In 1941, the San Francisco Sportswomen's Association recognized the great need to restore devastated areas of our forested lands, and thus, created the first Penny Pines plantation for this purpose, sending their first donation to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in Northern California. Since that contribution, the number of participating groups and individuals has grown each year. They include such organizations as the Garden and Women's Clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, civic and sportsmen's clubs, and many others.

- CGCI adopted Penny Pines as a state project in 1957 and it remains one of our major projects today.
- Over the years these groups have contributed more than a million dollars to the Penny Pines Reforestation Program. Through these donations, more than 27 million seedlings have been planted, renewing 88,000 acres of national forest land in California --truly an outstanding achievement.

- Where does the money go?

In California, contributions may be used to prepare plantation sites for new trees or planting seedlings grown in Forest Service nurseries throughout California.

Seedlings are grown from local seeds and acorns, and replanted near the areas where the seeds were collected to improve their chance of survival.

In conjunction with federal funds, these funds may also be used to maintain existing tree stands and improve wildlife habitat or replant burnt or otherwise damaged forests."

The Penny Pines Reforestation Program plays a vital role both in renewing the national forests in California, and in multiple-use management.

- To Donate: download and print the Penny Pines form <http://californiagardenclubs.com/pennypines>

Checks are made payable to "USDA Forest Service"

Add your club and district information in the box provided

Please DO NOT use ALL CAPS

DO submit multiple names on a single form

Be sure to hit the SUBMIT button

CGCI does not issue the certificates acknowledging donations or receive/track the checks.

Questions should be directed to the pertinent Forest Service Office.

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together."

Vesta M. Kelly

