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## Happy New Year CGCI Members:

At the Hanford Garden Club's Holiday lunch in early December, I learned about the Children's Story Book Garden and Museum that the club supports by volunteering to work in the garden and assist with financial support. This story book garden has 14 themed gardens including a Blue Star Memorial Garden. The garden has seven more themed gardens planned for the future. Take a look at their website. Also, at the luncheon lovely poinsettias were for sale along with a very large silent auction. A live auction was the highlight of the day with many handmade art pieces including a five-foot tall lighted angel made of horse-shoes. What an item!!! All these items plus their annual garden tour supports the children's garden and scholarships. The club also supports the Toys for Tots at this event and guess what? They had two marines there to collect the toys.

Linden Community Garden Club's holiday luncheon and fundraiser hosted this President and the Valley Lode District Director, Bernie Hendrix. This club also had a robust silent auction and lots of music. Their fundraiser supports the local high school with scholarships and the attendees were treated to the High School choir singing holiday songs. I will say that when I was in high school choir we did not get to dress as elves or dance with the music. A very fun day.

Each club's perspective on how to fundraise to meet their club's objectives is impressive. These two clubs have found a way to fundraise within their own community.

**IMPORTANT:** The call is out for the Winter Board Meeting 2020 - Feb. 3, 2020 to Feb. 5, 2020. You must make your HOTEL reservations by January 7, 2020 by calling the Queen Mary direct. Get your winter board registration in before January 7, 2020. Also, if you are taking the tri refresher, please note last date to register is January 24, 2020. The Winter Board Meeting is full of opportunities to enjoy the Historic Queen Mary.

## Shane

### President's Travel:

January 14, 2020

February 23, 2020

February 25, 2020

April 3, 2020

San Jose Garden Club

San Fernando Valley District Meeting

Montana de Oro District Meeting

Buttes District Meeting



**CGCI Calendar**

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

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**Back to School****CGCI Schools Chairmen**

**Environmental:** Michael and Leticia  
Biedenbender: mikeb.cvgc@gmail.com

**Flower Show:** Gudrun Kimmel  
gudron56@att.net

**Gardening:** Greg Pokorski  
gregpokorski@earthlink.net

**Landscape Design:** Alexis Slafer  
aslafer@ca.rr.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](http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar)

**Ships Ahoy!**

**Costa Verde District invites you to drop anchor with CGCI on the Queen Mary for the 2020 Winter Board Meeting.**

Monday, February 3 to Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Thursday, February 6 -- Two hours of tri-refresher lectures

There will be a Tri-refresher over-laying the meeting. The Tri-refresher hours:

The CA Consultants Council meeting on Monday (2 hours)

Lunch Program and Workshop on Tuesday (2 hours)

Lunch Program and Workshop on Wednesday (2 hours)

Lectures on Thursday following the Board Meeting (2 hours).

The Queen Mary is an historic Long Beach Hotel on a 1936 ocean liner featuring ornate Art Deco, décor salons & staterooms.

Located at 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, CA 90802-6390

Our group rate is available 3 days pre- and 3 days post-meeting

Deluxe (King & Twin) rooms for \$115/night – with porthole

Inside (King & Twin) rooms for \$105/night – no porthole

Call the Queen Mary directly at **(877) 342-0742** to make your hotel

reservations; our group code is **CGC0220**

**The cut-off date for our group rate is January 7, 2020.**

*We have wonderful educational speakers and fun opportunities planned and look forward to welcoming you aboard as part of our CGCI Crew as we*

*Drop Anchor at the Queen Mary.*

*Alexis Slafer, Chairman - aslafer@ca.rr.com*

**President's Project**

We are filled with gratitude for the generous support from all the donors who have contributed to the San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden restoration project. We have reached more than 25% of our total goal of \$20,000 with **\$5,470** raised since July 1, 2019.

We acknowledge and appreciate the following donations received since the December issue in the amount of **\$825**: **Auburn Arrangers Guild, Liane Benedict, Bonita Valley Garden Club, Hanford Garden Club, Manteca Garden Club, Mission Viejo Garden Club, Redding Wonderland Garden Club and Roseville Better Gardens Club.** In addition, **Robin Pokorski** made a donation honoring the first ten clubs that paid their 2020 liability insurance renewals: Alameda Garden Club, Atwater Garden Club & Camellia Society, Auburn Arrangers Guild, Descanso Garden Club, Fairfield Garden Club, San Leandro Garden Club, Shibui Arrangers Guild, Southern California Garden Club, Valley Oak Garden Club and Woodland Hills Floral Designers. Your generosity is appreciated!

Attached to this issue after page six is a flyer for you to share with your club, district and friends. A *Gently Used Jewelry FUNdraiser* is planned for Convention May 26-30, 2020 being held at Embassy Suites in South San Francisco. 100% of the proceeds generated benefit this President's Project.

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 can also visit the President's Project page/link on CGCI's website: [President's Project](#)

Julie West, Chairman [julieawest@aol.com](mailto:julieawest@aol.com) or 707-829-9342



**CGCI Programs & Projects**

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

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- 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

**CGCI Liability Insurance**

The deadline to avoid a late fee approaches. Every treasurer should have received a renewal packet from me in November. To avoid the late fee of \$25, be sure **I RECEIVE** your renewal form and payment by **January 15**.

When you send in your renewal, be sure to answer the three questions at the bottom of the form. I am unable to process your renewal until I have the answers to all three questions.

I am always happy to help you!

Robin Pokorski, Liability Insurance Chairman

[Cgciinsurance@CAGardenClubs.org](mailto:Cgciinsurance@CAGardenClubs.org) or 818-361-7873

**GTEP Reminder!!!**

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP) Renewal Applications MUST BE POST-MARKED on or before February 1, 2020 and sent along with your check to:

Sue Bennett, GTEP Chairman

7560 Shelborne Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746-8617

[gtep@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:gtep@cagardenclubs.org)

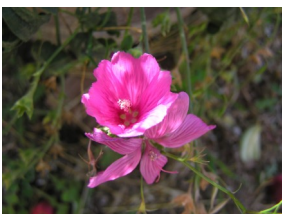
Thank you to those who have already sent them in. Greatly appreciated!!!!

If you sent in your paperwork and I processed your paperwork, you will receive a message from me. If you haven't heard from me, I haven't processed it.

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**Project Mission Blue Phase II**

We are fortunate that Price Sheppy from Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is visiting CGCI at the 2020 Winter Board Meeting on the Queen Mary. CGCI would like to present him a check that includes YOUR donation to the project. Charitable contributions are welcome in any amount. Your generosity helps CGCI raise the much-needed funds that are used to further the goals and mission to financially support projects that stabilize these endangered mission blue butterfly populations. We thank **Redding Wonderland Garden Club** and **Southern California Garden Club** for their generous donations received in November.



Checkerbloom (*Sidalcea malviflora*) pictured here is one of the twelve nectar plants being propagated in Phase II.

This beautiful spring-blooming native perennial is found in moist areas along the coast and inland. Grow in full sun to partial shade. Once established, it tolerates moderate to little water. In addition to being a nectar plant for the mission blue butterflies, it is a larval/host plant for the West Coast Lady, Painted Lady, Common Checkered Skipper and Gray Hairstreak butterflies.

Visit CGCI's website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/projectmissionblue> for more information or contact project Chairman, Julie West at [julieawest@aol.com](mailto:julieawest@aol.com) or 707-829-9342. Let's surprise Price Sheppy with a check from CGCI that includes your donation. Thanks for your support!



## 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

Chairman: Pat Clayes

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

### ♥ Business Commendations

Chairman: Judy Bates

Online request form

### ♥ California Consultants Council

Chairman: Sue Bennett

[Sue\\_c\\_bennett@att.net](mailto: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

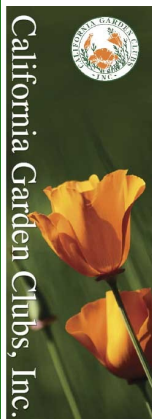
5075 Valley Crest Dr #246

Concord 94521-4914

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## 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)

## Blue Star Memorial Marker



A Blue Star Memorial Marker sponsored by Southern California Garden Club was installed at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library (the first such marker at any Presidential Library) days before the Reagan National Defense Forum during which the F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter exhibit was launched. Our marker was on display for thousands who attended that special event.

Southern California Garden Club held an official unveiling and dedication of the marker on December 11 with the cooperation and support of the Reagan Library staff, who provided seating, audio equipment, refreshments, a singer and admittance to the Library for attendees of the dedication. Presentation of the Colors was by Civil Air Patrol Challenger Squadron 1986. Patrick Mayoral from Santa Susanna High School sang the *National Anthem* and *God Bless America*. San Fernando Valley District Director Harriet Vallens delivered a message from CGCI President Shane Looper. CGCI Blue Star Memorial Markers Co-Chairman George Unrine presented the history of the Blue Star project. Pacific Region Director Robin Pokorski delivered remarks on behalf of the region and read the poem *The Ragged Old Flag*. Diane Franchini (from Ellensburg, Washington), Chairman of the Pacific Region Director's Project ("*Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region*") spoke about the project, presented a Region certificate and announced that this was the first California marker dedication of this administration. Club President Greg Pokorski unveiled the marker (with Melissa Giller, Chief Marketing Officer for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute) and presented dedication remarks and certificates from National Garden Clubs, Inc. Jennifer Culp, the club's Blue Star Chairman, laid a memorial wreath made by club member Sherry Molinari (and provided much assistance in coordinating details with the Library). Gail Vanderhorst read *God Bless the U.S.A.* and Hank Vanderhorst gave the benediction.

Southern California Garden Club is proud to honor the men and women who have served, are serving and will serve in our armed forces in this beautiful hilltop location and at such a prestigious venue where it will be seen by the many visitors to the Library.



Jennifer Culp preparing to lay the  
memorial wreath



PRGC Director Robin delivering remarks with  
Greg Pokorski, President, So. Cal. Garden Club

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

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

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

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**Arbor Week Planning and Promotion Kit**

Start your planning for Arbor Week, March 7-14, 2020. The link below will take you to many sites that will help you organize and promote your event. The resources range from promotional ideas for maximum publicity in your local media to bringing the benefits of tree planting into our school systems with lesson plans and poster contests.

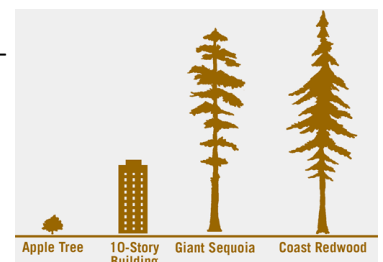
[Arbor Week Planning Kit](#)

Arbor Day was created by J. Sterling Morton and celebrated in Nebraska on April 10, 1872 by planting an estimated one million trees on the treeless prairie. Since its inception, Arbor Day has been created around the nation as a day to plant and care for trees. California Arbor Week now starts on March 7, Luther Burbank's Birthday, and continues until March 14. Clubs and Districts are encouraged to dedicate a tree any time of the year.

For more information on Arbor Day, contact:  
 Mary Lou Goodwin, Arbor Day Chairman  
[mlgoodwin@outlook.com](mailto:mlgoodwin@outlook.com) or 707-442-1387.

**Interesting Tree Facts**

- In 1881, in Yosemite National Park, a tunnel was built through the Wawona "Tunnel" tree. It was so big that people could drive their carriages — later their cars — right through. The 2,100-year-old tree fell in 1969 under heavy snowfall (some blame the tunnel's damage). Today, there are three other privately owned tunnel trees that charge a fee to drive through. On January 8, 2017, a massive storm brought down Pioneer Cabin Tree, a popular tunnel tree that the California Department of Parks and Recreation estimated at 100 feet tall.
- A fallen coast redwood will often send up new shoots, growing new trees off of its trunk. This is called a candelabra tree.
- Redwoods and giant sequoias were used to build many of the original buildings in San Francisco, Oakland, and Sacramento in the latter 1800s.
- Redwoods and giant sequoias are adept at — though by no means immune to — surviving fire. Their bark contains no flammable pitch or resin and is extremely thick.

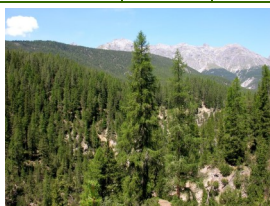
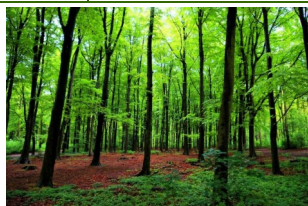


By Jessie Szalay - Live Science Contributor



**Nina Blonski, Chairman**  
**Total donations this month: \$2584**

District	Club / Donor	Honor (H) or Memory (M) of Whom		Amount
Bay Bridges	Eden GC	H	Megan Shinnars	68.00
Bay Bridges	Eden GC	H	Sarah Shinnars	68.00
Bay Bridges	Eden GC	H	Joan Boyd	68.00
Bay Bridges	Eden GC / Peggy Maurer	H	Richard Maurer	68.00
Buttes	Chico Horticultural Society	H	Clara Elizabeth Rowe	68.00
Desert Empire	Oasis GC of IWV	M	T J Stafford	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Lafayette GC/Kathleen Woulfe	H	Marybeth & Jim Woulfe	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Discovery Bay GC	M	Lucyann Trump	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Livermore-Amador Valley GC	M	Barbara Anderson, Cris Annen, Gary Cox	204.00
Diablo Foothills	Livermore-Amador Valley GC/ Grandma & Grandpa Smith	H	Oliver Smith	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Livermore-Amador Valley GC/ Grandma & Grandpa Smith	H	Scarlett Smith	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Livermore-Amador Valley GC/ Grandma & Grandpa Smith	H	Robin Beltz	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Livermore-Amador Valley GC/ Grandma & Grandpa Smith	H	Kellen Beltz	68.00
Golden Foothills	Divide GC	M	Marian O'Donnell, Deputy Brian Ishmail	136.00
Golden Foothills	Divide GC	H	Dedicated Firefighters	68.00
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Luther Burbank	Petaluma GC			68.00
Palomar	Bernardo Gardeners Club	M	Jean Sanders	68.00
Sac River Valley	Elk Grove G C	H	Past Garden Club Members	68.00
Sac River Valley	River Valley GC	H	Robert & Nancy Mees	136.00
Sac River Valley	River Valley GC	M	Maggie O'Meara, Joann Hines	136.00
San Fernando Valley	So. California GC	H/M	Harriet Vallens / First Responders	136.00
San Fernando Valley	West Valley GC	M	Nigel Jennings	68.00
San Fernando Valley	So. California GC	M	Brent Vallens	68.00
San Fernando Valley	West Valley GC	M	Nigel Jennings	68.00
Valley Lode	Tuolumne County GC	H	Pat Mallen, Jeanne Bodiford	204.00
Valley Lode	Tuolumne County GC	H	Anne Plummer	68.00
Valley Lode	Sierra Madre GC	M	Albert Czerwinsky	68.00
Valley Lode	Foothill GC	H	Foothill Garden Club	68.00
Valley Lode	Foothill GC	H	Elsina Dean	68.00







California Garden Clubs, Inc.

**Date: May 26-30, 2020**

2020 Annual Convention

South San Francisco, CA

## Gently Worn Jewelry Fundraiser for CGCI President's Project

Suggested items to donate (including empty jewelry boxes or bags):

- Pins
- Necklaces
- Bracelets
- Rings
- Earrings
- Watches



District Directors may collect donations from their members and bring them to 2020 Winter Board and Convention. Past events of this nature have been fun! Most people find a new jewelry treasure to enjoy. All proceeds benefit the 2019-2021 CGCI President's Project to restore San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden at San Bruno Mountain State & County Park in San Mateo. We hope you'll join us!

***Plant America: Plant Parks***



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