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Summer Greetings CGCI Members:

COVID-19 information and resources are a rapidly evolving situation with information changing daily. As clubs and societies plan their meetings and programs, I urge ALL clubs and society members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. to check with their local City and County Health offices to verify when your group can gather again for meetings and events. Social distancing, the wearing of face masks and gatherings of 50 people or less are all factors that must be considered. Each county as well as many cities have their own mandates that vary from the state's rules. Please check with them for current rules and regulations when making plans.

Many meetings have been canceled while others have found ways to use virtual meetings or telephone conferencing. Some clubs and societies have found ways to communicate by other means. Newsletters to members have been an excellent source of information. Thank you to those who have sent me their newsletters – here are some ideas to share:

Long Beach Garden Club had to cancel their plant sale. Instead of just tending the plants, some members who were caring for the plants walked their neighborhoods and gave their neighbors a FREE plant from the Garden Club. One member planted her succulent plantings in newspaper pots since she did not have enough pots for all her plantings. A full description in the newsletter described how to make a newspaper pot. WOW! An excellent way to attract potential new members. *Bravo* Long Beach Garden Club.

Poway Valley Garden Club had a drive-by membership drive. Members of their club had a parade of cars drive by the club treasurer's home. The time and place was designated so the club members put their dues in an envelope and the club treasurer used her long pole-gripper to receive those members' checks. What a great idea and fun way to collect the dues and actually see members while social distancing. Congrats to Poway Valley Garden Club!

Clayton Valley Garden Club managed to do an online plant sale instead of a regular plant sale by delivering plants to their customers who placed orders online. This sale was successful so they are planning another online plant sale. They had a virtual FREE garden tour in their newsletter that included the Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis near where NGC headquarters are located. Way to go Clayton Valley Garden Club.

I look forward to sharing what your club or society are doing so please let me know. I enjoy receiving your newsletters whether they arrive as an eNewsletter or by mail.

California Garden Clubs, Inc. has canceled the Fall Board Meeting in Sacramento, originally scheduled August 31 to September 2, 2020 as well as Symposium September 3-4, 2020. We appreciate the time spent by members of Sacramento River Valley District who were hosting it. Stay well and hope to see many of you in Van Nuys for 2021 Winter Board Meeting.

Shane

Our President Shane, along with the editor of this eNews are giving ourselves a summer vacation! We will not produce an August eNews and resume with September. Send your articles in before August 20. Join us in taking a month off and make plans to do something special for yourself.



CGCI Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2020: CANCELED**
CGCI Fall Board Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel
North Sacramento
Host: Sacramento River Valley District
- **January 24-27, 2021:**
CGCI Winter Board Meeting
Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys
Host: So. California Garden Club
- **May 30-June 4, 2021:**
CGCI Convention
Embassy Suites, So. San Francisco
Co-Hosts: Santa Clara Valley and
Bay Ocean Districts

CGCI Schools Chairmen

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NGC Schools

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

NGC Award Winners from California for the 2019 Awards Year

By Pat Claves, Awards Chairman

CS-1 Biii Community Gardens – 1st Place: **Bonita Valley Garden Club**
CB-2 Bii Community Beautification – 1st Place: **Paradise Gardeners**
MP-3 Aiii Website – 1st Place: **Placerville Garden Club**
NPW-1 Roadside Plantings – **OVERALL WINNER: Santa Rosa Garden Club**
PUB 1-1 Bv District Newsletter – 1st Place: **Valley Lode District** (“The Valley Lode”)
PUB 1-2 Aiv Club Newsletter – 1st Place: **Southern California Garden Club** (“The Green Thumb”)
PUB 1-2 Civ State Newsletter – 1st Place: **California Garden Clubs, Inc.** (“Golden Gardens eNews”)
PUB 2-4 Aii Publications – 1st Place (tie): **Roseville Better Gardens Club** (“2018-2019 – 90th Anniversary Year”)
PUB 2-5 Aiv Publications – 1st Place – **Southern California Garden Club** (membership brochure)
YB-1 Club Yearbooks from Pacific Region
Class 1 -- 1st Place: **Pioneer Garden Club**
Class 4 -- 1st Place: **Red Bluff Garden Club**
Class 6 -- 1st Place: **Southern California Garden Club**
YB-3 District Yearbooks from Pacific Region -- 1st Place: **Valley Lode District**
YB-6 Council Yearbooks from Pacific Region – 1st Place: **Capitol Judges Council**
Y-5 Youth Horticulture Award **OVERALL WINNER: Lake Oroville Area Garden Club**
FS-1D Club Standard Flower Show Achievement Award – **Poway Valley Garden Club** (“Through the Eyes of a Child”)
FS-19 Plant Society Flower Show Achievement Award – **Garden and Floral Arrangers Guild** “Around the World with Mums” co-sponsored with an NGC member club
Youth Recycled Sculpture Contest
Grade 4 – 1st Place: **Cael Speltz of San Diego County Garden Guild**
Grade 5 – HM: **Eden Eley of San Diego County Garden Guild**
Youth Poetry Contest
Grade 5 – 1st Place: **Viola Crook of Poway Valley Garden Club**
Grade 7 – 3rd Place: **Miriam Crook of Poway Valley Garden Club**
Grade 9 – 3rd Place (tie): **Benjamin Crook of Poway Valley Garden Club**
Scholarship Winners:
Borah Lim and Natalie Rachel Fulton

**2019-2021 President's Project**

By Julie A. West, Chairman

A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity is a quote from Buddha that makes me think of garden club members everywhere as many of us continue to struggle with the COVID-19 pandemic. We miss physically attending our garden club meetings for education and friendships shared and look forward to those days again in the future, whenever that may be.

The good news is that we have raised **\$12,820** toward the \$20,000 goal needed to restore the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* project including donations received from **Diablo Foothills District** and **Walnut Creek Garden Club** since the June issue. Over 115 clubs, districts and individuals have generously supported this project since July 1, 2019. Diane von Furstenberg says *Generosity is the best investment* and this is demonstrated by CGCI members with every contribution toward promoting CGCI's objectives restoring *San Bruno Botanical Garden* and educating the public with interpretive signage.

Please join us as we continue to raise **\$7,180 in funds needed** before the end of President Loooper's term of office next June. Make checks payable to CGCI with "President's Project" noted on memo line and send to P.O. Box 75, Graton, CA 95444-0075. Visit CGCI's website for more details: [Presidents Project](http://PresidentsProject.com). Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

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

**Smoky Bear Contest Winners**

By Charlotte Tucker, Chairman

CGCI First Place for First Grade

Second Place in Pacific Region

Laura Bruggeman

Tuolumne County Garden Club - Valley Lode District

CGCI First Place for Second Grade

Second Place in Pacific Region

Harinandh Nair

West Valley Garden Club

San Fernando Valley District



CGCI First Place for Third Grade

First Place in Pacific Region

Jocelyn Hudson

Foothill Garden Club

Valley Lode District

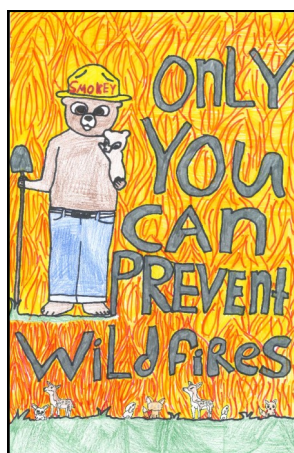
CGCI First Place for Fourth Grade

First place in Pacific Region

Kalia Moiso

West Valley Garden Club

San Fernando Valley District



CGCI First Place for Fifth Grade

First place in Pacific Region

Isabella Serrano

Tuolumne County Garden Club

Valley Lode District

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

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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**

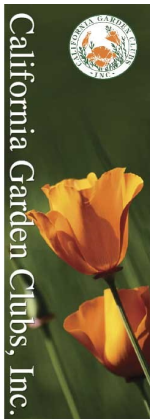
Chairman: Judy Bates

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)

2019-2020 Donations Summaries

By Dave West, Coordinator

Thank you to the garden clubs, districts and individuals who remitted donations
in support of several of CGCI's state projects:

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Project - \$2,375 Total

Chicago Park Garden Club

San Clemente Garden Club

Julie West in Memory of Janet Eyre

Transfer from Reforestation Fund closing (Arboretum District, San Clemente
Garden Club & Elisabeth Tufo)

Blue Star Memorial Marker Fund - \$125 Total

Cactus Wren Garden Club

Oasis Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley

Linden Community Garden Club

Sempervirens Fund – \$2,549 Total

Hermosa Garden Club

Linden Community Garden Club

Long Beach Garden Club

San Clemente Garden Club

San Jose Garden Club

South Valley Fleurs Garden Club

Transfer from Reforestation Fund closing (Chico Horticultural Society, Huntington
View Garden Club, Westlake Village Garden Club and remaining balance.

Scholarship Fund –\$75 Total

Colleen Brooks

CGCI appreciates their generosity! Visit CGCI's website (<http://californiagardenclubs.com/projects>) for a complete list of CGCI board-rated
projects that need your financial support. Here is a link to the [Donation Form](#) for
project donations coordinated by this chairman. Thank you for your support of
CGCI's important work with these ongoing state projects!

Yearbook, Manual & Roster

by Elisabeth Tufo, Chairman

- Errata: Ron Lang, Palms to Pines Director, was omitted from the new
Directory of Board Members which you will receive early July.
Apologies to him and the district.

Ron Lang

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- I was overwhelmed by the wonderful cards, letters and emails I
received. Thank you so much for your best wishes and kind thoughts.
Both new hip and broken wrist are doing well.

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

Aug. 17-20, 2020: Silverton, Oregon
 Canceled

Aug. 9-12, 2021: Silverton, Oregon

2022: Washington

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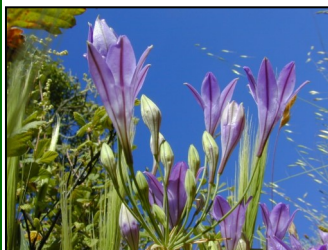
Blue Star Marker Restoration Update*By Shirley Lipa, Blue Star Memorial Co-Chairman*

Our long-awaited Blue Star Memorial restorations are going to have to wait a bit longer. As I'm sure you are all aware, just as our restorer, Tom Stelling, was about to leave Florida for his trip to the west coast, the COVID-19 pandemic hit the United States. For the safety of he and his wife, Tom decided they would have to wait to start their trip. The weeks of our Stay-In-Place order turned into months and now the weather has turned much warmer. Tom wears a leather suit when he strips the markers, so he plans his trips to accommodate the changing seasons. He now says that he will be coming to us in the early spring of 2021.

This change might be a benefit to your club and/or your district. You now have additional time to survey near-by Blue Star Memorials to see if they should be restored. The cost is \$750 to do the large Memorial markers and \$400 to do the smaller By-way markers in place. If the By-way marker is taken to the site of a Memorial marker restoration, then the cost is only \$250. I doubt if we will have a professional restorer come our way anytime soon again, so this is a good opportunity to make our **Blue Stars Shine!** If a marker needs to be added to our list, have the information and your check to me by December 31, 2020. If you have any questions or need further information, please email me at slipa29@att.net.

**Project Mission Blue - Phase II***By Julie A. West, Chairman*

CGCI is entering the last year of this five-year partnership with *Golden Gate National Park Conservancy* project extended in 2016 and originally adopted in 2011. Phase II propagates and plants twelve California native nectar plants to assist the federally endangered mission blue butterfly. Adult mission blue butterflies are typically poor flyers and use these nectar sources that ensure suitable habitat exists in between patches of host larval lupines.



Ithuriel's spear (*Triteleia laxa*) featured here is one of the twelve nectar plants being propagated in Phase II: It is easy to grow in a dry garden and will tolerate some summer water. It ranges in height from 6 - 24 inches in full sun to partial shade. Shades of purple and blue trumpet-shaped flowers bloom in spring on slender stalks above leaves. Combine these bulbs with native grasses and in containers.

We thank **Chuck Goodwin, Walnut Creek Garden Club** and **West Valley Garden Club** for their generous contributions since the March 2020 issue. \$1,326 has been received since July 1, 2019 and a total of \$5,593.00 since July 1, 2016. This exciting project is made possible because of people like you and the charitable donations that you make in any amount. We appreciate your financial support to help the population of this endangered species survive.

Visit this link on CGCI's website for more information and donation form: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/projectmissionblue>

CGCI is grateful for your continued support for this state project that concludes June 2021!



Nina Blonski, Chairman
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District	Club/Donor	Memory (M) or Honor (H) of Whom		Amount
Bay Bridges	Bay Area Floral Arrangers Guild	H	Bay Area Floral Designers	68.00
Bay Bridges	Eden GC	M	Beatrice Van Wetter	68.00
Cascade	Redding Wonderland GC	M	Irene Thormahlen	68.00
Cascade	Redding Wonderland GC	M	Joseph Zustak	68.00
Orange County	San Clemente GC	H	San Clemente Garden Club	340.00
Orange County	Del Norte GC	H	Pat Porter, Shirley Cheney	136.00
Orange County	Niguel Shores GC	H	Ruthy Stahl at 101 years young	68.00
Palomar	La Jolla GC	M	Joseph Buniva	68.00
Palomar	Temecula Valley GC	H	Faye Carter, Rea Douglas	136.00
Palomar	Temecula Valley GC	M	Archie Carter, Don Douglas	
Palomar	Temecula Valley GC	H	Betty Castaneda, Susan Deardroff, Judy Sundermann	201.00
Palomar	Carlsbad GC			136.00
San Fernando Valley	West Valley GC	M	Jeffrey Fischbach	68.00
Valley Lode	Linden Community GC	M	Marilyn Saccone	68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC / Deb Travaille	M	Juliette Marie Butcher	68.00
Valley Lode	Foothill GC	M	Olivia Lyons	68.00

In order to feature your floral design or garden during our Shelter-in-Place, we need a picture and a short description from you telling us about the photograph and how long you have been a member of your club. As we continue to stay home, please send me those pictures. We would love to feature you! **Shane**

Karne Burgesser, a member of Eureka Sequoia Garden Club for seven years is interested in echiums. Her "Tower of Jewels" echium has been in her garden for four years and this year she has many echiums popping up all over her garden as this plant is a prolific self-sower. Pollinators love it. And she caught this hummingbird guarding this tall plant for his private use.



Congratulating the following seven CGCI members whose nine floral design pictures are in the NGC *Vision of Beauty* Calendar for 2021:

Helen Petrianos - San Jose; **Eileen Chun** - San Francisco; **Mary Arakelian** – Rocklin;
Nancy Colvin – Aptos; **Marilyn Clark** – Cottonwood;
two designs by Brad Welles - Santa Barbara and **two designs by Lili Aram-Bost** – Rocklin.
 The calendar pictured is available for sale through Member Services on NGC's website: www.gardenclub.org