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Greetings CGCI Members:

As promised, here are a few more ideas that I have gleaned from your newsletters that you might consider:

- **FAB- Flower Arrangers of the Bay Area** will present a virtual floral design program for anyone interested on June 9, 2020 with a special designer. Check their website at: www.floralartistsofthebayarea.com for more info. It's free!
- **Southern California Garden Club** has a signature plant each year. They have chosen—**Berries!** for 2020-2021. The club will integrate berries into their programs, workshops, flower show, tours, etc. What a great idea!
- **Eureka Sequoia Garden Club** held their May meeting by video conferencing included flower arrangements to show and share during the meeting!
- **Riviera Garden Club** held their May meeting by video conferencing and included the Mad Hatter/Officer Installation. Each member was asked to wear hats using plant material from their gardens and the program chair provided a grand luncheon atmosphere to make the meeting an affair to remember.

These are just a few items from clubs who have sent this President their newsletters. What's your club doing? Send me your newsletters to exchange information and ideas with fellow CGCI members.

Golden Gardens eNews will be featuring your floral design or garden during our SIP - Shelter-in-Place. Please send me a picture with a short description of your design or garden. Include your name, club and how long you've been a member.

Please join me in **CONGRATULATING** Lynne Batchelor, 1st Vice-President. She is **NOW President-Elect!!!**

Don't forget about **NGC's Virtual Flower Show** and getting your entry in - Entry dates are 6/1/2020 to 6/15/2020. Here is a link to the schedule and various entry forms: <http://gardenclub.org/about-us/news-and-events.aspx>

BONUS: Due to the cancellation of Bouquets to Art 2020 at the de Young Museum in San Francisco, they have scheduled a Virtual Bouquets to Art online June 1-7, 2020 as museum curators, conservators and featured floral designers bring your favorite floral content to the comfort of your home. Programs include featured talks, floral-themed games, interactive demos, and more.

Visit their website for details: [Virtual Bouquets to Art 2020](http://VirtualBouquetstoArt2020.com)

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.

Shane



CGCI Calendar

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- Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2020:**

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

2019-2021 President's Project

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

This photo from 2019 is a portion of the group that helped clear the site for restoration of the "new" *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* in anticipation of CGCI's tour now planned for the 2021 Annual Convention.

Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi, Director, is sixth from right.



We acknowledge with gratitude the following donations received since the April issue in the amount of **\$1,417.28**: **Bay Area Floral Arrangers Guild in honor of CGCI President Shane Looper, Dos Valles Garden Club, Hesperia Garden Club, San Clemente Garden Club and San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society in honor of the 2020 Prize Winners of the SFPCS Camellia Show.** Since July 1, 2019 a total of **\$12,620.28** has generously been donated for the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* project from individuals, clubs and districts. The benevolent support from all donors who have contributed is appreciated!

You are invited to join us as we continue to raise funds for this conservation project as well as educate park visitors upon its completion. 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>

**Final Distribution of 2019 Awards**

By Pat Claves, Awards Chairman

The CGCI Awards Committee has distributed the 2019 Awards as follows:

- ◆ On May 26, 2020, all award checks* were mailed to club presidents (for club awards and individual awards).
- ◆ On May 26-27, 2020, award packages (containing award entries, certificates and ribbons) were mailed to the District Directors. Also included in the mailings were award checks* for the districts.
- ◆ On May 27, 2020, a link to the 2019 Awards Excel Sheet was placed on the CGCI Home Page and on the CGCI Awards Page containing the disposition of the 2019 award entries. The same applies to all Blue Ribbon Winning Clubs. See <http://californiagardenclubs.com>.

As of this date, CGCI is awaiting the award results from National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) and Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. (PRGC) (except for the PRGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Contest). We will keep you apprised of any further details regarding CGCI award entries from NGC and PRGC.

The CGCI Awards Committee once again thanks you for your continued cooperation and patience during this unprecedented time in our lives.

***Please cash/deposit CGCI checks by July 15. Thank you so much for your cooperation.**

CGCI Programs & Projects

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for details

- Membership**

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P.O. Box 27179
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- Insurance**

Chairman: Robin Pokorski
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San Fernando 91340-2421

- Group Tax Exemption Program**

Chairman: Sue Bennett
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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 and Gold Star Memorial Price Increases**

We just got word from the NGC Blue Star Chairman that Sewah Studios has increased their marker prices effective July 1, 2020. The new prices are \$1,640 (includes shipping) for the large Highway marker and \$530 for the smaller Byway marker. Whenever ordering a marker, please use a current form and send it with your check to either George Unrine or Shirley Lipa.

A Message to the CGCI Board of Directors

District Directors and most chairmen have an amount budgeted for their qualifying expenses. If you have not submitted a Request for Reimbursement Form complete with your receipts to the Financial Secretary, please do so soon. Once you receive payment, please deposit/cash your check as soon as possible.

Your assistance with these two matters will be greatly appreciated by Treasurer, George Perko and Financial Secretary, Rita Desilets.

**Honoring California Students**

By Martha Smyser, Scholarship Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS to four CGCI Scholarship winners who receive \$2,000 each toward pursuing their educational goals!

The **Robert L. Gordon Scholarship** is awarded to **Taylor Rein**, a sophomore applying for his junior year, majoring in Environmental Science at UC Berkeley. He is a student employee at UC Berkeley Botanical Garden and an active volunteer leading the "Save the Bees" campaign to enrich the campus landscape to sustain native bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. His efforts were successful when UC Berkeley was recognized as the 80th Bee Campus in the nation by Bee Campus USA in Sept. 2019.

One of the two CGCI 2017-2019 President's Project Scholarships recipients is **Samantha Spurlin**, a graduate student at San Jose State University majoring in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology with a minor in Plant Physiology. Her graduate research focuses on comparing 2011 pre-drought and 2015 post-drought generations of a rare California native wildflower, San Francisco Collinsia.

We have just learned that two California students have each been awarded a **\$4,000 scholarship from National Garden Clubs: Borah Lim and Natalie Fulton**. Both students have superlative academic records and great financial need. These two amazing young women are truly deserving of our encouragement and it is an honor to have them recognized by both CGCI with a \$2,000 scholarship and then with a \$4,000 scholarship from NGC.

Borah Lim is a graduate student at UC Davis studying International Agricultural Development and is CGCI's recipient of the **Krystal Migliore Scholarship**. One of her professors calls her a "boundary spanner" for her desire to educate the public on agriculture, technical issues regarding soil and the importance of having access to fresh food.

Natalie Fulton is a junior at UC Berkeley studying Forestry and Natural Resources and minoring in Geo-spatial Information Science and Technology. (GIS is a discipline which uses many forms of technology to study land and changes that occur). She hopes to get a graduate degree in Forestry and GIS and then work as a Registered Professional Forester (RPF). Natalie received the second of the two CGCI 2017-2019 President's Project Scholarships awarded.

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

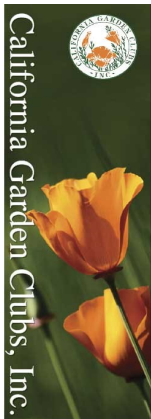
Chairman: Judy Bates

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)

New Awards and Changes for the 2020 Awards Year

By Pat Claves, Awards Chairman

The CGCI Awards Committee announces new awards and changes for the 2020 Awards Year.

New Awards:

Award #22 — Container-Grown Vegetable Award. Sponsor: Myrtle Findley. 1st, \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20. To individuals. Eligible for NGC Award G-1 A & B. "For best system and growth of vegetable(s) in one or more containers, each container containing single or multiple vegetables (can include herbs)."

Thank you, **Myrtle Findley!**

Award #28 — Environmental Event Award. Sponsor: Chula Vista Garden Club. 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15. To clubs. Eligible for NGC Award EC-1 & EC-3 Conservation Activities & Education. "A one-time event to raise awareness of conservation issues, or a single issue, while promoting ideas using the concepts of Reducing, Reusing, Recycling and Composting. The event may take the form of a workshop, seminar, or other creative program and will be judged on subject matter, presentation, educational value and participation of members."

Thank you, **Chula Vista Garden Club!**

Award #52 — Social Media Award. Sponsor: Carol Vallens. 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. To clubs. Eligible for NGC Award MP-3B or MP-3D. "Submit a CGCI Application Form and include the following information on a separate piece of paper: Social media page address, who maintains site, how often updated and cost (if any), etc." See evaluation form for more information.

Thank you, **Carol Vallens!**

Changes:

The description for **Award 2: Blue Star Memorial Site Beautification** was changed by the sponsor, and it conforms to the corresponding NGC award. New description: "For a Blue Star Memorial landscape project that can be a new installation, replacement of a destroyed landscape or a refresh of a long-neglected landscape around a marker. The marker may be a Memorial Highway Marker, Memorial Marker or Memorial Byway Marker." Thank you, **George Unrine!**

- **Award #52 "National Garden Week"** is now Award #19 (under Club Activities).
- **Award #22 "Green Recipe"** has been discontinued by the sponsor.
- **Award #62 "Poetry Contest - 2020-2021 Theme** is "Exploring Backyard Mysteries."
- **Award #64 "Junior Essay Contest"** — 2020 Title is "How my Vegetables Grow."
- **Special Award "Judge of the Year"** has been discontinued.
- Some **judging chairman** have been changed. Please check with the evaluation form, CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster, and the Awards Manual for the correct judging chairman and his/her address.
- **Photography Awards:** Photographs WILL NOT be returned [but usually are] and become the property of CGCI to use in its publications, website and Facebook page.

TWO COPIES are once again required for the following awards:

- " Award #50 "Newsletters"
- " Award #51 "Other Publications," Section 2 (a & b)
- " Award #54 "Club Yearbook"
- " Award #55 "District Yearbook"

Manual Change:

New #17. When the same project is eligible for various awards, do not submit an exact duplication of the application. Strongly emphasize the aspects of the project that meet the criteria of the particular award.

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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
 Cancelled

Aug. 9-12, 2021: Silverton, Oregon

2022: Washington

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Successful Gardening School during COVID-19

By Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian, Gardening Schools Chairman

Congratulations to Berni Hendrix and Valley Lode District for the successful execution and completion of California Series 26 of NGC's Gardening School. All four courses took place from mid-February to mid-April. After the first two courses took place in the classroom in Turlock, COVID-19 reared its ugly head. The sponsoring district did not want its preparation to go to waste or to leave the students on hold, so they quickly figured out how to conduct the school by Zoom and the last two courses took place as virtual courses on the originally scheduled dates. I was among those who spent a weekend (April 18 & 19) at our computers to attend Course 4, attending along with NGC Gardening Schools Chairman Barbara Hadsell and Josephine Goodenow (formerly from California and formerly a member and chairman of our Consultants Council) who is the NGC Gardening Schools Accrediting Chairman for our region, to monitor the virtual school experience for possible further use by NGC. Subsequent NGC meetings have tapped into Valley Lode District's pioneering efforts, developing guidelines for other NGC schools to be able to utilize Zoom as a Plan B option during this time of safer at home meeting and travel restrictions.

The course was quite a success, thanks to Dale Pollard, the engaging and informative instructor, and thanks to the organizational skills of Berni Hendrix and her helpers. The curriculum and class hours were exactly the same as for a traditional in-the-classroom course. This opportunity put all attendees in touch with gardening during this period when it has been difficult to share the gardening experience and information with others.

Fifty individuals attended at least some portion of the school's four courses. This school produced 18 new Gardening Consultants – one from Maryland and the remainder from California – and 10 new Provisional Gardening Consultants. Congratulations to these new California Gardening Consultants: Bonnie Bundesen, Deborah Clipper, Diane Davis, Manjeet Dosanjh, Rachel Dyer, Rose Kennedy, Linda King, Tammy Lucich, Sandy Mann, Diane Mendoza, Sherry Molinari, Susie Nystrom, Olga Psomostithis, Penny Peters, Judy Sylvester, Bob Taylor and Linda Zier. Eight Consultants refreshed throughout the school series, with Alexis Slafer

COVID-19 Accomplishments by CGCI Members

Beverly Brune, CGCI past president completed an inventory of all plants and trees in the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden. The 49 page document is being printed on request and can be accessed on your phone while at the garden. It contains pictures, botanical and common names and growing instructions. This project is in celebration of her 88th birthday in August.

Eureka Sequoia Garden Club is using the ZOOM platform to hold their monthly meetings which included a virtual Flower Show, with floral arrangements and a live tour of 4 members gardens.

Robin Pokorski has organized a cook book, created a book of examples of Officer Installations, updated her leadership guidelines, provided inspiration for installing Blue Star Memorial markers, a new Inspiration Booklet and fund & Fun-Raising Booklet.



Nina Blonski, Chairman
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Total Donations Year to Date: \$12,122

District	Club	Donor	Memory (M) or Honor (H) of Whom	Amount
Bay Bridges	Eden GC	Noble & Remigio Families	M Michael Starr	68.00
Cascade	Lake California GC		H Camp Fire Victims	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Clayton Valley GC		H Carolyn Whitmore	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Livermore-Amador Valley GC		M Barbara Spanskies	68.00
Golden Foothills	Roseville Better GC		H Pamela Thompson	68.00
Golden Foothills	Roseville Better GC	Eltha Hannum	M Rita Jackson	68.00
Golden Foothills	Roseville Better GC		H Dorothy J. Dempsey, Helga Green, Edward E. Dempsey	204.00
Orange County	Newport Hills GC		H Honor of Earth Day & Arbor Day	136.00
Orange County	Del Norte GC		M Howard Burd, Gene Secarce	136.00
Orange County	Niguel Shores GC		M USAF Lt. Colonel Robert Borland	68.00
Palomar	Poway Valley GC		M Lois Cain	68.00
Palomar	Poway Valley GC			204.00
Palomar	Bonita Valley GC		H Sten Bjernefalt, Vera Matthias	272.00
Palomar	Temecula Valley GC		M Albert Torres	204.00
San Fernando Valley	West Valley GC		M Donna DeSavia	68.00
San Fernando Valley		Chatsworth Chapter	H Mary Bell Wells	1,224.00
San Fernando Valley	So. California GC		M Marilyn Fabre	68.00
Valley Lode	Calaveras County GC		M Debbie Randell	68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC		M Frank Malone	68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC		H Robin Vande Pol	68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC		M Marsha McNeil, Firefighters that lost their lives in the library fire.	204.00
Valley Lode	Sierra Madre GC		M Leone Laird	68.00
Valley Lode	Linden Community GC		M Susan Ghio	68.00



Featured Designer: Helen Petrianos

Helen joined Las Jardineras Garden Club in 1972 and currently is a member of Furyu Designers. She is an avid photographer and takes pictures of her own and her club members designs. Many of her pictures are in NGC's *Vision of Beauty Calendar* including the 2021 calendar. This orchid design features a structure of foam and wrapped wire using Orchids from her own garden.



Helen's Garden