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Greetings Garden Club Members,

Do you know that CGCI has several groves of redwood trees in Big Basin Redwoods State Park? Recent wildfires have burned through the park due to unusual lightning strikes that hit the Bay Area. The visitors center, campgrounds, headquarters and yes, many of the beautiful redwood trees were destroyed. Many trees have been planted by club donations through the Sempervirens Fund. You can read about CGCI's efforts to conserve the redwood trees on pages 100-103 of *The Diamond Years*, CGCI's 75 year history book available on CGCI's website. Donations are needed to help restore Big Basin Redwoods State Park, California's oldest state park. See the Sempervirens Chairman's article in this issue.



When making plans for your meetings and special events, check with your local City and County Health Department guidelines regarding COVID-19.

Many clubs are using Zoom effectively. I look forward to reading your newsletters to learn how innovative each club is managing their meetings and/or reaching out to members with educational information. Here are some examples of club activities shared through their newsletter:

- Carolands Garden Club - held their meeting by Zoom video conferencing but also sent out a one-page newsletter showing each person on Zoom and how they used a virtual flower arranging video as the program for their group.
- Eureka Sequoia Garden Club - has a subcommittee that meets outdoors at the Sequoia Park Zoo called the "SP Zoo Weeders." They weed and plant too!
- San Diego County Garden Guild - had an article on a quick way to dry herbs and still retain their color without moisture: put freshly cut herbs on a plate, cover the plate with a paper towel, put another plate on top, microwave for one minute. Check the herbs (plate will be HOT). If not completely dried, place in microwave for an additional 30 seconds. I'm going to try this easy method.
- Clayton Valley Garden Club - they are utilizing Microsoft teams video conferencing instead of Zoom for their meetings. Their newsletter recently featured a fabulous article on how to take garden photos with lots of details and photos. The author believes the secret to taking great pictures is to take several pictures that improves composition and suggests finding defined patterns, clean lines, strong color contrasts and bold textures to make your pictures more interesting. So take 20 pictures of one flower and one is likely to be a gem!

Thank you for sharing your creative newsletters. I would love to share what your club is doing. Please ask your Newsletter Chairman to send me a copy.

The CGCI Executive Committee is telephone conferencing each month to conduct CGCI's business during this pandemic. The 2020-21 Budget has been approved. New and interesting potential state projects are being developed for your consideration at the next Board of Directors meeting.

As clubs and associate plant societies remit their 2020-21 CGCI dues (payable July 1, delinquent on October 1), CGCI Membership Chairman, Adele Kelly, is mailing the membership cards directly to the President of the clubs and associate plant societies. These are normally given to District Directors at Fall Board for distribution but the hotel could not accommodate the social distancing required.

Stay well and hope to see you soon...

Shane

2019-2021 President's Project *by Julie A. West, Chairman*

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our lives including lack of garden club activities. President Looper and I recently had a telephone conference with Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi, Director of *San Bruno Mountain Watch*. The last event hosted at the site of *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* was March 7, 2020 involving site preparations. Since the time of the first shelter-in-place mid-March, they have been unable to host any volunteer programs so the garden site preparation and installation is facing delays beyond everyone's control. The mountain itself was closed from mid-March through June.

The good news is that over 60 of the 100 species have been propagated at Mission Blue Nursery and are already in production with more on the way. In addition, the site plan itself is being finalized and work is beginning on the 100 interpretive species panels. Once current health restrictions allow, community volunteers will be able to continue with site preparation and our hope remains to begin planting this winter. In addition, President Looper and I will represent CGCI on a special task force being created for the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* project with our first Zoom meeting scheduled mid-to-late September.

More good news is that we are grateful for additional donations received from **Cherry Blossom Garden Club**, **Santa Rosa Garden Club** and **Peninsula Succulent Club** since the July issue. Total donations received with gratitude are **\$13,070** of the \$20,000 goal needed for restoring *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden*.

Stay tuned for details of an online Silent Auction of items from the **President's Jewelry Box** that everyone will have the opportunity to participate in. We will have photos with written descriptions for each item with varying minimum bids for you to consider with all proceeds benefiting this President's Project. Bidding will be for a specified number of days in increments of \$5. You don't want to miss this **FUN** opportunity to support restoration of the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* project and pick up a new gem or two. Your support is appreciated!

In the meantime, donations are always welcome. Make checks payable to CGCI with "President's Project" noted on memo line and send to P.O. Box 75, Graton, CA 95444-0075. Feel free to contact Chairman, Julie West for more information and/or visit the President's Project page/link on CGCI's website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/presidents-project-2019-2021>

GTEP *by Sue Bennett, Chairman*

GTEP Annual Renewal notices have been emailed to the email addresses on file for club/district treasurers and presidents/directors.

If you have **not** received an email, please send an email to this chairman at gtep@cagardenclubs.org. Include your name, email address, title, club, or district along with a note explaining that you didn't receive it.

You can also go to <http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep>, click on the "Forms" tab and you will see **Renewal (annually)**; click on the files as needed.

There are many changes to IRS, FTB and Attorney General requirements, links, instructions and forms this year. Links to all can be found at <http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep> in the right sidebar.

PLEASE, PLEASE read the GTEP HANDBOOK as it contains valuable information and all the updates. If you are not sure if your club or district is a member of GTEP, please view the complete list of all clubs and districts found on the website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep> (click on the Forms tab). Then scroll down to the very bottom and click on **GTEP members**.

Returning the paperwork as soon as you have completed it, is greatly appreciated. Paperwork is **due no later than February 1, 2021**. Remember, your club/district is not the only one that the chairman must deal with.

Note: this chairman does not work for the IRS, FTB or General Attorney's Office. This chairman answers questions based on CGCI's Group Tax Exemption Program. If you have specific questions, please work directly with the organization or your accountant.

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP)

by Sue Bennett, Chairman – gtep@cagardenclubs.org

NEW REQUIREMENTS

As of February 1, 2020: A **New Form CT-TR-1** must be filed annually by charities with annual revenue under \$50,000; and the **RRF-1** annual registration renewal form now requires reporting additional information, including noncash donations.

Both RRF-1 and CT-TR-1 will have to be submitted to the Registry of Charitable Trusts

1. **RRF-1 Form & Instructions (pdf): Annual Registration Renewal Fee Report** - Disclosure reporting form for use by registered charitable organizations required to renew their registration with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts. Form RRF-1 must be filed annually within four months and fifteen days after the end of an organization's accounting period.
2. **CT-TR-1 Form & Instructions (pdf) NEW: Annual Treasurer's Report** - Effective February 1, 2020: Charitable organizations whose total revenue for the fiscal year is under \$50,000 must file this form along with Form RRF-1 when they renew their registration with the Registry of Charitable Trusts.

Renewal fees, if required. **Both are due by November 15.**

Go Green! Save time and postage! Annual data and Renewal Form filings may be submitted using the

[Online Renewal System.](#)

NEW JARGON TIPS

Below are some helpful tips at an attempt to translate what a garden club/district has for some of the categories found on the forms. Please read the form(s), read the instructions (as definitions for the items are all there). If you are unclear or have suggestions to add additional tips; don't hesitate to send an email to gtep@cagardenclubs.org with your suggestions.

RRF-1

Part A

- **Gross Annual Revenue** You have always reported so it's not new.
- **Noncash Contributions:** Did your club receive any noncash items? You probably get plants and planting supplies for free from people, but if you don't know what the people spent on these items and you don't put a value on them for your records, then you list \$0 for this. Items for boutique, etc.
- **Total assets**--you know this from previous years.
- **Program expenses**-- list the total of whatever expenses you normally treat for programs; clubs differ on this. (such as room rental, speaker fee, etc.)
- **Total expenses**--add all the rest to the program expenses.
- You will have mostly "no" answers for many of the generic items.

CT-TR-1

Balance Sheet

- **Assets:** You have always reported so it's not new.
- **Liabilities:** You have always reported so it's not new.
- **Other Liabilities:** Restricted and Unrestricted Funds
- **FUND BALANCE:** Total Assets minus Total Liabilities

Revenue Statement

- **Noncash Contributions:** same as above
- **Special Events:** Includes Raffle and auction
- **Fundraising Expenses:** most likely clubs won't have any in this category
- **Other Expenses:** Plant Sale

If you have other income and expense items on your actual P&L than the listed items, you can put the totals in the Other Revenue and Expense categories when you go online to file your report, if they don't let you have a detail schedule.

CGCI Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **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

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

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NGC Schools

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

Request for Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

by Carol Vallens, 2nd Vice President, Bylaws Committee Chairman

Bylaws are the foundation from which an organization is built, the rules by which we are governed and the structure that we follow. Bylaws are really a living, breathing document that change over time for many different reasons. Technology has changed how our organization conducts some of our business and over time our bylaws have changed to reflect these changes. While this is only one simple example of why bylaws are so important and need to be continuously reviewed and often modified, our current pandemic has given this bylaws chairman much food for thought. My committee and I will be reviewing our current bylaws with a very careful eye and I hope that all of you will take this opportunity to read though our bylaws in your current yearbook and send me any proposed amendments that you may have, by November 1, 2020.

In accordance with Article XX- Amendements Section 2 (page 95 of the 2019-2020 yearbook) "Proposed amendments to the bylaws must be submitted to the bylaws committee chairman by November 1".

You may email any proposed changes to this chairman as soon as possible, at: cgc2ndvp@cagardenclubs.org

A few additional thoughts, I recently pre-ordered the new edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition and I encourage each of you to do the same. Bylaws can often cause heated discussions which can sometimes be scary if you are new to these types of debates, but *Robert's Rules of Order* can help you understand how using these guidelines can actually help you achieve your goal in a constructive way. Recently I also found an audiobook, by John Knight that is a beginner's guide to *Robert's Rules of Order*, that helps explain some of the key elements in running a productive meeting. I highly recommend this for anyone who has to run a meeting or wants to understand why a meeting follows the format and guidelines it does.

Reminders from Membership

by Adele Kelly, Membership Chairman

Membership Dues for 2020-2021

All CGCI membership dues for clubs and associate plant societies are due and will be delinquent if not received by October 1st. If your organization has not submitted its payment for 2020-2021, please submit a check (\$2.75 x each member) payable to CGCI and remit to [Adele Kelly, Membership Chairman](#), P.O. Box 27179, San Diego, CA 92198-1179. To pay dues, go to CGCI's website "Forms" page and under the Membership & Dues category, complete the "Dues: Annual (Clubs/APS)" form and follow the instructions.

Annual Contact Information Form

All clubs and associate plant societies are required to submit to CGCI an annual Contact Information Form. Due to Covid-19, it is especially important that CGCI have the most up-to-date contact information in our database so that your organization will receive timely information. If you have not already done so, to update your organization's contact information, go to CGCI's website "Forms" page and under the Membership category you will find a form for Clubs and another for an Associate Plant Society. Complete the applicable form and submit.

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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. 9-12, 2021: Silverton, Oregon
 2022: Washington

Are you receiving *WACONIAH*, the newsletter of the Pacific Region?

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

californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletters

New Edition of Robert's Rules is Coming*by Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian*

Be aware that the 12th edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (RONR) is being released at the National Association of Parliamentarians' Virtual National Training Conference, August 27-30, 2020. Once the 12th edition is published, it automatically becomes "the rulebook" for the many organizations which have adopted RONR as their parliamentary authority. Your bylaws provision on "Parliamentary Authority" should state "The rules contained in the current edition of ... shall govern ..."

RONR is the recognized guide to smooth, orderly, and fairly conducted meetings. This 12th edition is the *only* current manual to have been maintained and updated since 1876 under the continuing program established by General Henry M. Robert himself. As indispensable now as the original edition was more than a century ago, RONR is the acknowledged "gold standard" for meeting rules. Coinciding with publication of the 12th edition, the authors have once again published an updated (3rd) edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief*, a simple and concise introductory guide cross-referenced to it. *In Brief* cannot serve as your parliamentary authority, but it is a useful introduction to those unfamiliar with parliamentary procedure and it can guide you through the basics of running a meeting and running an organization.

Acquire these new editions for use in your club, district or council if RONR is your parliamentary authority. These books have already been available for pre-order at Amazon, Target and from the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Yearbook, Manual & Roster*by Elisabeth Tufo, Chairman*

Update contact information:

Carol Vallens 818-378-1313

19448 Blackhawk Street, Porter Ranch, CA. 91326

See this statement from the USDA Regarding unsolicited seeds from China:**From:** "USDA Farm Service Agency" <usdafsa@service.govdelivery.com>**Subject:** Message from Kansas FSA Director David Schemm

If you receive a package of this type, please DO NOT plant these seeds. Unsolicited seeds could be invasive species, could introduce diseases to local plants, or could be harmful to livestock. Invasive species wreak havoc on the environment, displace or destroy native plants and insects and severely damage crops. KDA works to prevent the introduction of invasive species and protect Kansas agriculture.

Again, recipients of these unsolicited seed packages should contact their State Department of Agriculture or the [APHIS State plant health director](#). Please hold onto the seeds and packaging, including the mailing label, until someone from your State Department of Agriculture or APHIS contacts you with further instructions. People with questions can also call APHIS at **844-820-2234**, Monday-Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, or email CustomerServiceCallCenter@aphis.usda.gov.

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**

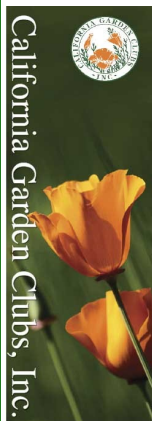
Chairman: Judy Bates

5075 Valley Crest Dr #246

Concord 94521-4914

Promotional Materials

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



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

(Check the website for
ordering details)

Stamps by Terry Sampson

Hope everyone is enjoying their "I don't have anywhere to go, I don't really have to put my earrings on today, I might get dressed today, I need to clean out cupboards and I can't remember when I washed my hair last" days. Seriously, I do have more time to work outside in my yard which I really enjoy so there is always a bright side to anything if you look for it.

After writing my last article on our Stamp collecting I have some news. Boys Town wrote me a very nice "thank you" letter but explained they are only looking for rare stamps, coins, bills, etc. and they suggested that we look for another venue. Using one of my "I don't have anywhere to go days" I started to research on the Internet and found several places but the one that sounded the most interesting was the Postal History Foundation located in Tucson, AZ. I contacted them and spoke with Lisa and she was thrilled that we would be saving stamps for them.

Some of their projects include sending stamps on to the veterans as well as the Scouts using them for one of their Merit badges. However the project that involved teachers and their students was the most interesting. Lisa sends out over 100 distinct lessons, PowerPoint presentations, and activities provided free of charge to teachers all over the US. The Postal History Foundation has reached 13,500 students, teachers, and parents across the country annually and over 500,000 stamps have been distributed to student, teachers and parents annually. For example, if a teacher is teaching a subject of trees, they would contact Lisa and she would send a lesson or PowerPoint presentation to the teacher using all stamps that have a tree on them. Perhaps your classroom is learning about Presidents, a lesson on presidential stamps would enhance the program. If you are a teacher or know a teacher this might be something fun for the kids.

This unique tax-exempt foundation includes a 1890s postal station museum, research library with over 30,000 titles, contract post office, and renowned youth programs that I have mentioned. At their museum they have stamps, covers, and philatelic supplies for philatelists available for sale.

I would like to thank all of our CGCI members for sending me their stamps.
Terry Sampson 10596 Orchid Avenue, Hesperia, CA 92345-5380

**2019 Flower Arranger of the Year Award Winners**

1st Place (left): Lisa Ayala of Furu Floral Designers of Santa Clara Valley District

2nd Place (middle): Jeanne Walker of Shibui Arrangers Guild of Benicia of Sacramento River Valley District

3rd Place (right): Linda Sanderson of Shibui Arrangers Guild of Benicia of Sacramento River Valley District

Sempervirens Fund *by Rosa Radicchi, Chairman*

Big Basin Redwoods State Park, California's first State Park, located in the Santa Cruz / San Mateo fire areas known as **CZN Lightning Complex, is in danger!** [Cal Fire](#), has reported that we have sustained the loss of 84,640 acres and have 35% containment, as of Sunday, August 30, 2020. The devastation to our forests, homes, evacuation sites sheltering those in need, wildlife, pets, and damage to **Big Basin Redwoods State Park** and the outlying areas, has been an overwhelming experience for most of us living within this fire zone. Most of these areas have not been touched by fire in over 100 years. There are reports that some of the ancient Redwood Trees have survived. We're still hoping for the best possible outcome for the Park and the surrounding small towns, as well as Scotts Valley and Santa Cruz; however, some of the pictures tell a different story. Donations at this time, are needed! If you can, please donate to the CGCI Sempervirens Fund. You can contact me at: sempervirens@cagardenclubs.org or radicchi@aol.com or call 831-460-0545 or go to the CGCI website at <http://californiagardenclubs.com/sempervirensfund>. All donations are appreciated. Thank you!

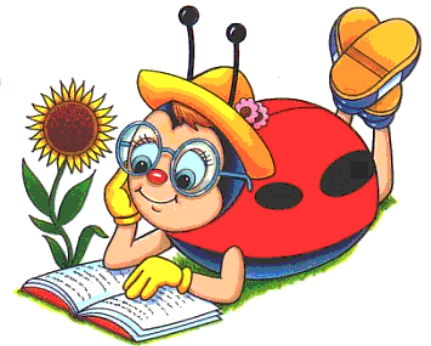


Dedication of President's Tree, 2011

NGC Schools News; Virtual Schools Opportunities

by Greg Pokorski, Gardening Schools Chairman

The new National Garden Clubs website launched this month. Some problems, including some non-working functions, are being addressed. Schools Chairmen have issues with the layout and content of Schools pages. Reformatting is anticipated in the near future. As the new site was in development, school listings were not able to be posted for some time. These listings are now being updated. While many school courses that were scheduled for this year had to be postponed or cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, California led the way into virtual schools when the last two courses of Valley Lode District's Gardening School were held by Zoom in March and April. In the months since then, NGC has been developing guidelines for Zoom courses and has conducted several Zoom test courses. The final test course will be Connecticut's Environmental School Course 3 on September 22 & 23.



Additional Zoom courses are planned. Depending on space availability (initial registration is limited to those in the host state), anyone in the country may participate in these courses. This is an opportunity for students to take courses for credit towards becoming a Consultant and for Consultants to refresh their Consultant status, as well as being educational opportunities for anyone who is interested. It is expected that Florida's Environmental School Course 1 will be by Zoom on November 19 & 20. These Landscape Design School Courses will be by Zoom: Florida Course 4 on October 23 & 24, and Arizona Course 3 on October 31 and November 1. Additional Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design School courses are expected to be offered by Zoom. Check NGC School listings often. Be sure to advise your CGCI Schools Chairmen (Michael and Leticia Biedenbender for Environmental School; Greg Pokorski for Gardening School; Alexis Slafer for Landscape Design School) if you register to "attend" one of these courses for credit.

For many reasons, courses in the classroom are considered the preferred way to take these courses, but Zoom is offering an alternative for schools to take place during these difficult times.

All Consultants who needed to refresh this year, but who are unable to do so because of event cancellations due to the coronavirus are entitled to request extensions of time to refresh. Contact your CGCI Schools Chairmen to request extensions before December 31.

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- Membership**

Chairman: Adele Kelly
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
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
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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

Environmental Art Exhibition and Juried Show

by Judy Unrine, Chairman

Your California Garden Club President is excited to announce the first Environmental Art Exhibition and Juried Show. All CGCI garden club members are invited to participate. The requirement is that a repurposed or recycled item be incorporated into the design.

I recently visited the amazing city of Long Beach, California after the California Winter Board Meeting. My husband and I were looking for murals done by their talented artists. Found the murals and so much more.



When we parked the car to photograph the first mural, we discovered the 3Sisters Shop. The shop is run by a young woman who believes in sustainable art. Chrystal Early opened her shop a year or so ago. She designs clothing and other items using recycled cloth bags that originally packaged rice and repurposed vintage fabrics.

Fiber Arts will not be the only Division. The artwork you submit will help determine the categories. We want to showcase your talents.

The piece at right, spotted on the exterior of a restaurant, is an example of another category. Repurposed or leftover tile, could be used to create wall art or to construct a new freestanding design.



"Toy Car Pile Up" created by Tom Barter, for the Long Beach Transit Improvement Project, represents a collection of cars and trucks artfully assembled in a ceramic column. No matter where you find inspiration you can think creatively.



Not everyone is a professional artist. Garden club members have many skills and abilities and enjoy being challenged. We are challenging you, no matter your skill level, to participate in the Environmental Art and Juried Show. Date and location to be determined.

Consideration will be given to members who cannot transport their entry to the location due to size or distance.

If you have questions or would like to participate, you can contact me, Judy Unrine, Chairman, at Judysgarden01@gmail.com.

**Tax E-Filing is Free**

by George Perko, Treasurer

Tax agencies allow free e-filing of their 990-N, 199-N, and other forms on their websites under most circumstances. It is not required for a nonprofit to use a for-profit website which can charge up to \$40 for making this otherwise free e-filing.



We have just received word that Circle of Poppies member, Anne Capes passed away recently. More information to come.



Nina Blonski, Chairman
 pennypines@cagardenclubs.org
 Total January 1 to July 31, 2020 \$ 17,949

District	Club/Donor	Memory (M) or Honor (H) of Whom		Amount
Arboretum	Year Around GC	H	Trader Joes, Blue Hills Nursery, Lucille Householder, Henrietta Peavy	272.00
Bay Bridges	Hillside Gardeners of Montclair	H	Joanne Egan, Nancy Erb, Ann Hyatt, Elizabeth Hook, Patricia Manrique, Nancy Berg, Jere Johnson	476.00
Bay Bridges	Pinole GC	M	Resha Spero	68.00
Bay Ocean	Pacifica GC			136.00
Buttes	Colusa County GC	M	Joyce Gilma	68.00
Buttes	Colusa County GC			68.00
Cascade	Anderson Valley GC	H	Dedicated firefighters	136.00
Cascade	Red Bluff GC	H	North State First Responders	136.00
Channel Islands	Pleasant Valley GC	M	Christine Binda	136.00
Desert Empire	Desert Empire District	M	Janet Eyre	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Livermore-Amador Valley GC	M	Sue Bond	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Blackhawk Bloomers GC	H	Dawn Schaeffer, Tracey Lauer, Pat Jenkins, Susi Cherry, Celia Kathleen Gibbons, Lynn Negovetich, Blackhawk Country Club, Kevin Dunne, Rocci Russo, Tom Dempster, Wait Staff and Chef	544.00
Diablo Foothills	Livermore-Amador	M	Ann Rivenes	68.00
Golden Foothills	Divide GC	H	Nancy Candee, Newsletter Editor	68.00
Mendo-Lake	Potter Valley GC	M	Lorraine Mathews	68.00
Montana de Oro	Los Osos Valley GC			68.00
Orange County	Mission Viejo GC			272.00
Orange County	Del Norte GC	M	Virginia Walker, Astrid Walls	136.00
Orange County	Laguna Beach GC	H	Diane Lannon, Susan Denton, Karen Nelson, Maggie Siegel	544.00
Palomar	Ramona GC	H	Barbara Hurlstone	68.00
Palomar	Village Garden Club of La Jolla			748.00
Palomar	San Diego County Garden Guild			68.00
Palomar	Bernardo Gardeners Club	M	Daryl Pollard	68.00
Sacramento River Valley	Arden Park GC	M	Mildred Bachofer	68.00
Sacramento River Valley	Vaca Valley GC	H	The officers and chairman of the club	136.00
Sacramento River Valley	Davis Flower Arrangers	H	Davis Flower Arrangers	68.00
Sacramento River Valley	Davis Flower Arrangers	M	Paul N. Goldstene, Juan Vallejo	136.00
San Fernando Valley	West Valley GC	M	Dianne Crail	68.00
San Fernando Valley	Cherry Blossom GC	M	Evelyn Sund	68.00
San Fernando Valley	Sherman Oaks GC	M	Peggy Cecchi	68.00
San Fernando Valley	Sherman Oaks GC	M	Phyllis Nalepa	68.00
Santa Clara Valley	San Jose GC			136.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC / Ann Mootz	M	Patricia Joanne Rice	68.00

Youth Page



Youth Contests *by Lisa Cosand, Youth Chairman*

CGCI offers 5 categories of awards in our Youth Contests. Two of these, the School Garden Award and Woodsy Owl Contest are done as a joint venture between a school and a garden club. The other 3 are open to individuals who then enter by being sponsored by a friend or grandparent in a garden club.

#61. Sculpture Contest which encourages the Three R's: 64 Reusing, Recycling, and Repurposing.

#62. Poetry Contest: Theme for poetry: "Exploring Backyard Mysteries". Don't use this title for the poem.

#64. Essay Contest: "How my Vegetables Grow". Use this title for the essay.

The full details and entry dates, mostly December 1, are described in detail on the website under Awards and then search Youth. These are good projects to do with young people you know to encourage gardening and nature. They can be initiated via FaceTime or Zoom maintaining social distance.

Next time you call or visit a young person, encourage them to enter these contests.

If there are questions, please contact Lisa Cosand at sunflowerpLc@aol.com.

Youth Pollinator Garden Grants

National Garden Club provides a grant opportunity for garden club members, working with Youth Clubs/groups, who are planning and planting Pollinator Gardens. Grants, up to \$200, are available for projects that include educational materials on the vital role that pollinators play in nature. Youth learn the importance of providing appropriate food sources, nesting areas, shelter and sustainable gardening practices for pollinators by planning, planting and maintaining pollinator gardens. To apply for a grant, complete a [Youth Pollinator Grant Application](#), provide detailed information about the project and submit your request to the NGC Youth Committee Chairman for approval.

Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

by Charlotte Tucker, Chairman

2021 is Woodsy Owl's 50th anniversary and the poster contest will feature him **ONLY** this year.

All posters submitted to the poster contest need to be of Woodsy with his motto:

"Lend A Hand—Care For The Land".

We will not be accepting or judging any Smokey Bear posters this year.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Charlotte Tucker at:

ctucker@mlode.com or 209-533-9300

<https://www.gardenclub.org/smokey-bear-woodsy-owl-poster-contest-0>

