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## **Happy New Year CGCI Members!**

**Thank you** to the many clubs sending their newsletters and yearbooks. There is such a variety of activities in the different areas of California. I am thrilled to hear the extent of each activity and how each event has been dealing with COVID-19.



Here are some inspiring words from a club president and a district director.

**Berni Hendrix, District Director of Valley Lode District** writes in her Nov./Dec. district newsletter-

"Do not allow your club members to be lost; instead embrace this opportunity to learn a new way. It's not difficult, its just different. We are not too old to learn new ways, after all we are the innovative generation."

**Judy Paul, President of Red Bluff Garden Club** encourages her members with the following in her newsletter -

"It is difficult to stay upbeat, but breathe deep and get outside when you can to get some healing power."

Encouraging club members to garden and to meet differently is inspiring. 'Kudos' to CGCI Member Presidents and District Directors who are keeping activities going during these lengthy stay-at-home mandates.

Please continue to send your newsletters - we want to hear from you. Also, take a look at CGCI's Facebook page. Let us know if your club would like to add their activities to the page and of course, make comments. Social media provides another means of communicating with your members and CGCI.

Let's stay strong and safe as we look forward to 2021 and hopefully a return to getting together in person with lots of hugs and activities.

Shane



**Virtual Winter Board Meeting January 18-22, 2021**

**Board of Directors business meetings January 28-29.**



**CGCI Calendar**

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

- **January 18-22, 2021:**

CGCI Winter Board Meeting  
Virtual - watch for e-blasts

- **May 30-June 4, 2021:**

CGCI Convention  
Embassy Suites, So. San Francisco  
Co-Hosts: Santa Clara Valley and  
Bay Ocean Districts

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**CGCI Schools Chairmen**

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**NGC Schools**

All registration forms are on the  
CGCI website Calendar page  
[californiagardenclubs.com/calendar](http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar)

**2019-2021 President's Project**

by Julie A. West, Chairman

Our gratitude to **Adele Kelly, Chula Vista Garden Club** in honor of Sandy Duncan and **Southern California Garden Club** for their generous donations to the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* restoration project. Total donations received to date are **\$14,450** with \$5,550 still needed to reach the \$20,000 goal for this President's Project.

CGCI recently remitted half of the plant propagation expenses (\$6,000) to *San Bruno Mountain Watch* that operates *Mission Blue Nursery's* for production costs related to 70 of the 100 species needed for this project. They grow native plants exclusively from seed and cuttings collected by permit on *San Bruno Mountain* and provides these for restoration projects such as the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* project.

You can learn more about [Mission Blue Nursery](http://MissionBlueNursery.com) by visiting their website.



President Looper has selected twenty special items for the next President's Jewelry Box FUNdraiser to be held in 2021. A beautiful selection of rings, bracelets and necklaces will be available for you to bid on in time for Valentine's Day. Stay tuned for more details.

Please join us as we continue to raise funds needed for the educational signage to complete the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* project. 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 information: [Presidents Project](http://PresidentsProject.com). CGCI has the opportunity to make a difference and your generous support is appreciated!

**Awards**

By Elisabeth A. Tufo, Awards Committee, Sponsors Finances Chairman

The awards committee is announcing a major change to the awards program; Man of the Year and Woman of the Year awards are to be combined and replaced with the new **Person of the Year** beginning in the 2021-2022 season. There will be no changes to the nomination or submission process.

We have several awards which have opened up to any interested new sponsors – individuals, districts or clubs – they are:

- #13 Club Touring Award
- #50 Club Newsletters. Section 2, classes B and C
- #61 Junior Sculpture Contest
- #70 Educational Schools Award

Other than award #50, awards may be customized by the new sponsor. For more information contact Elisabeth Tufo at [elisabethtufo@earthlink.net](mailto:elisabethtufo@earthlink.net).

**Reminder**

The remainder of  
the CGCI Award  
Applications must  
be postmarked by  
January 10, 2021.



The CGCI Facebook is in need of videos.

Do you have a video on any aspect of gardening, landscape design, floral design, environmental concerns or any other subject in which garden club members may be interested? If so, please send your video to the CGCI Facebook Administrator at [patclayes@aol.com](mailto:patclayes@aol.com).

By the way, if you are submitting for an NGC Facebook (Social Media) award, please note that NGC wants to see videos on your Facebook page.

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaGardenClubsInc>

**CGCI Programs & Projects**

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

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- **Insurance**

**Chairman: Robin Pokorski**

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- **Group Tax Exemption Program**

**Chairman: Sue Bennett**

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- **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

## WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

*By Charlotte Tucker, Youth Poster Contest Chairman*

Remember this is Woodsy Owl's 50 birthday year and we are only accepting Woodsy Posters this year.

Please don't forget to make color copies of all your posters and then get them to me as soon as you can so they can be judged at the State level.

After your club's judging, you can only send the top four winning posters from each grade for a max total of 20 posters.

I need your entries by **January 23, 2021**.



I'll need the following from you when sending posters to me.

- 1) How many **schools** participated from your area
- 2) How many **teachers** did your clubs get posters from
- 3) How many **total posters** your clubs received

This information is needed for me to complete my report that goes to National.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the Poster Contest. For questions contact: ctucker@mlode.com



**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 Claves

[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

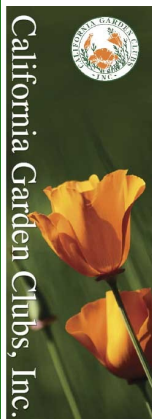
5075 Valley Crest Dr #246

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)

**Winter Board Meeting Announcement**

January 2021 Winter Board Meeting in Van Nuys is canceled.

New "virtual" Winter Board Meeting January 18-22, 2021

Board of Directors business meetings January 28-29, 2021.

Watch for "The Call"

**Yearbook, Manual & Roster**

*By Elisabeth A. Tufo, YMR Chairman*

All members of the CGCI Board of Directors and club presidents should have received a copy of the '20/'21 Yearbook, Manual & Roster (YMR), mailed in December. If you have not received your copy please contact Carol Vallens at [cgi2ndvp@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:cgi2ndvp@cagardenclubs.org). This edition of the YMR was very limited; there are no copies available for purchase.

Clubs missing contact information in the Roster section, commencing on page 107, failed to complete a *Contact Information Form* available at the website. These mandatory forms should be filed by May 1 annually even if there are no changes to report. Their purpose is to update CGCI records for the upcoming year.

**Project Mission Blue - Phase II**

*By Julie A. West, Chairman*

We thank **Santa Rosa Garden Club** and **Southern California Garden Club** for their generous donations received since the October 2020 issue. Since Phase II began July 1, 2016, we have raised **\$5,943** to propagate twelve native nectar plants to help the federally endangered mission blue butterfly. The adult butterflies who are typically poor flyers, use these nectar sources in between patches of host larval lupine plants.

*Achillea millefolium* (Yarrow) featured here is one of the twelve nectar plants supported by this project. In full sun, this perennial grows 1-2 feet in height and 2-3 feet in width. It has finely dissected, aromatic foliage with flat clusters of showy, white or pink flowers in late spring to early summer, attracting butterflies and bees.

Cutting back spent flower stems will extend the flowering season as well as improve appearance. Yarrow can be used in mixed borders or meadows. It is drought-tolerant; adaptable to a variety of soils throughout California, and usually deer-resistant.



Your financial support is appreciated 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 and please remember that Project Mission Blue Phase II ends June 2021.

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- 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:**

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

**Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region!**

California has been challenged to dedicate 5 Blue Stars each year (2019 - 2021). Will your club help California rise to the challenge?

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

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

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

**Wildlife-Friendly Backyards**

*By Anita Urie, Immediate Past President and Diane Dillard, Award Chair  
 Roseville Better Gardens Club*

This year, seven Roseville Better Gardens Club members applied to the National Wildlife Federation to have their yards designated as Certified Wildlife Habitats. One member completed the process earlier. The individuals found the process super easy. Signs to show the yards are certified are available for purchase. And, each individual receives a magazine subscription with membership.

These individuals' yards vary in size from a small residential lot with a Koi pond to a five-acre lot with a fresh stream running through it. Some members added additional food, water and nesting places. All the yards have a variety of trees and plants that attract wildlife.

The members helped wildlife on the federal level, and they increased their knowledge and appreciation of the wildlife that visit their yards. The enjoyment and excitement of watching so many species visit and make these yards their home is rewarding and comforting.

The requirements for eligibility to have a garden certified are simple, and most gardeners across the nation would qualify.

Per the National Wildlife Federation all you need to do is confirm you have the following:

At least three (3) food sources.

One (1) water source.

Two (2) places for cover.

Two (2) places to raise their young.

Sustainable practices: soil and water conservation, control exotic plants and pest management, and organic practices.

Photographs from some of the members' yards are included to show how welcoming their yards are to wildlife.

If you are interested in learning more about getting your yard certified, visit: [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org), or phone 1-800-822-9919.





Nina Blonski, Chairman  
 pennypines@cagardenclubs.org  
 Total January 1 to September 7, 2020 \$19,448

Some of the US Forest Service Offices are still closed due to the COVID-19 restrictions and/or the wildfire events around the state. Please contact your local Forest Service office to determine if they are able to accept and process checks and certificates.

### ***Giving Tuesday Success***

*By Julie A. West, Board of Trustees Chairman*

For the first time, CGCI participated in "Giving Tuesday," held this year on December 1, 2020. *Giving Tuesday* encourages people to do good and has grown into a global movement that inspires millions of people to give, collaborate and celebrate generosity. It is the beginning of the charitable season, when many focus on holiday and year-end giving. CGCI offered the opportunity to support the CGCI Endowment and Scholarship Endowment Funds in the 24-hour global event. It is with deep gratitude that CGCI acknowledges the following generous donors who participated in *Giving Tuesday* event:

#### **CGCI ENDOWMENT FUND**

**Bill and Sue Bennett, Al and Pat Clayes, Adele Kelly, Maria Krenek, Shane Looper, Linda Smith, Southern California Garden Club, and Dave and Julie West.** Total: \$550.00

#### **SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND**

**Bill and Sue Bennett, Adele Kelly, Maria Krenek, Linda Smith, Martha Smyser, Green Thumb Garden Club of Milpitas** in memory of Mabel Mattos, **Lake Oroville Area Garden Club** in Honor of Krystal Migliore, **Jane McKee** in memory of Harry and Agnes McKee, and **Chico Horticultural Society.** Total: \$590.00

**GRAND TOTAL: \$1,140 for Both Endowments**

While *Giving Tuesday* has successfully concluded, you can support either or both of the Endowment Funds at anytime of the year by visiting CGCI's website using this link: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/endowments>

We appreciate your support for the two Endowment Funds established in 2010 for those wishing to make a lasting contribution to the CGCI organization or to the Scholarship Fund!

### **Rose Care**

*By Kathy Bramhall, Red Bluff Garden Club*

After all the Christmas rush and the Bah-Humbag of 2020 in general, I am thinking about my spring garden, especially my 60+ roses as they need advanced tender loving care.

**Pruning Time** - My goal is to get my roses pruned by Super Bowl Sunday for a mid-April/early-May bloom. If the weather is cooler the main flush of bloom could be delayed to mid-May. If pruning is delayed later than early February you could run into hot weather and the blooms won't be of superior quality. Pruning is okay before Super Bowl Sunday; however don't apply fertilizer until February as a late cold snap could damage the new growth.

**Pruning Process** – On all roses cut out all dead wood. Cut out the weakest of any crossing branches. If your roses are grafted, keep cuts above the graft union. Hybrid Teas and Floribunda bushes can be pruned down to 3-5 main canes of 2-3 feet high. Miniature roses can get out of hand too; prune to fit the container or area where planted.

**Eliminate Disease** – I don't like using chemical sprays, so it is important to clean up around the roses after pruning. If your rose leaves have black spot or rust strip them off and burn or trash—do not compost.

**Mulch** – Apply or reapply mulch to protect from the cold and heat and conserve water. (Roses like lots of water.)

I recommend mulch that will decompose in a couple of years as it helps improve the soil.

**Fertilize** – Roses are heavy feeders. Feed roses after pruning. Organic fertilizer is best for improving the soil, however organics are generally more costly than chemical fertilizer and the roses don't care. Feed roses monthly February through June. Do not fertilize during the hot summer months, do a final feeding in October.

**Other maintenance** – Deadhead roses as needed. Make a clean cut below the spent bloom at a healthy node with 3-5 leaves.