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Happy Summer Gardeners!

I am so grateful that you have entrusted our beloved California Garden Clubs Incorporated to my care for the next two years. I am depending upon all of you to get us on the post-pandemic path. Thank you so much to everyone who stepped up to a leadership position to help our organization grow by sharing your new ideas, passions, inventiveness and energy. An equally heartfelt thank you to those who agreed to continue in their present leadership roles to ensure our success by providing continuity, mentorship, experience and passion. A huge debt of gratitude and appreciation goes to Shane Looper who guided us through unprecedented times and whose leadership allowed us to make progress despite the difficulties.



I am repeating my vision statement for anyone who was not able to attend our Zoom convention. In 2021 Our organization is celebrating 90 years of increasing friendships, improving our communities, increasing knowledge among our members and the general public, fostering leadership, introducing students to the natural world, providing scholarships, protecting and preserving the environment, promoting floral design, training members and the public in new skills and technique, and many other achievements and accomplishments. My mission is to reenforce our foundation so that CGCI can celebrate another 90 years. To accomplish this mission my goals are to:

1. Increase our presence and influence in the world

Form alliances with like-minded organizations to increase our power and influence in the community. We should be the first organization consulted when an issue arises concerning the environment (planning a new park, hearings held by the forest service or coastal commission, zoning changes involving public lands, etc.)

Advertise our accomplishments in our communities.

2. Support clubs and districts as we re-enter the post pandemic world.

Encourage clubs to plant seeds of friendships.

Encourage clubs to think about rebuilding along different lines as appropriate.

Increase collaboration among clubs in a district.

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Increase the number of and interest in and support of statewide projects.

3. Promote Leadership

Strengthen the leadership ladder at all levels through demonstrations, examples, information, mentoring, and training.

Energize our procedures committee so their work makes stepping into leadership less intimidating.

Encourage committee chairman who have no committees to enlist members to help carry out their vital work.

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CGCI Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **October 12-15, 2021**
Fall Board Meeting - Virtual
- **February 6-10, 2022**
Winter Board Meeting
Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys
Chairman: Rita Desilets
- **June 6-10, 2022**
CGCI Convention
Hanblery Hotel, San Diego
Chairman: Sharon Tooley

CGCI Schools Chairmen

Environmental: Nancy Compton
ncompton43@att.com

Flower Show: Sandra Graff
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Gardening: Greg Pokorski
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Landscape Design: Alexis Slafer
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January 15-16, 2022
February 12-13 and 26-27, 2022
March 12-13, 2022
Host: Valley Lode District
Chairman: Bernie Hendrix

NGC Schools

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

(President's message continued)

4. Communicate! Communicate! Communicate!

Hold monthly meetings of the Executive Committee.

Increase our digital footprint.

Keep Zoom as a hybrid model.

Inspire committees to meet via zoom, conference calls, etc. at times in addition to the 3 required meetings (minimum quarterly).

5. Envision the Future through Strategic Planning:

Examine our bylaws to make them responsive and nimble to respond to new circumstances.

Attract Younger Members.

Please be thinking about other bullet points I should consider and let me know.

I would love for you to volunteer to help implement these goals.

Lynne

Get to know our President, Lynne Batchelor...

I was born in Kingsville, Texas and raised in Florida, Rhode Island, Virginia, Arizona, New York and numerous towns in Texas. My father was in the Border Patrol so we moved in November most years. I arrived in California in November of my senior year and then went to Texas to attend Texas Wesleyan University where I earned my BA with honors majoring in history and English. After returning to California, I completed my MA in Multi-Cultural Education at Pepperdine University and began teaching in middle school for San Diego Unified where I worked continuously (except for my three stints as a Fulbright exchange teacher one year each in England, Scotland, Wales) as a teacher, resource teacher, vice-principal and principal. I have continued to serve as interim principal and vice-principal at several sites since retirement.

My involvement in gardening began because my mother (an avid gardener and floral arranger) needed someone to drive her to meetings. Initially I simply did drop off and pick up service but then I joined Bonita Valley Garden Club in 2003 and served in many positions including 5 years as President. I attended Flower Show School to become a judge and attend Design Forum, Flower Arrangers Guild and Southwestern Judges Council to work on my design skills (with a remarkable lack of success alas).

I currently serve as state secretary for the American Association of University Women and as President of Soledad Bridge Club and of OnStage Playhouse Community Theatre. The rest of my time is spent reading mysteries, taking care of 2 cats, meeting friends at restaurants, ushering at various theatres, shopping, working on the rehab for my Victorian home and hopefully soon travelling.



**Interested in being
nominated for one of the
Executive Committee
positions?**

**If so, please complete the
CGCI Personnel Form found on
the website under "CGCI
Board Members."**

californiagardenclubs.com

CGCI Programs & Projects

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for details

- Membership NEW**

Chairman: Marlene Kinney
315 Windmill Canyon Place
Clayton, CA 94517-1904

- Insurance NEW**

Chairman: Shane Looper
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South San Francisco 94080-204

- Group Tax Exemption Program**

Chairman: Sue Bennett
7560 Shelborne Drive
Granite Bay 95746-8617
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- Penny Pines**

Chairman: Nina Blonski
Checks to US Forest Service
Online form

- President's Project 2021-2023**

Robin Pokorski

- 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 823
San Fernando, CA 91341-0823
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Big Basin Recovery Fund
Blue Star Memorials
CGCI Endowments
CGCI Scholarship Fund
Sempervirens Fund

Yearbook, Manual & Roster 2021-2022

by Elisabeth A. Tufo, YMR Chair

The CGCI Fall Board Meeting will be a "virtual" Zoom event so the complimentary distribution of the YMR will again be restricted. There will be one copy per board member and one copy per club, APS and affiliate. Delivery will be in September, via USPS, prior to the Board Meeting.

We are able to take orders for extra books this year but they must be pre-ordered and paid for by **August 12**. Download *Extra Yearbook Order Form* from the website, complete and mail to me with your check.

\$6.50 per copy for collection at the Winter Board Meeting, February 2-5, 2022.
\$10.50 per copy to be mailed in September.

Sempervirens Fund

By Judy Unrine

Big Basin Recovery Fund is a separate fund within Sempervirens. It was created to repair extensive damage to forest and structures, done by the August 2020 CZU Lightning Complex Wildfire.

In January 2021, CGCI encouraged members to match \$5000 donated by CGCI. When members' donations met the first \$5000 in matching funds, a second \$5000 in matching funds was approved in May of 2021. Presently, \$9,734.60 has been donated by members and \$5000 by CGCI for a total of \$14,734.60. Only a few hundred dollars are needed to receive the second \$5000 CGCI matching funds for a total of \$20,000. Donations to this fund will continue after the \$20,000 goal is met.

Your donations to Sempervirens over the years have helped protect the coastal Redwood forests. Now, when Big Basin Redwoods State Park is meeting its greatest challenge, members of CGCI have shown their willingness to help save this California treasure.

The following have donated to Big Basin Recovery Fund since May 2021:

Wendy McCalley	Petaluma GC	San Leandro GC
Manteca GC	Mary Brown	Carolands GC
Cherry Blossom GC	Discovery Bay GC	Martha Jackson
Lake Orville Area GC	Inland Empire Master Gardeners	Long Beach GC
Newport Hills GC	San Mateo Arboretum Society	Martha Smyser
Maria Krenek	Cheryl Weaver	Miriam Pedrotti

Donation Forms are available on the CGCI website. Make check payable to CGCI and note either Sempervirens Fund or Big Basin Recovery Fund on the memo line. Mail donations to CGCI, P.O. Box 823, San Fernando, CA 91341-0823.

Thank you for your generosity,

Rosa Radicchi and Judy Unrine, Co-Chairmen

Awards, Honors & Recognition

CGCI offers many ways to say
"Thank You" or "Good Job"

californiagardenclubs.com/forms

• Awards Program

Chairman: Pat Clayes

• californiagardenclubs.com/awards

- Business Commendations,
- Long-Term Certificates, and
- Member Award of Distinction

Chairman: Judy Bates

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Online request forms

• California Consultants Council

Chairman: Sue Bennett

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Consultant of the Year,
Environmental, Gardening, &
Landscape Design awards.

• Life Memberships

Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker

lifemember@cagardenclubs.org

Online request form

Promotional Materials

CGCI offers promotional
and informational materi-
als and many are FREE*!

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

(Check the website for
ordering details)



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Awards

First Place Winner of Photography Award #40, Section 2



Congratulations to **Ella German** of Poway Valley Garden Club, Palomar District!

This *Epiphyllum sp.* shares a container with *Sedum morganianum* (Donkey's Tail). It grows in semi-shade and is irrigated by hand weekly as needed. The plant hangs from a plastic hanging basket from a native willow tree close to the entry of a school garden managed by Ella. Ella says that "the flowers signal that summer is almost here!"

Flower Arranger of the Year

Congratulations to **Lisa Ayala**, a member of Furyu Floral Designers, Santa Clara Valley District, who is CGCI's Flower Arranger of the Year! Lisa's design won first place for CGCI Award #37 - Flower Arranger of the Year! Way to go, Lisa Keep up the great work!



Introducing a NEW CGCI Award

Award #29 -- Raised Bed Gardening Award

Thanks to the generosity of the sponsor, Myrtle Findley, CGCI now offers a new award, #29 – Raised Bed Gardening Award for individual club members. The award is for the best system and growth of vegetable/s in raised bed/s, each raised bed containing single or multiple vegetables (can include herbs). The first place winner will receive \$50; the second-place winner will receive \$30; and the third-place winner will receive \$20. Check out the evaluation form on the website under "Awards."





National Garden Clubs, Inc.
President 2021-2023
Mary Warshauer

Theme: "Plant America-Play Outdoors"

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Ongoing projects:

- Plant America
- Ames Garden Tools
- Blue & Gold Star Memorials
- US Botanic Butterfly Garden
- School Gardens
- Spring Planting for Butterflies
- Water Projects



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Woody Owl Poster Contest CGCI First Place Winners

1st Grade Hunter Hess
Second Place at NGC
 Tuolumne County GC
 Valley Lode District



2nd Grade Jasmine Girardin
 Foothill GC
 Valley Lode District

3rd Grade Juliana Andreyer
 Foothill GC
 Valley Lode District



4th Grade Zainab Firdaus
 Livermore-Amador Valley GC
 Diablo Foothills District

5th Grade Enya Zhang
Second Place at NGC
 Tuolumne County G.C.
 Valley Lode District



NGC AWARDS UPDATE

By Pat Claves, Awards Chairman

The NGC Award Committee has revised its Awards Program. The following awards have been eliminated from NGC's Awards Program:

- CS-3 — Garden Center Award
- EC-2 — Litter/Recycling/Reclamation (corresponding to CGCI Award 21)
- Section 7 — Landscaping and Landscape Design
- MP-5 — Radio/TV
- MP-7 — *The National Gardener* Award
- PUB-2-1 — Calendars
- PUB-2-7 — Cookbooks
- Section 12 — Yearbooks (corresponding to CGCI Awards 54 and 55)

Please note that these changes will not affect CGCI Awards 21, 54 and 55.

CGCI will continue to give awards for Award 21 (Conservation Projects) and Awards 54 and 55 (Yearbooks).



Nina Blonski, Chairman
pennypines@cagardenclubs.org

District	Club	Donor	M / H	To Whom	Amount
Bay Bridges	Friends of Heirloom Flowers		Memory	Bill Silbermann	\$68.00
Golden Foothills	Roseville Better GC		Honor	Barbara Morgan	\$68.00
Golden Foothills	Roseville Better GC		Memory	Phyllis Lindsay	\$68.00
Luther Burbank	Petaluma GC				\$68.00
Luther Burbank	Petaluma GC	Eda Lucas			\$68.00
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Thomas Rath	Memory	April Rath	\$68.00
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Patricia Chong	Memory	Wil Chong	\$68.00
Orange County	Del Norte GC		Memory	Hameed Saba	\$68.00
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Barbara Hochgesan	Memory	Stu and Bonnie Love	\$68.00
Roadrunner	Hesperia GC		Memory	Ruby Baker	\$68.00
Sac River Valley	Clarksburg GC		Memory	Casey Doherty	\$68.00
Sac River Valley	Clarksburg GC		Memory	Patricia (Patty) Merwin	\$68.00
San Fernando Valley	West Valley GC		Memory	Mary Oliver	\$68.00
San Fernando Valley	West Valley GC		Memory	Joan Compton	\$68.00
San Fernando Valley	West Valley GC		Memory	Norman Dickman	\$68.00
San Fernando Valley	Southern Calif GC		Honor	Greg Pokorski	\$68.00
San Fernando Valley	Burbank-Valley GC		Honor	Charlene & Hugh Gallagher, Ramila & Pradip Doshi	\$136.00
Valley Lode	Valley Lode District			Valley Lode District	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC	Gloria Black	Memory	Richard Smith	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC		Memory	Steve Otten	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Foothill GC		Memory	Elsina Dean	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Foothill GC		Memory	Juliene Hiatt	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Foothill GC		Memory	Florence Gelatti, Bob Migliore	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC	Hilda Weston	Memory	Grady Weston	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC		Memory	Janice Chancellor	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC	Mary Jo Malone	Memory	Frank Malone	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Manteca GC		Memory	Jesse Soto	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ceres GC		Honor	Barbara Deatherage	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ceres GC		Honor	Tammy Lucich	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Patterson GC		Honor	Chris Collier	\$68.00

2019-2021 Presidents Project

by Julie A. West, Chairman

WOW! Thanks to **George Speer** and **Judy Unrine** for their President's Jewelry Box donations received in addition to contributions from **Cherry Blossom Garden Club**, **Dos Valles Garden Club**, **Hesperia Garden Club** and **Pacifica Garden Club**. The grand total raised for restoration of the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* is **\$23,353.50**.

Your generous support for the 2019-2021 President's Project is very much appreciated!!!