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Greetings CGCI Members,

CGCI had an excellent Convention via *Zoom*. It was a first for our organization. 'Congratulations' to the *Zoom* hosts **Carol Vallens, Adele Kelly and Kathy Taylor de Murillo** who successfully made the virtual meeting possible.



'Kudos' to the winners of National Garden Clubs' Plant America grant winners: **Descanso Garden Club, Pacifica Garden Club, Potter Valley Garden Club and Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club.** Start planning your club's next garden project for 2022 and take advantage of NGC's Plant America community project grants available up to \$1,000.

'Congrats' to the individuals who were selected for NGC's 2022 *Vision of Beauty Calendar*. CGCI is fortunate to have all this talent in our state! The featured floral designers are **Mary Arakelian, Lili Aram-Bost, Lisa Ayala, Eilene Chun, Nancy Colvin, Jan Goering, Helen Petrianos, Frankie Raymond, Hetty Shurtleff and Brad Welles.**

'Thank you' for your support of the President's Project to restore the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden*. Meeting the challenges of the COVID pandemic and exceeding the \$20,000 goal is commendable and very much appreciated!

The enjoyment of serving as CGCI's President has been YOU, the members! This President enjoyed every in-person meeting that we were able to have before and after COVID struck. Sheltering at home, this President has been able to "visit" virtually. I am thrilled that many clubs were still able to meet, raise funds and have events in creative new ways. I am proud of our members and their efforts to still do what they do best. "Thank you" for the honor of serving as your President.

The success of CGCI has always been their leaders. Please welcome Lynne Batchelor, CGCI President, Executive Committee, District Directors and Chairmen for the 2021-2023 term. 'Congratulations' to all of them. Please join me supporting the future of our organization through their leadership.

Shane



CGCI Calendar

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- **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
Handlery Hotel, San Diego
Chairman: Sharon Tooley

CGCI Schools Chairmen

Environmental: Michael and Leticia
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Flower Show: Gudrun Kimmel
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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

2019-2021 President's Project

By Julie A. West, Chairman

'Thank you' to Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi, Director of *San Bruno Mountain Watch* for his educational presentation at the virtual 2019-2021 President's Project Workshop held May 26. The update on restoring the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* was informative and appreciated!

The best news is that the pandemic did not stop you from supporting our important work! We have surpassed the \$20,000 goal established for the project thanks to the generosity from the following donors: **Dolores Moffat, Nancy McDougal, Oasis Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley, Ceres Garden Club, Valley Floral Arrangers Guild, Art & Flower Guild, Nancy Compton, Oakdale Garden Club, Valley Lode District, Carol Vallens, Long Beach Garden Club and Santa Rosa Garden Club** that added \$1,531 to the project funds for a project total of: **\$21,408**.

The President's Jewelry Box auction of 12 items and beautiful quilt made and donated by **Milly Benson** brought in an additional \$1,350. Our gratitude to the following high bidders:

Rosa Radicchi, Carolyn Villi, Myrtle Findley, Rosemary Ecker, Frankie Raymond, Pat Claves, and Sherry Molinari who purchased jewelry. **Carol Vallens** is the lucky high bidder on the quilt in photo. The project total to date at the end of convention is **\$22,758**.



President Shane Looper and this chairman appreciate the generous contributions received from 67 individuals, 61 clubs and 11 districts these past two years. In addition, \$4,635 was raised from the President's Jewelry Box auctions; \$600 was received for the 12 butterfly pendants made and donated by **Pat Claves** and \$610 was generated from crafts including the quilt made and donated by **Milly Benson**. Your benevolence is what allows CGCI to make a difference.

The extra proceeds generated from everyone's charitable contributions will be sent to *San Bruno Mountain Watch* for the *San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden* restoration project to propagate any additional plants and/or species signs needed. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

First Place Winner of Award #40, Section 1 — Applicant's Own Garden

Congratulations to **Susan Bibby** of Vista Garden Club, Palomar District!



Susan says that "her garden is ever changing, and on this day, after a nice rainfall, the garden looked spectacular. The colors after a rain intrigue me, and somehow they are richer and more vibrant. I took many pictures on March 13, 2020 as my whole yard was beautiful. This was the calm after the storm. The area faces west. The lower part of the garden in this photo is spot watered with the hose unless it rains. The upper part of the garden in the photo receives only rain." Plants shown:

Lower Part: *Agave lopharotha*, *Sedum*, *Aloe Vera*, *Aeonium 'Mardi Gras'*, *Portulacaria*, and *Bromeliad*.

Upper Part: *Aeonium 'kiwi'*, *Salvia clevelandi* (Cleveland Sage), *Agave americana*, Coulter bush, *Aeonium arboreum* "Zwartkop", *Aloe Vera*, and various fruit trees and hibiscus.

CGCI Programs & Projects

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for details

- **Membership NEW**
Chairman: Marlene Kinney
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- **Insurance NEW**
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- **Penny Pines**
Chairman: Nina Blonski
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- **President's Project 2019-2021**
- **Project Mission Blue**
Chairman: Julie West
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- **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
Blue Star Memorials
CGCI Endowments
CGCI Scholarship Fund
Sempervirens Fund



We amended the Bylaws, voted on Executive Committee Recommendations, enjoyed record attendance, heard updates from Districts and Chairmen of various committees. We learned about new CGCI projects, received updates about ongoing projects and were reminded of existing NGC opportunities. We raised funds for the current President's Project and enjoyed a virtual happy hour!

A plethora of Workshops kept us zooming in to learn something new.

"Meet the Artist" chaired by Judy Unrine was a beautiful presentation of talented artists showcasing their art using recycled or discarded material.

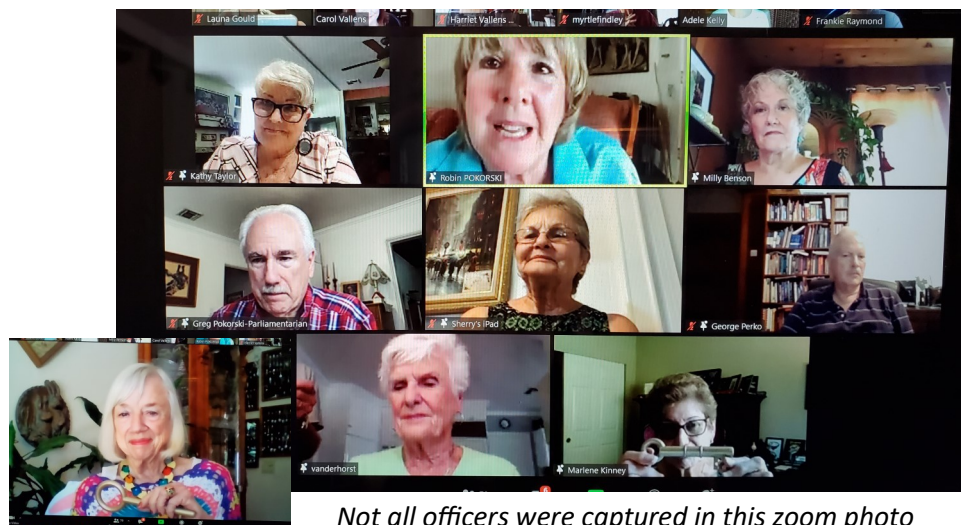
President's Project 2019-2021 presented Ariel Charbowsky Corkidi with an update on the progress being made at the San Bruno Mountain Botanical Garden.

"Roses" presented by Sue Bennett showcased the renovation of her expansive rose garden.

"Make My Day" by Helga Sallmon, an OFAD member, demonstrated creative floral designs using unusual components.

Webmaster, Jane McKee presented "CGCI Website and Contact Information," an informative tutorial on how to navigate the website.

Installation of officers was held "in the clouds"



Not all officers were captured in this zoom photo

Awards, Honors & Recognition

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

NOTE: Check the forms for the
correct mailing address

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♥ **Awards Program**

Chairman: Pat Claves

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♥ **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**

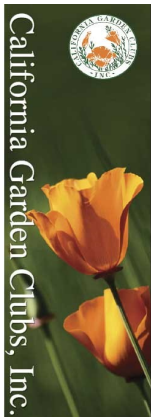
Chairman: Judy Bates

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)

Congratulations!

Special Award Winners at CGCI Convention 2021**Lifetime Service**

Gudy Kimmel

South Coast Floral Designers & The Gardeneers in Costa Verde District

Awarded to a member in recognition of exemplary service in excess of ten years and selfless dedication to the mission and objectives of CGCI.

Lifetime Achievement

Carolyn Villi

Hanford Garden Club in Sequoia Foothills District

Awarded to a member whose accumulation of service over five or more years has contributed significantly to the overall objectives of CGCI.

**Man of the Year**

Hank Vanderhorst

So. California Garden Club in the San Fernando Valley District

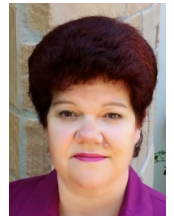
Awarded to a member in recognition of extraordinary services on behalf of the objectives of CGCI.

Woman of the Year

Sue Bennett

Roseville Better Gardens Club Golden Foothills District

Awarded to a member in recognition of extraordinary services on behalf of the objectives of CGCI.



See the list of all Award winners announced at Convention 2021

[Award Winners](#)



This eNews, our very own *Golden Garden eNews*, was awarded First Place by National Garden Clubs! Congratulations to all that contribute the important information that leads to the success of eNews.

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 by **June 15**. 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.

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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

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):

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From *THE GARDEN NEWS*, Toluca Lake Garden Club**The Color Purple**

Purple foods, particularly purple fruits and vegetables, are sought after by health-conscious people and those in the know, as the vibrant color indicates a naturally high presence of health-enhancing antioxidants. From purple potatoes and carrots, to trusty red cabbage and blueberries, this list of purple fruits and vegetables boasts plenty of nutritional credentials behind the vibrant hues, they are not only a great way of adding color to a dish, you should feel good about eating them too.

Beetroot - Roasted, juiced, or blended into vegan smoothies, beetroot is a nutritional powerhouse packed with vitamins, minerals and antioxidants.

Blueberries - have long been recognized as a super food of the fruit world, catapulting them into the spotlight for those health conscious consumers. High in antioxidants, this purple fruit is delicious eaten in its natural state, or baked into desserts.

Eggplant - Eggplants are a versatile purple vegetable that can be eaten any number of ways. Full of vitamins, minerals and dietary fiber, they are also said to have the potential to lower cholesterol and help manage weight.

Figs - are rich in natural health benefiting phyto-nutrients, antioxidants and vitamins. Dried figs are a great concentrated source of minerals and vitamins.

Blackberries - the rich color of blackberries is a giveaway that they have some of the highest antioxidant levels of all fruits. Rich in bioflavonoids and Vitamin C, they are low on sodium and calories.

Plums - Plums are rich in fiber and help ease digestion, as well as being a good source of vitamin A.





Nina Blonski, Chairman
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Thank you for your patience during the Covid lockdown as many of the National Forest offices were closed and the staff were working from home and not able to go into the office to pick up the mail. I have been told that the offices should all be up and running and they will be looking out for your donations so they can issue the certificates and deposit your checks. Our forest needs your donations to help replant after the many fires in the last few years destroyed many areas of our precious natural resources, our beautiful trees. You can now submit your donations for Penny Pines Plantations. You need to go to the CGCI website and under On-going Project you will find the Penny Pines page. Click on Donate and complete the online form. Remember you can list more than one donation in memory or honor on the same form as long as it is to the same National Forest. You then print two copies of the form, keep one for your club the other you mail to the National Forest of your choice along with your check payable to "USDA Forest Service". There is a drop down menu to choose from. Don't forget to click on submit so I can receive a copy to list your club or district in the *Golden Gardens eNews*.

District	Club	Donor	M / H	To Whom	Amount
San Fernando Valley	Southern Calif GC		Honor	Lynne Batchelor, Lana Finegold, Mary Warshauer	\$204
San Fernando Valley	Southern Calif GC		Memory	Pat Zarnowski	\$68
Valley Lode	Ripon GC	Mona Restuccia	Memory	Chad McWhorter	\$68
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Carol Chihrpich	Honor	My Grandchildren: Mia, Casmir, Kennedy & Dakota Chirpich	\$136
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	John Watz	Honor	John Watz	\$68
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Eileen Witmee	Honor	Eileen Witmee	\$68
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Barbara Hogan	Honor	Barbara Hogan	\$68
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Kristen Eldred	Memory	Dan Eldred	\$68
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Kristen Eldred	Memory	Art & Flo Eldred	\$68
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Helen Endter	Honor	Helen Endter	\$68
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Martha McCarthy	Honor	All the Brave firefighters	\$68
Orange County	Lake Forest GC		Honor	Lake Forest GC	\$204
Diablo Foothills	Livermore-Amador Valley GC	Jacquie & Tom Courtright	Honor	Alyssa Lopez, Alexandre Lopez	\$136
Diablo Foothills	Livermore-Amador Valley GC	Carol Guarnaccia	Honor	Paul Guarnaccia & Erin Ernst, Matt & Jennie Silver	\$204
San Fernando Valley	West Valley GC		Memory	Barbara Scott	\$68
San Fernando Valley	Southern California G C		Honor	Nurses & Nurse Practitioners	\$68
Valley Lode	Tuolumne County GC				\$204
Sac River Valley	River Valley GC		H/M	H/Mary Zelle M/ Richard Hunt	\$136
Diablo Foothills	Livermore-Valley GC & Alden Lane Nursery		Honor	Livermore Unified School District, Pleasanton Unified School	\$816
Valley Lode	Valley Lode District		Honor	Berni Hendrix	\$68
Valley Lode	Valley Lode District		Honor	Anne Plummer	\$68
Valley Lode	Valley Lode District		Honor	Valley Lode District Speakers	\$68
Valley Lode	Valley Lode District		Honor	Valley Lode District Garden Clubs	\$68
San Fernando Valley	Burbank-Valley GC		Honor	Noella Ballenger, Pradip Doshi	\$136
San Fernando Valley	Burbank-Valley GC		Memory	Jim Kenehan, Mary Ramsey, James J.T. Thomas Collins, Barbara Dee Ehrenstein	\$272

Donations through 2/23/2021. More next month.