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Greetings!

With the hot summer weather in Southern California, I can't believe it is fall already! I attended our Pacific Region Convention in August which was held in Silverton, Oregon where temperatures were above 100 every day! The convention was the successful finale of our own Robin Pokorski's term as Pacific Region Director. She has led the region (Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Hawaii, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, California) for the past two years.

Although she wasn't able to travel as she had wished, she instituted new ways of connecting, communicating, and educating which allowed the region to thrive. The convention provided an opportunity for presidents and members from the region to share ideas, meet one another, make decisions about working toward common goals, learn new skills in workshops and participate in a great tour which included a visit to an olive oil mill, botanic garden, heritage site, farmer's market, aviation and space museum, Victorian tea, etc.. Congratulations Robin!!

The new Pacific Region theme is "One Green World". There is an opportunity to support the region's scholarship fund by joining the Pollen Pushers Garden Club. The new regional youth project is the Pollinator Poster Contest for grades K-6. Details are on the Pacific Region website.

Because of concerns about the pandemic, our fall board will be virtual. You will receive the call in a few days with the information about registration. Although deliberations of committees are closed meetings, the business meetings are open to all members. The Executive Committee is extending a special invitation to all club presidents and treasurers to attend Fall Board as there will be a special workshop for both offices. The meeting (October 18-22) is free but does require registration. I hope you are able to join us. Included in the business meetings will be presentation about my President's Project, The Gardens at the San Diego River Central Park, which I hope will inspire you to help us reach our goal of \$20,000.

By the end of the month District Directors will receive a package of membership cards and yearbooks for all the clubs in their districts. If your district is not having an in person fall meeting, your district director will provide information on how to get your copies.

Don't forget that I am anxiously awaiting invitations to attend an event in your area (either virtual or in person). Thank you to those clubs who have been sending me their newsletters. If you include Pat Claves on your newsletter distribution list, you may see your club on Facebook.

Happy Labor Day!

Lynne



CGCI Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **October 18-22, 2021**
Fall Board Meeting - Virtual
- **February 7-9, 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

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January 15-16, 2022

February 12-13 and 26-27, 2022

March 12-13, 2022

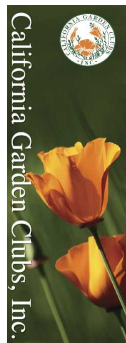
Host: Valley Lode District
Chairman: Bernie Hendrix
209-402-2351
schoolsvld@gmail.com

Promotional Materials

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

* Free materials

Online request forms

**Request for Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws**

by Adele Kelly, 2nd Vice President and 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 changes over time for many different reasons. The bylaws committee and I will be reviewing our current bylaws and standing rules again this term and will be modifying any bylaw or standing rule that needs to be updated. I hope that all of you will take this opportunity to read though our bylaws and standing rules in your current yearbook and send me any proposed amendments that you may have by November 1, 2021.

In accordance with Article XX – Amendments, Section 2 (page 88 of the 2020-2021 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

The current, 12th edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* was published in 2020. I encourage each of you to have your own copy of this book. Bylaws can often cause heated discussions which can sometimes be scary if you are new to these types of debates. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* can help you understand how using these guidelines can help you achieve your goal in a constructive way.

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Register early. Space is limited. For more information: schoolsvld@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.

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- Membership**

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- Insurance**

Chairman: Shane Looper
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South San Francisco 94080-204

- Group Tax Exemption Program**

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

Chairman: Nina Blonski
Checks to US Forest Service
Online form [Penny Pines](#)

- President's Project 2021-2023**

Chairman: Robin Pokorski
[President's Project](#)

- Scholarship Applications**

Chairman: Martha Smyser
[CGCI Scholarship Fund](#)

- Black Point Garden**

Chairman: Shane Looper
213 Carmelo Lane
South San Francisco 94080-204
[Black Point Garden](#)

- Donations** to the following projects can be made online or mailed to:

California Garden Clubs
P.O. Box 823

San Fernando, CA 91341-0823
[Anza-Borrego Desert State Park](#)
[Blue Star & Gold Star Memorials](#)
[CGCI Endowment Funds](#)
[CGCI Scholarship Fund](#)
[Conejo Valley Botanic Garden](#)
[Sempervirens/Big Basin Funds](#)

Sempervirens: Big Basin Redwoods State Park

by Judy Unrine, Co-chairman

Because of the generous donations of CGCI members, work is being done to salvage our beloved Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

Many of you sent donations to match that first \$5000 challenge, and then, when a second challenge of \$5000 matching funds was offered, the money poured in. You matched that \$5000 too. You made it possible for CGCI to donate a total of \$25,000 to the Big Basin Recovery Fund.

You showed how members of California Garden Clubs can make a difference.

A very special webinar, 'The Wisdom of the Forest', by Professor Suzanne Simard, can be watched on September 14 at 1 PM. Register for the Under the Redwoods webinar at redwoods@sempervirens.org.

The Coastal Redwoods need us, and we need them. Donation forms are available on CGCI's website, californiagardenclubs.org.

Send check to PO Box 823, San Fernando, Ca. 91341-0823. Please include your phone, email, and address. Note either Sempervirens Fund or Big Basin Recovery Fund on memo line.

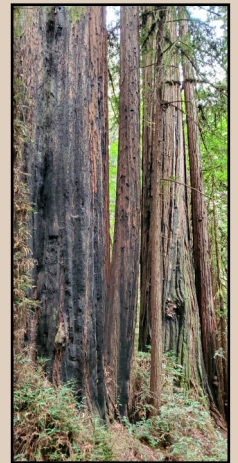
Thank you to donors in July and August:

Charlotte and Jim Welker

Chuck Goodwin

Joe Longo

Sempervirens Co-chairmen: Rosa Radicchi Radicchi @aol.com
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**Who Is To Blame For Our Snails?**

from Clayton Valley Garden Clubs newsletter

Many garden pests were introduced into California accidentally, usually in shipments brought in from other countries or U. S. states. However, some serious garden and agricultural pests have been introduced deliberately. The common brown garden snail is one. Here is an explanation of how it happened.

First, among the land shells we find the well known snail *Helix aspersa*, a common European species, largely used for food on the continent and familiar to persons who have patronized the restaurants of Paris. This species was intentionally introduced or 'planted', in California over forty years ago by Mr. A. Delmas, of San Jose, Santa Clara county, who brought the stock from France and turned it out among the vineyards on the west bank of the Guadalupe, a small river that flows northerly through Santa Clara Valley ... The introduction of *H. aspersa* by Mr. Delmas was made for edible purposes, or in common parlance 'with an eye to the pot'.



GTEP Annual Renewal

by Sue Bennett, GTEP Chairman

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP) Annual Renewal notices were emailed to the email addresses on file for club/district treasurers and presidents/directors. It does not come from me personally, but from CGCI.

If you have not received an email containing GTEP paperwork by September 15, 2021, send an email to this chairman at gtep@cagardenclubs.org.

Possibly the club information is not up-to-date. Go to the CGCI website, click on the “Forms” tab then under Membership: Annual Contact Information Form (Garden Clubs & APS) and update your club information. Or it was updated after I had obtained the data, I needed to mail the information.

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, a complete list of all clubs and districts can be found on the website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep> (click on the Forms tab). Then scroll down and click on GTEP members.

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. For specific questions, work directly with your accountant.

Do not change the dates. In an effort for CGCI to comply with IRS and FTB dates, CGCI must work a year in advance. You are sending in information for the year you just finished; however, you are paying to be in the Program in the future.

Something new this year, approved by the CGCI Board of Directors, a \$15 Renewal Late Fee. This chairman is hopeful that a \$15 additional late fee will encourage the 30% of members in GTEP to mail their paperwork in on time.

Nonrefundable Fees—Renewal: Postmarked prior to February 1, a check for \$15.00, payable to CGCI.

Renewal Late Fee: Postmarked after February 1, an additional check for \$15.00, payable to CGCI.

Fill out the RRF-1 Form Annual Registration Renewal Fee Report and **CT-TR-1 Form** Annual Treasurer’s Report

Important: As of this writing, the RRF-1 Form on the State of CA website contains a revised form. It is dated 2020 and is clearly a draft form. These are unofficial forms. Use the official forms on the OAG website, revised 2017.

The 2020 CZU Lightening Fire—One Year Later

by Judy Unrine

Fire is a natural condition in coastal forests.

On September 9, 1904, fire burned through the then two year old Big Basin Redwood State Park. Professor Dustin Mulvaney, of San Jose State University, reports that the 1904 fire moved through the park and mountains, taking the same path as the September 16, 2020, CZU Lightning Complex Fire. Both fires followed the same ridges and pathways. Both saw destruction of buildings, roads, trees, and habitat.

After each fire it was predicted Redwoods would be lost. In 2020, 97% of Big Basin Park’s 18,224 acres burned. That included 4,400 acres of old growth trees, 11,300 acres of secondary growth, and the rest, mixed forest growth.

But after each fire, specialists began seeing new growth on some of the Redwood trees. Many trees are scarred from the battle with fire but still living.

On August 18, 2021, Governor Newsom visited the park. He stated, “We have a deep responsibility, a commitment that doesn’t end when the world’s attention moves on.” The state park will receive \$187 million in state funding, a large portion of the \$217 million allocated to reconstruction and restoration efforts in the 2021 state budget.

Along highway 236, crews haul out remnants of vehicles and structures. They fell trees in danger of falling, remove dead trees and hazardous trees. Yet fresh plants struggle through the ash and downed trees make shelter for a variety of homeless animals.

Majestic trees bear the scars of both devastating fires, 1904 and 2020. When we are allowed to visit the park again, look for the scars. I picture them as symbols, not of fire, but of a renewal and of the generosity of CGCI’s members who donated \$25,000 to help heal the Redwoods of Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

Awards, Honors & Recognition

californiagardenclubs.com/forms

- Awards Program**

Chairman: Pat Clayes

• californiagardenclubs.com/awards

- Business Commendations,**

- Long-Term Certificates, and**

- Member Award of Distinction**

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- California Consultants Council**

Chairman: Sue Bennett

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How to make someone's day*

by Sue Bennett, CCC Awards Chairman

The *California Consultants Council* has various Certificates of Recognition as noted below that can be awarded to your favorite local store, friend, neighbor, etc., Who knows maybe the recognition you give to someone becomes a new member. (a win-win situation). I am aware of a club in Northern California who goes around the neighborhood, finds yards, takes pictures, has a team to vote on "favorite", sends a note to the owner telling them they won, and they would love to have them attend their garden club meeting. They are presented with a certificate and a membership. Great idea!

The process is easy. Go to: [California Consultants Council | California Garden Clubs](#)) webpage scroll down to the tab section and click on **Commendations Applications**. Fill in the paperwork, provide pictures and send it to the CCC Awards Chairman, Sue Bennett.

Environmental Consultants Award

Find links to forms [here](#)

Certificate of Recognition for an Environmental-Friendly Commendation

This Certificate of Recognition may be given to an individual who is not an Environmental Consultant but has demonstrated outstanding skill in gardening as evidenced by their environmental practices which support the principles of the Environmental Schools Program of CGCI/NGC.

Gardening Consultants Award**Outstanding Private Garden Award**

A Certificate of Recognition may be given to an individual who is not a Gardening Consultant but has demonstrated outstanding skill in gardening as demonstrated by their private garden and supported the Gardening School Program of CGCI/NGC.

Landscape Design Awards**Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture**

The Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture is presented by the California Consultants Council (CCC) in recognition of excellence in land use on a commercial, public, or residential project. This award is given only to landscape architects upon the recommendation of a council member (but other garden club members may propose candidates to council members).

Landscape Design Commendation

The Landscape Design Commendation is presented by the California Consultants Council (CCC) in recognition of good land use. This award is given only to individuals or groups upon the recommendation of individual council members, clubs, or districts.

Landscape Design Certificate of Appreciation, Recognition and/or Achievement

A Landscape Design Certificate of Appreciation, Recognition and/or Achievement may be given to an individual or group who is neither a Landscape Design Consultant or landscape architect but has demonstrated outstanding skill in managing land use or has enthusiastically supported the Landscape Design Program of CGCI/NGC.

* It sure would make this chair's day.



Nina Blonski, Chairman

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Penny Pines

District	Club	Donor	M/H	To Whom	Amount
Arboretum	Year Round GC	GinaRose Kimball	Honor	Joan Klopfenstein	68.00
Arboretum	Year Round GC	GinaRose Kimball	Memory	Norman Kimball, Stacey Linda Disney	136.00
Arboretum	Year Round GC	GinaRose Kimball	Memory	Lisa Gewirtz & Tommy Holmes	136.00
Arboretum	Year Round GC	Carol Lynn Johnson	Memory	Rafael Guzman	68.00
Arboretum	Year Round GC	Rosalinda Padilla	Memory	Amor Padilla	68.00
Arboretum	Year Round GC	Luci Householder	Memory	Irene Montague	68.00
Arboretum	Year Round GC		Honor	Trader Joe's of Whittier, University Printing	136.00
Arboretum	Year Round GC		Honor	GinaRose Kimball, Babs Cosand, Joan Licari, Ofelia Rivera	272.00
Arboretum	Year Round GC		Honor	Carol Schneider, Christine Heller, Pat Dickerman	204.00
Arboretum	Year Round GC		Honor	Nancy Bird, Zita Montenegro, Loretta Potter	204.00
Arboretum	Year Round GC	Your Suva Friends	Memory	Marilyn Tenney	68.00
Buttes	GC of Colusa County				68.00
Diablo Foothills	Discovery Bay GC	Linda Tomaselli	Memory	My daughter, Deanna Lee Rogers	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Discovery Bay GC	Linda Tomaselli	Memory	My husband, Raymond V. Darrah	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Discovery Bay GC		Memory	Micheal E. White	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Discovery Bay GC	Rosemary Harrison	Memory	Bill Scanlin	68.00
Diablo Foothills	Discovery Bay GC		Memory	Bill Scanlin	68.00
San Fernando Valley	Toluca Lake GC		Memory	LA District #4 City Council Member Tom LaBonge	408.00
San Fernando Valley	West Valley CG		Memory	Helen Amritraj	68.00
San Fernando Valley	Southern California GC		Memory	Jeffrey Artin	68.00

Youth Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose Sculpture Contest

by Lisa Cosand

What's in your recycle bin?

There could be a youth recycle sculpture entry just waiting to be imagined and constructed. This contest is open to youth grades 4 – 9.

Share your talents to create the garden joy in young people. Heat up the glue gun and build away on an 8 ½ x 11 inch piece of paper to keep it contest size. After you share the joy of construction, fixed the pieces that fell off and nursed the hot glue touched fingers, take two photos of the creation for the contest entry form. Check the California Garden Clubs [website](#) for rules and print the entry form.

How to find a youth? M & M's on the sidewalk leading to your front door? This contest allows individuals to enter through a garden club member. This could make you a recycle master as you encourage your grand-children, neighbors and COVID pod members to build and enter. If you have access to a youth group, inspire them also.

There are layers of prizes for this contest. First you need to apply at the California level. California winners travel up to Pacific Region and then to National to be best in the land. Join in on the fun and create with a young one.



Release needed for award applications that include photos of children under 18 years old.

[Release Form](#)