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Summer Greetings from your California Conventioneer!

The first convention I attended was Pacific Region (PR) in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was a new experience for me to be at a convention site far away from the hotel and they made it work and saved us money!

One of the highlights was the chance to attend their fig tree planting in a memorial garden next door to their meeting place. The PR Director Lana Finegold's theme is "one green world" and they carried that theme throughout the convention including a fashion show where each state President wore an outfit made out of assigned re-used materials.

Thanks to Robin Pokorski and Gail Vanderhorst, I had a lovely dress, cape, hat, shoes, purse, shopping bag, and jewelry made from my assigned resource—old calendars and junk mail! Nevada kept the theme going with a huge repeat boutique and many workshops with a theme of repurposing items. The most valuable part for me was getting to know the other state presidents in our region and exchanging ideas. Two perks: I got to accept awards on behalf of California and state Presidents were given a wooden board shaped like Nevada with a tillandsia attached.

My second convention was the National Garden Club one in Orlando, Florida. Since it was my first time at an NGC convention, it was an eye-opening experience. As with PR my most valuable time was spent networking with others and getting to meet people that I had only seen on Zoom or read about in print media. It was very interesting to see how NGC conducted business in a very professional and efficient manner plus they had dozens of vendors with the most interesting items (hard to believe but I resisted buying anything). In conjunction with their convention, they held a Tri-Refresher which is another idea we might consider. They held a flower show (miniature designs) which was outstanding and our own Shane Looper provided three designs. Again, I had the privilege of collecting your NGC awards, receiving my life membership recognition and of applauding enthusiastically when one of our own was named Floral Designer of the Year by Visions of Beauty Calendar. At our convention this winning designer, Shane Looper, will be signing the Visions calendar which features her design on the cover. Stop by and buy a copy and congratulate her! A personal highlight was that I had not been to Florida since we lived there when I was in 7th grade and I was able to go a day early to stay with friends and tour the super interesting Kennedy Space Center.

Of course, the third convention begins almost immediately for California and is being held in San Diego June 6-10. We have 139 registered attendees which is a good showing after a two-year hiatus. I hope to see many of you there as we renew friendships, make new friends, conduct the business of the state, learn new things in workshops and from speakers, enjoy great meals in fabulous company, tour my President's Project, buy lots of items in our boutique, snag items at our auction, win raffle baskets and enjoy our state-wide Design Specialty Flower Show. A huge thank you to all the clubs and their members in the Palomar District who have worked so hard to bring you this convention and especially to our Convention Chairman Sharon Tooley and our Flower Show Co-Chairs Kathy Taylor de Murillo and Sandra Graff and to our sales gurus Sheri Molinari and Robin Pokorski.

See you at *A River Runs Through It!*

Lynne



CGCI Calendar

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- **June 6-10, 2022**
CGCI Convention
Handlery Hotel, San Diego
Chairman: Sharon Tooley
- **July 18,19, 2022**
Flower Show Symposium
San Diego
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- **September 17-19, 2022**
Flower Show School Course 2
April 14-16, 2023 Course 3
September 15-16, 2023 Course 4
Modesto
Sponsor: Valley Judges Council
Chairmen: Judi Picinini and
Jennifer Waite
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Pacific Region Convention
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National Garden Week:

June 5-11 2022

gardenclub.org/national-garden-week

Join NGC clubs across the country and celebrate National Garden Week. This week is an opportunity to encourage pride in your community, interest new members, and work with other groups to be part of those efforts.

For more information, contact:
[Sara Hemphill](#), National Garden Week Chairman

2021 – 2023 President's Project San Diego's River Center at Grant Park

by Robin Pokorski, Chairman

A big **THANK YOU** to those who have supported the President's Project. We are closing in on **\$15,000**. We are still selling Table/Benches. thank you for your support. We will have **3 Table/Benches** at convention and can arrange for delivery within a reasonable distance south of Los Angeles. That means all you Palomar District members can snap these Table/Benches up!

Please remember to add the President's Project to your club and district's budget for next year! Together we can make the gardens at the River Center happen!

Generous Donors: Lynne Batchelor Rachael Pikula
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Table/Bench Donors: Diane Lerner

**Thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of others,
our community, and our state!**

National Garden Week: June 5-11, 2022

Let's Celebrate National Garden Week!

by Alexis Slafer, Landscape Design Schools Chairman



National Garden Week was founded by the National Garden Clubs (NGC) in 1986. As part of NGC, we not only promote the love of gardening we also provide and participate in educational opportunities. Let's join other NGC states and clubs across the country as we celebrate National Garden Week, June 5-11, 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity to make an enormous difference in the communities where we live and work...let's help foster pride in our communities.

Due to pandemic restrictions, many clubs did not have a 2022 National Garden Week Project. But even without a formal project, as individuals we can encourage gardening...all aspects of gardening. Think about what you do (or would like to do)...and share that interest in and love of gardening with others. And, when we work in our gardens...take advantage of the opportunity to tell them about garden clubs and invite them to join.

There are seven days during National Garden Week when we can celebrate gardening. All you need is a little enthusiasm and an outdoor space. Some ideas to consider include planting a new plant, tour a botanical garden, improve a local garden in your community, donate a flower arrangement to a community facility, attend a gardening workshop or seminar, learn about plants and/or learn a new gardening skill.

National Garden Week is about community. It can be celebrated in many different ways...at any level -- so let's get together and make a difference.

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Submit an updated [Annual Contact Information Form](#) (CIF) and [Annual Dues](#) before July 1, 2022.

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Directly from the Garden – Fresh Herbs

by M. Karin Matray, The Red Bluff Garden Club

In a past life, I worked for Cuisinart demonstrating food processors in department and kitchen supply stores. It was the perfect job for me at the time. My children were little, I worked primarily on weekends and holidays, and I enjoyed the learning and socializing with the store clientele. The perks from Cuisinart were excellent – equipment for practice, tons of tested and tasty recipes, a generous grocery allowance, and a free apron! This job introduced me to the use of fresh herbs. I had never used herbs fresh from the garden before and I loved the idea of little window or patio gardens offering fresh parsley, thyme, rosemary, and the like for cooking at a moment's notice.

Today I have fresh herbs in multiple locations in my garden and yard. I have found that herbs are not only useful for culinary and therapeutic purposes, but they are just plain pretty to look at and to smell! My luck with indoor herb gardens has been only partially successful. My indoor herbs thrive better if they are growing in water instead of soil. In contrast, my outdoor herbs are amazing. I enjoy collecting new herb varieties but am so grateful for the tried-and-true hearties – parsley, lavender, mint (DON'T put mint directly into the ground – you will never control it!), thyme, chives, oregano, sage, and rosemary. They all are pretty drought tolerant and, since herbs need some sunshine to ensure their flavor, they do well in our climate. The added bonus is, of course, the bees and butterflies love their little flowers.

Over time, I have accumulated several books featuring herbs for my kitchen library. I enjoy leafing through them, taking in the gorgeous photos and enticing recipes. Three of my favorites are: [The Herbal Yearbook](#) (Gillian Haslam, © 1994), [The Complete Book of Herbs: A Practical Guide to Growing and Using Herbs](#) (Lesley Bremness, © 1988), and [The Herb Bible](#) (Peter McHoy and Pamela Westland, © 1994). I was pleased to see that all three of these beautiful books are still available online. A good sign of a classic!

While it is always satisfying to grab a pair of scissors to cut fresh herbs from the garden when cooking, having a collection of dried herbs in the pantry can be also quite helpful and thrifty - have you priced the cost of packaged herbs lately? There are many ways to dry and store your own fresh herbs. These range from the simple use of sun drying to fancy dehydrator appliances. The key is to provide lots of fresh air – not heat and no plastic bags. It also helps to hang herbs upside down while drying to preserve the essential oils that give the herb its distinctive flavor. A quick internet search yielded this descriptive article on drying fresh herbs: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/article/how-to-dry-herbs/>.

Here is an easy recipe for **Herbs de Provence**, a flavorful mix of dried herbs commonly used for all sorts of dishes – from salads and sauces to all types of meat and fish. You can adapt the ingredients to match the fresh herbs growing in your garden. And, as our dear friend Julia would say, “Bon appétit”

2 T. dried rosemary	2 T. dried parsley (Italian is best)
1 T. fennel seed	2 T. dried lavender blossoms
2 T. dried savory	1 T. dried oregano
2 T. dried thyme	1 T. dried tarragon
2 T. dried basil	

Grind the rosemary and fennel seed using a mortar and pestle or spice grinder. Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Store airtight.



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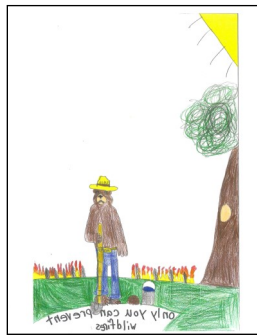
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Smokey Bear/Woody Owl Poster Contest

by Charlette Tucker, Chairman

First Place Winners

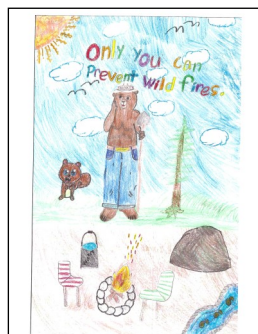
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Sempervirens

by Judy Unrine, Co-Chair

There are several state parks under the Sempervirens umbrella that are open in the Santa Cruz Mountain area. With summer near we encourage you to try to visit one of these state parks. Your donations to Sempervirens over the years has helped preserve the Redwoods in these parks. If only once, to see what you have saved, stop and park. Take a stroll in the quiet of these ancient groves, tree tops soaring to the sky.

Did you know that you can donate to Sempervirens or Big Basin Recovery Fund in Memory or to Honor someone? A friend passed away recently. I was thinking of her and how much I admired her. She helped a classroom of children with special needs create a garden. It was exciting to see how enthusiastic the children were as they planted seeds and harvested vegetables. The whole school enjoyed the garden. If you have a story about someone you would like to honor, you can send it to me at judydgarden01@gmail.com.

We would like to recognize the following for their generous donations:

San Clemente Garden Club, Diablo Foothills District, Chula Vista Garden Club, Judy Unrine in Memory of Betty Moye.

If you would like to contribute, see donation form on CGCI website or send check to P.O. Box 823, San Fernando, Ca, 91341-0823. Please note choice of Sempervirens or Big Basin Recovery Fund.

Arbor Day Celebration and Memorial Tree Dedication

by Berni Hendrix, Valley Lode District Director & Local School Chairman

To celebrate Arbor Day, Chuck Goodwin, CGCI Arbor Day Chairman initiated provision for a water-thrifty tree to be planted on March 13 in Turlock as a finale to the Landscape Design School held at the Stanislaus County fairgrounds.



Jeremiah Williams, Chairman of the Board of StanCo Fair accepts the Arbor Day Proclamation as read and presented by Sue Bennett.



Right: Mary DeLeon, Arbor Day Chair, Ceres Garden Club who arranged for the Memorial tree, reads a poem on trees;

Left: Shane Looper offered the history of Arbor Day and birthday week for Luther Burbank to celebrate California Arbor



Left to right: Carol Burns, Laura Fortune (winning designer), Georgette Hunefeld, and Manjeet Dosanjh stand next to newly planted tree.

On the morning of the last day of the school, Mary DeLeon, Ceres Garden Club Arbor Day Chair, presented a poem on trees followed by Shane Looper, CGCI Insurance Chair, who presented the history of Arbor Day, and then Sue Bennett, CGCI GTEP Chair presented the Arbor Day Proclamation to Jeremiah Williams, Chairman of the Board of StanCo Fair.

A second tree was donated by the Ceres Garden Club and planted as a memorial to Mary Lou Goodwin, previous CGCI Arbor Day Chair and CGCI President 1991-1993. Berni Hendrix presented the Memorial Tree dedication.

The space selected for both trees was designated by the fair CEO in keeping with the winning design from the design challenge presented at the Landscape Design School. The Valley Lode District will install a Memorial Plaque as a lasting reminder.



Landscape Design School attendees. Back row, left to right: Deb Clipper, Diane Davis, Dorothy Wagy, Wayne Howe, Nancy Howe, Laura Carroll, Matt Cranford, Jeremiah Williams, Shannon Kuhn, Joyce Leberman, Carol Burns, Sandy Mann, Nina Blonski, Diann Steinhauser, Anna Muir, Bob Taylor, Nancy Compton. Front row, left to right: Bonnie Bundesen, Diane Mendoza, Linda Zier, Manjeet Dosanjh, Mary DeLeon, Sue Bennett, Shane Looper is holding the winning landscape design, Georgette Hunefeld, Laura Fortune, Sherri, Molinari, Elisabeth Novello, Berni Hendrix. Barbara Hawkins, Proctor is behind the camera.



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2022 Year to date: \$10,540

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Cascade	Redding Wonderland GC	Honor Where the need is most in the Shasta-Trinity NF	\$272.00
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Diablo Foothills	Walnut Creek GC	Honor Audrey Marlovits	\$68.00
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Valley Lode	Turlock GC	Honor Diane Davis, Susie Nystrom, Deborah Clipper	\$204.00
Valley Lode	Calaveras County GC	Memory Inga Johnson	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Escalon Farmington Community GC	Honor Marge Jackson, Editor, The Escalon Times	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Foothills GC	Honor Marie Scofield	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Turlock GC	Memory Noreen Mathews	\$68.00

Notes from Newsletters

Divide Garden Club held a screening of the documentary *Kiss the Ground*.

Vista Garden Club celebrated Earth Day with a table at the Alta Vista Botanical gardens distributing 150 cards promoting their upcoming Flower Show.

Eureka Sequoia Garden Club awarded a second scholarship because of the success of their plant sales.

Does this photo look familiar? Most newsletters sent to eNews shared the overwhelming success of their plant sales!



Southern California Garden Club has another high achiever and past scholarship recipient, Chaz Perea, making news. You may have seen the LA Times article on March 13 about the new Dodger Stadium landscape and botanic garden. The story was also highlighted in the Spring 2022 Westways magazine. (See these two articles for extensive details of Mr. Perea's accomplishments.) Chaz Perea was our scholarship winner in 2015, became a professor of Horticulture Science and has helped develop a first of its kind accredited Botanical Garden at Dodger Stadium.