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Spring Greetings from San Diego!

I have just returned from the Pacific Region Garden Club Convention in Las Vegas. It was a balanced mixture of region business, interesting speakers and hands-on workshops. My favorite workshop was on creating a hanging container for succulents from a recycled water bottle (arranged by Gail Vanderhorst). Anyone who knows me realizes that I have no craft skills, so this was a first for me. Our own Greg Pokorski did his usual exemplary job of presenting a workshop on Parliamentary Procedure. I enjoyed being a fashion show model wearing my recycled clothing made from junk mail and calendars. Robin Pokorski and Gail Vanderhorst were the creators of my recycled outfit which included a dress, shawl, purse, shopping bag, hat and wrist corsage and was the most complete and elaborate costume produced! My favorite speaker talked about local history and local museums and had been a guest on Pawn Stars 200 times (I have never seen that show but I will look it up now). We also were at an Arbor Day planting of a fig tree beside the garden club rose garden which is located in the place where women used to stay while awaiting their divorces. I was so proud to accept on your behalf dozens of region awards earned by our hard-working California clubs.



I hope you are as thrilled as I am about our upcoming CGCI convention (June 6-10). I can't wait to see you all in person after literally years. I am especially excited to welcome you to my home town of San Diego and to have you tour the site of my President's Project. A special invitation is being extended to all club leaders as we have planned an excellent opportunity for you to spend the afternoon with our state leaders who will be providing information to make your term successful. During our convention, please visit our specialty design only state flower show co-chaired by Kathy Taylor de Murillo and Sandra Graff. To enter a design, contact Monica Lewis (uniquemonique51@gmail.com). Sharon Tooley (our convention chair) has a contract with the Handlery Hotel which is conveniently located and provides access within 15 minutes to Little Italy, Balboa Park, the Embarcadero, Padre's stadium, Old Town, etc. She has planned a high-quality program of speakers and workshops for your enjoyment and edification. Don't forget to bring your mad money as we will have lots of items on which you can spend it. Go to our website (www.californiagardenclubs.com) to see the schedule and to register. Our special guest will be the Pacific Region Director who will tell us about her theme, *One Green World*. See you soon!!!

I wish I could have been at the Red Bluff Garden Club's dedication for their Blue Star marker; thank you so much for the invitation. Congratulations!

To those who are mothers, I hope a special celebration has been planned for you; to those who have mothers, I wish you a wonderful time together; and to those whose lovely mothers have passed away, I wish you a day filled with happy memories of your time together. Happy Mother's Day!

Lynne

CGCI Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **June 6-10, 2022**
CGCI Convention
Handlery Hotel, San Diego
Chairman: Sharon Tooley
- **July 18,19, 2022**
Flower Show Symposium
San Diego
Contact: Emily Troxell:
etroxell@sdsu.edu
- **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
[Brochure/Registration Form](#)

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National Garden Week:

June 5-11 2022

<https://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



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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 have raised over **\$12,500**. We can be proud of the footprint CGCI is making at the River Center through your generosity. More exciting methods of relieving you of some of your money to benefit this project are in the works for convention. As usual, I will just tease you with think "roses," think "almond roca," think "jewelry."

Gail and Hank Vanderhorst (from Southern California) just happened by Reno, Nevada and guess what! They stopped to see Joan Craig and they just happened to have a Table/Bench in the back of their truck. After touring the garden at Joan's facility, that garden now has a wonderful Table/Bench for the residents to enjoy. Thanks, Joanie! We so appreciate every individual, club and district that has contributed to this Project!! Hank will be bringing two or three Table/Benches to convention. Contact me to earmark one or more of those for YOU and to arrange delivery. Does the garden your club supports need a Table/Bench? How about the school in your community that also has a garden? Or your local day care center?

To join the prestigious list of donors which will be prominently displayed at convention, send your donations to me by May 31.

Generous Donors:

Rita Desilets
Auburn Garden Club
Chula Vista Garden Club
Desert Empire District
CGCI – in memory of Mary Lou Goodwin and Hoberley Schuler

Table/Bench Donors:

Joan Craig
Anonymous

Acting Lessons for Gail Vanderhorst:

Really??? You ALL thought Gail doesn't need acting lessons???

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

A Message to the CGCI Board of Directors

by Treasurer, George Perko and Financial Secretary, Rita Desilets

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 soon. Once you receive payment, please deposit/cash your check as soon as possible. Your timely attention to this will be greatly appreciated.

CGCI Programs & Projects

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for details

- Membership**

Chairman: Marlene Kinney
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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
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[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](#)

Liability Insurance Update

by Shane Looper, Chairman

Attention participating Clubs and Associate Plant Societies:

When planning garden tours or field trips, remember to use a map for locations.

- DO NOT provide driving directions to any event.
- Suggest individuals use their navigation system, *Google* maps or *MapQuest*.
- Car pooling is NEVER assigned. The passengers CHOOSE to ride with a driver and ALL drivers must have auto insurance. The recommended limit of liability is at least \$500,000 CSL (Combined Single Limit) or greater.

Contact the CGCI Chairman at slooper@sbcglobal.net for further information



CGCI members attended the Pacific Region GC Convention in Las Vegas, April 25-27. NGC President, Mary Warshauer (second from left) joined our group photo.

The Future of Garden Clubs: Youth Clubs

by Lisa Cosand

When was your interest in gardening sparked? Was it picking flowers in your grandmother's garden or growing beans in the second grade? I am sure we all have a story about our love of nature. California Garden Clubs encourages youth to be involved in gardening.

California Garden Clubs have two categories of youth clubs. Active and Donor.

ACTIVE: The sponsoring group directly participates in planning/carrying out programs and activities of the youth group, i.e., holds regular classes or meetings, teaches fundamentals of horticulture, design etc.

DONOR: The sponsoring group donates money or materials in support of youth groups or projects and takes NO active role.

At the end of May, all clubs register their new officers on the website. There is also a form to register or renew your youth groups as ACTIVE or DONOR.

If you are a new active club, please fill out the form before the end of May so you can be ratified at the June convention.

If you have questions, contact Lisa Cosand at sflowerplc@aol.com

Awards, Honors & Recognition

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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- Life Memberships**

Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker

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Online request form



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Climate Awareness

by Ward Habriel, Chairman

The law's requirements are a part of Assembly Bill 1383, which seeks to reduce methane gas in California by 21%. To do that, the law tries to get food disposed of in a different place other than the landfills.

The law requires local governments to:

- Provide organic waste collection to all residents and businesses.
- Update local solid waste ordinances to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 1383.
- Establish an edible food recovery program that recovers edible food from the waste stream.
- Conduct outreach and education to all affected parties, including generators, haulers, facilities, edible food recovery organizations and town departments.
- Capacity planning: evaluating the jurisdictions' readiness to implement SB1383.
- Procure recycled organic waste products like compost, mulch and renewable natural gas. Inspect and enforce compliance with SB1383.
- Maintain accurate and timely records of SB 1383 compliance.

However, last year Cal Recycle released a list of applications for waivers and exemptions under the following categories: Low population waivers (fewer than 7,500 people), Elevation waivers (below 4,500-foot elevation), Rural jurisdiction waivers.

Each community, city, and/or county is required to notify their citizens how this affects them and what compliance issues will be implemented.

Blue Star Memorial Markers

We have just received word from Candace Wells, the NGC Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman, that it is that time again when Sewah Studios raises the price for purchasing Blue and Gold Star Memorials. The price increase takes effect on May 1, 2022, and will go through May 1, 2023. The new costs are:

Blue/Gold Star large Memorial/Highway Marker - \$1,880 (includes shipping) and Blue/Gold Star By-Way Marker - \$610. To refurbish the Memorial/Highway Markers is \$950, which includes freight both ways.

I am sorry that we were not given notice of this price increase sooner. Please note, this price is only for one year, not the normal two-year period. When ordering a new marker, please use the current order form which can be found on the CGCI web page and mail it, along with your check, to either George or Shirley.

George Unrine and Shirley Lipa, Blue Star Memorial Co-Chairs



Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedicated

by Judy Paul, Red Bluff Garden Club

The Red Bluff Garden Club held a dedication ceremony for their newly installed Blue Star Memorial Marker on Tuesday, March 22 at 10 am, at the Tehama District Fairgrounds.

The Blue Star Memorial is a project of National Garden Clubs Inc. The beautiful bronze plaque honors men and women, past, present, and future, who have served in the Armed Forces. Throughout our United States, there are over 3,000 of Blue Star Memorials! Blue Star Highway Markers are found along dedicated highway locations, and Blue Star Memorials and By-Way Markers are found in National Garden Club approved locations like Veteran's Halls, Veteran's homes, health care facilities, cemeteries, parks, and other civic locations.

Judy Paul, Red Bluff Garden Club President, welcomed the guests and was the MC for the program. The Reverend Maryly Adair gave the invocation. The Red Bluff Honor Guard, under the direction of VFW Commander Tom Epperson, Presented the Colors, lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and Retired the Colors and did Taps to end the ceremony.

The Red Bluff High School Forte Choir, under the skilled guidance of Diane Hassey, sang the National Anthem and God Bless America. Their festive dress, poise, and performance were much appreciated by all, a beautiful addition to our patriotic ceremony!

The plaque was dedicated by Shirley Lipa, Co-Chair of the Blue Star Project for California Garden Clubs, Inc. Shirley is from Fortuna, and it was wonderful that she was able to be part of our ceremony!

The Red Bluff Garden Club is proud to have been able to purchase and install this beautiful memorial at the fairgrounds. Thank you to the community for supporting our projects like the Christmas Green Sale, our big Plant Sale coming up April 23, and the Fair Flower Show. Our objectives are to encourage and educate the public about horticulture, gardening, conservation of natural resources, and civic beautification.

We hope you will take a moment to stop and enjoy the Blue Star Memorial at the fairgrounds when you are there. It is located near the Peace Officer's Memorial close to the front entrance. In the shade of the tree, one can reflect on and honor those who have served and protected us.



Red Bluff Garden Club members surround the new memorial



Left: Shirley Lipa, CGCI Blue Star Co-chair and Judy Paul, RBGC President

It's time to renew your CGCI Membership

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

Don't be tardy...come join us!



Nina Blonski, Chairman
 pennypines@cagardenclubs.org
[Penny Pines](http://PennyPines.com)

2022 Year to date: \$7684

District	Club / Donor	Honor or Memory / To Whom	Amount
Arboretum	It's Garden Thyme GC	Honor Yolanda Peterson, Ruth Cortez, Karen Papilli	\$340.00
Arboretum	It's Garden Thyme GC	Memory Jim Smith, Sally Espinosa	\$0.00
Bay Bridges	Eden GC	Honor Beth Weger	\$68.00
Bay Bridges	Eden GC	Honor Jean Siefert, Nolan Weger	\$136.00
Buttes	Paradise GC	Memory Ron Watts	\$68.00
Buttes	Chico Horticultural Society	Memory Victor and Anne Aufiero	\$136.00
Buttes	Chico Horticultural Society	Honor Grant Meyer, Sherry Sommer	\$136.00
Cascade	Lake California GC	Memory Ralph Hand	\$68.00
Golden Foothills	Auburn GC	H/M H Chris Hansell M Saul Wiseman	\$136.00
Luther Burbank	Petaluma GC		\$68.00
Orange	San Clemente GC	Memory Charles Costes	\$68.00
Palms to Pines	"A" Garden Club of Big Bear Valley	Honor Randy Wilson, Jim English	\$136.00
Palomar	Vista GC	Memory Ken Grace	\$68.00
Palomar	La Jolla GC	Honor Jody Petersen	\$68.00
Palomar	Paradise Gardeners	Honor Sheila Dine	\$68.00
Sacramento River Valley	Vaca Valley GC	Honor Ann Kehl	\$136.00
San Fernando Valley	Southern California GC	Honor Robert & Roberta Ustrich	\$68.00
San Fernando Valley	Southern California GC	Honor Lois Brayton	\$68.00
San Fernando Valley	West Valley GC	Memory Dieter Graening	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Manteca GC	Memory Max Fortuna, Stockton Firefighter who died in the line of duty	\$68.00
Valley Lode	The Lodi GC, Inc.	Honor Lorentina Carroll, Anna Farley, Beverly Kermgard, Esther Kreth, Kathie Mettler, Elsie Mounce, Marjorie Tiernan, Lois Valente, Mavis Zimmerle	\$612.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC	Memory Frank Malone	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC	Memory Evan Smith, James & Patricia Laird	\$136.00

More Newsletters

The Cricket— — — Vista Garden Club

The Peafowl Press— — — Arboretum District

Garden Study Club of the Peninsula— — — San Mateo

Cactus Corner News— — — Fresno Cactus & Succulent Society

Notes from these newsletters:

One club made hummingbird swings and prepared 108 succulent bowls for a local nursing home in their workshops.

World Naked Gardening Day (mentioned in at least two newsletters) is an annual international event generally celebrated on the first Saturday of May (May 7 this year) by gardeners and non-gardeners alike.

Faded Plant Labels

Nothing is more frustrating than finding an old plant label that has faded to illegibility.

Sometimes if you turn it this way and that in the full sun you can make out enough of the writing to give you a clue.

Recently, an online grower suggested using a tube of powdered graphite sold to free up sticking key locks. Puff a small amount of the graphite on the label, then gently wipe the surface. The graphite will stick to the old lettering so that in full sun it is now legible.

Of course, you can avoid all that by making an extra label for the plant and pushing it down into the soil so it doesn't have the opportunity to fade. You can always find it when you repot.