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I hope you are enjoying a wonderful autumn and had a fun-filled Halloween! I was thrilled to be able to hold my first in-person board meeting. The Sacramento River Valley District and especially Nancy Compton (chair), Mary Jane Sutliff (co-chair), Bernice Jones (registrar), Ron Byrd (treasurer), Jan Goehring (with her team of talented floral designers) and all of the many volunteers did a truly outstanding job! The rooms, the meals and the extremely helpful staff contributed to our success. I was especially impressed with the relaxed and happy atmosphere which was aided by the planning and attention to detail the district displayed and their provision of wonderful speakers and workshops. I am looking forward to displaying my pinecone wreath next month and to wearing my fascinator at our club tea (alas I forgot to collect my garden rock with its very amateurishly painted cat). Our officers, chairmen and District Directors provided informative reports which can be referenced on-line. Our membership has been impacted by Covid but I was happy to hear that we have 3 new clubs and 2 new Associate Plant Societies. You can get more tips on this subject by joining the NGC Membership Mondays on-line.



Robin Pokorski did a fantastic job producing our new abbreviated, user-friendly, environmentally-responsible Directory. She also did the mailing to ensure that you had them early in the club year. Please be sure to check out our website for the lesser consulted and specialty information. A big thank you to Launa Gould who took on the task of producing our membership cards and to Rita Desilets who counted and separated them for the clubs. I appreciate our District Directors who are distributing membership cards and book marks and pamphlets they picked up at Fall Board. Remember you can order more of these advertising items from Kathy Taylor de Murillo.

Educational opportunities for us abound—this month NGC has a gardening school on-line and beginning in January CGCI will have environmental schools, flower show schools, a tri-refresher and a flower show symposium. Make sure to mark your calendar for Winter Board at Harrah's Spa in Valley Center, 1/30-2/1.

A huge thank you to Berni Hendrix and the Valley Lode District for inviting me to attend their Fall District Meeting. The theme was 1950 and everything from the menu to the table centerpieces to the decorations to the members attire was in the Rock and Roll theme. Charlotte Tucker did a great job organizing it. I loved hearing about their district awards (highest scoring blue ribbon club, most new members, highest attendance at district meetings, etc) as well as the many events their clubs are conducting. I am so happy to be attending the Victorian Tea at the Chicago Park Garden Club which has a flappers theme this year!

I love the Thanksgiving season as it provides an opportunity for us to focus on counting our blessings. How lucky we all are to live in America (particularly in California) to enjoy the blessings of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness with our friends and family. Among the many things for which I am grateful is the opportunity to work for you as your CGCI President.



Happy Thanksgiving, **Lynne**

CGCI Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- Winter Board Meeting**

January 29-February 1, 2023
Harrah's Resort, Valley Center
Contact: George Speer
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- CGCI Convention**

June 5-9, 2023
Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys
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- Flower Show School**

Course 3 April 14-16, 2023
Course 4 September 23-25, 2023
Modesto—Contact: Judi Picinini,
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- Flower Show Symposium**

March 27-28, 2023
South San Francisco

- Environmental School**

Course 1 January 14-15, 2023
Course 2 February 11-12, 2023
Course 3 February 25-26, 2023
Course 4 March 11-12, 2023
Turlock Contact Bernie Hendrix
schoolsvld@gmail.com

- Tri-Refresher**

March 29, 2023
South San Francisco

- Gardening School**

Course 3 **November 15-16, 2022**
Online/Eastern Time Zone
See article to right of page

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Hat Night at Fall Board Meeting**Gardening School News**

By Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian, Gardening Schools Chairman

National Garden Clubs has announced that the Zoom Gardening School it is sponsoring will hold Course 3 on **November 15 & 16**. Because this course is being broadcast from the Eastern Time Zone, hours in our time zone will be 7:00 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. on November 15 and 7:00 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. on November 16. The brochure and registration form are on the NGC website - <https://www.gardenclub.org/school/gardening-school-courses> - click on the tab for Course 3.

Anyone may attend this course to obtain credit toward becoming an NGC Gardening Consultant or just to benefit from the educational material. California Gardening Consultants may attend to obtain refresher credit. Please advise me if you enroll to ensure that you receive credit.

CGCI's annual yearbook is now online at the CGCI website. You can find your Consultant status (the date your good standing expires) by clicking on the link for "Consultants – pdf."

CGCI Programs & Projects

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Checks to US Forest Service
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- President's Project 2021-2023**

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

- Scholarship Applications**

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

- Black Point Garden**

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[Anza-Borrego Desert State Park](#)
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[CGCI Endowment Funds](#)
[CGCI Scholarship Fund](#)
[Conejo Valley Botanic Garden](#)
[Sempervirens/Big Basin Funds](#)

LIABILITY INSURANCE-

By Shane Looper, Chairman

The renewal liability fee for the 2023-2024 renewal year has been reduced to \$1.25 per member. Club or Associate Plant Society treasurers should receive the billing in November. The billing will be mailed around 11/20/2022. Renewal fees are due by January 15, 2023.

ONLY CLUBS THAT ARE IN GOOD STANDING WILL RECEIVE THE BILL BY MAIL. That means your clubs must have paid their membership dues by 10/1/2022.

Questions? Contact Shane Looper- slooper@sbcglobal.net or call 650 871 0172.

NOTES FROM YOUR NEWSLETTERS

BYOC - "Bring Your Own Cup" and "Zero Waste" are themes mentioned in several club newsletters. Let's STOP using Styrofoam cups, and reduce the amount of trash that goes into the landfill.



Willits Garden Club: new T-shirts have earned \$500 so far, and since the cost of the shirts was donated, that is all profit for the Garden Club. Work continues with the Willits Garden Club alongside community members in the Willits Senior Center Community Garden.

Southern California Garden Club: Diane Lerner, Wildflowers. I threw a small packet of wildflower seeds into two pots in March and marvel each time a new plant appears. I rarely know the names of the flowers, they die, and I am surprised when something new appears. This week I was sure the seeds were done, but there is new growth. What a lovely surprise! I decided to buy wildflower seeds to plant in the fall.

Aside from the constant surprise of what is growing in the garden, growing wildflowers can help restore ecosystems and sustain biodiversity. The mutually beneficial relationships that native varieties have with local wildlife support bees, birds, and butterflies for a living landscape.



Lake Oroville Garden Club member's cut specimens from their gardens and bring to the club meeting. They are all arranged in a vase then taken to the Oroville Library after the meeting.



Porterville Garden Club held a Paint Day. With a fee of \$35 and a productive day, \$565 was raised and new attendees were interested in joining the garden club.

Walnut Creek Garden Club: newsletter features *Garden Hacks* by Maureen
Use Coffee Filters in Flower Pots

Next time you're repotting a plant, use a coffee filter to ease your work. Lining the pot keeps the drainage holes in the bottom free from clogging up and soil from sneaking out after watering.



Eureka Sequoia Garden Club-Inspiration-Please think of your garden as a feeding station and safe haven for bees, birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects with flowers, seed heads, water and shelter.

Awards, Honors & Recognition

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- Awards Program**

Chairman: Pat Claves

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

Chairman: Judy Bates

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Online request forms

- California Consultants Council**

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- Life Memberships**

Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker

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Online request form



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NGC Convention May 2-5, 2023

White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia



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PRGC Convention April 17-20, 2023

Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA

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GIVINGTUESDAY 2022

By Pat Claves, Board of Trustees Member

Members of the CGCI Board of Trustees hope you have a delightful Thanksgiving and enjoy the opportunity to give thanks. Once again, the CGCI Board of Trustees announces that **CGCI** is participating in **GivingTuesday**, the global day of generosity that will take place on **Tuesday, November 29, 2022**.

GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea — a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past ten years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate and celebrate generosity. People show their generosity in a variety of ways during **GivingTuesday**. Whether it is helping a neighbor, sharing a skill, or giving to causes, everyone has something to give and every act of generosity counts. When so much attention is given to what divides us, generosity brings people together across races, faiths, and political views.

With this in mind, CGCI's Board of Trustees is reaching out to individuals, clubs, districts and the general public to offer the opportunity to support the **CGCI Endowment and Scholarship Endowment Funds** by participating in **GivingTuesday 2022**, the beginning of the charitable season, when many focus on holiday and end-of-year giving. The two endowment funds were established in 2010 to provide a suitable vehicle to receive donations from those wishing to make a lasting contribution to the CGCI organization or to the scholarship fund. This will be CGCI's third year of participating in **GivingTuesday**! Please note CGCI will likely start using the income of the Scholarship Endowment Fund to grant scholarships in 2023.

We hope you will consider participating in this global event. The link to the donation form will be available on the home page of the CGCI website (www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org) on **November 28, 2022** and stay active until **January 1, 2023**. Make your tax-deductible donation directly online or by check. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Flower Show Awards

By Emily Troxell, Flower Show Awards

There is a variety of flower show awards available! If your organization held a flower show during the 2022 awards year, had the show evaluated and the show received a 90 or above score, it is eligible to apply for a Flower Show Award. Shows that score 90 to 94 points can apply for California Flower Show Awards. Shows that score 95 and above can apply for an NGC Flower Show Achievement Award, books of evidence are required. Applications must be postmarked by December 1, 2022 to the CGCI Flower Show Awards Chairman.



And do not forget about CGCI Award #33 Staging; Award #34 Table Setting; #35 Flower Show Schedule; #36 Designer's Choice; and #37 Flower Arranger of the Year.

Visit the CGCI website to find all of the flower show awards that are available. For further information, contact Emily Troxell at etroxell@sdsu.edu.

FOLSOM GARDEN CLUB RECEIVES GRANT FROM NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS

From May 20 to June 2, 2021, members of the Folsom Garden Club in Folsom, California, partnered with volunteers from neighboring Twin Lakes Food Bank to establish a fruit tree orchard on the grounds of the food bank's community garden. Specifically, members helped clear overgrowth and weeds from a 30' x 30' plot using tools including the AMES lawn and leaf rakes, hula hoe, and spading forks. Volunteers then dug eight holes and amended the dirt with highly composted soil and fertilizer using, among other tools, AMES transfer shovel, two-prong and hula hoes, and garden rake. Volunteers planted and staked eight fruit trees, including apple, plum, peach, apricot, cherry, and citrus. According to the garden's manager, Gerry Stone, above ground irrigation will be installed soon. Over the course of the three-week project, garden club and food bank volunteers collaborated to log over 40 hours of work.

Folsom Garden Club funded part of the cost of the trees and stakes in the amount of \$570. Ames donated \$250 worth of tools to the project. And Espoma Products donated a gift certificate of \$250 for a local hardware store where soil and amendments were purchased. Overall, the funding of \$1070 went far in implementing the orchard. This was especially helpful during a time when clubs were still in lockdown and couldn't raise funds. Due to further hardship caused by the pandemic, more and more people had to turn to the food bank for fresh produce.

Since completing the project, garden club members and volunteers have used the new AMES tools to maintain both the orchard and the garden's 100-plus raised beds and mounds. The tools came in handy particularly for preparing the soil for spring planting, ensuring a strong start for eggplant, tomato, cucumber, squash, pepper, bean, and melon crops. The food bank used the organic soils and supplements in both the orchard and gardens. We looked forward to eventually harvesting the fruits of our labor (no pun intended), helping the food bank's volunteer gardeners achieve their goal of growing more fruit this year, and sharing fresh, organic food with community members in need.

Folsom Garden Club member, Belinda Colville, shared the story of the grants received from Ames and Espoma during National Garden Club's (NGC) Membership Monday Zoom meeting in October. According to Belinda, she was honored to be asked to speak to the other members of the nation and proud of what Folsom Garden Club and Twin Lakes Food Bank could do during these critical times. If you haven't requested funding from the national grants program, you're missing a huge opportunity. Thanks to NGC for these offerings.

Here's just one of our members harvesting carrots. The carrots were so long, they had to be harvested with a tool. And note the Ames cart that was used! And here's a picture of the orchard.





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| District | Club / Donor | | Honor or Memory / To Whom | | Amount |
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| Arboretum | Year Around GC | | Memory | E. Timmons, J. Silver-McDow, R. Rosenkrans, H. Geiger | \$68.00 |
| Arboretum | Year Around GC | Susie LePrince | Memory | Paul Harr | \$68.00 |
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| Arboretum | Year Around GC | Kathy Baba | Memory | Jean Kubota | \$68.00 |
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| Golden Foothills | Chicago Park GC | | Memory | Robert Stanley | \$68.00 |
| Orange | Niguel Shores GC | | Memory | Chris Beaver, member of Niguel Shores GC | \$68.00 |
| Palomar | Chula Vista GC | | Honor | Darlene Trujillo, Patty Ramirez, Rita McIntyre | \$204.00 |
| Palomar | Carlsbad GC | | Honor | Mary Tornborg | \$68.00 |
| Sacramento River Valley | Fairfield GC | | Honor | Barbara Matte, Mary Colridge, Melinda Nestlerode | \$204.00 |
| Sacramento River Valley | Fairfield GC | | Memory | Johanna Klibanoff, Donna Keiran | \$136.00 |
| San Fernando Valley | Southern California GC | | Honor | SCGC's 95 Birthday | \$68.00 |
| San Fernando Valley | Southern California GC | Lois Brayton | Honor | Robin Pokorski | \$68.00 |
| Santa Clara Valley | Green Thumb GC of Milpitas | | Memory | Pat Gollnick, Bea Seaver | \$136.00 |
| Sequoia Foothills | Valley Oak GC | | Memory | Hazel Leal | \$68.00 |
| Valley Lode | Foothills GC | | Memory | Sam Hieb | \$68.00 |
| Valley Lode | Ripon GC | Fran Alboth | Memory | Scott Alboth | \$68.00 |
| Valley Lode | Ripon GC | | Memory | Penny Smith | \$68.00 |
| Valley Lode | Ripon GC | | Memory | Jerry Blackwell | \$68.00 |
| Valley Lode | Ripon GC | | Honor | All Firefigthers, Volunteers and support staff | \$68.00 |
| Valley Lode | Ripon GC | | Honor | All Firefigthers, Volunteers and support staff | \$68.00 |
| Valley Lode | Patterson GC | | Honor | Berta Burch, Gloria Ellery, Ron Castro | \$204.00 |

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Honor Book for Someone Special

By Bette Langford, Chairman

The Honor Book received a donation from the Judges Council of Southern California in memory of Helen Gates.

You can honor or memorialize someone special by donating to the Honor Book. Cards are sent to honorees and the names are then inscribed in the Honor Book. New honorees/donors will be recognized in the eNews. For more information go to <https://www.californiagardenclubs.com/memberrecognition/>