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Greetings!

Don't you love September? It is such an energizing time of renewal— garden clubs returning after the summer break, students going off to school/college/universities, families starting to plan for the fall holidays, friends catching up on vacation travel news, organizations sponsoring new programs and events, theaters and concerts being announced for the new season, etc. I am so excited to be entering my second year as your CGCI President (especially as we return to in-person opportunities) and am looking forward to a very successful year of working together on our mission (promoting gardening, floral design, civic beautification, environmental responsibility and the exchange of information and ideas).



One opportunity to fulfill our mission is by attending the fall board meeting. It is being held October 16-18 at the Wyndham Hotel in Sacramento. Since the pandemic, food costs have risen sharply as have prices charged by restaurants. In an effort to keep costs down for attendees, the meal costs at fall board are the actual prices the hotel is charging the district. I urge all board members to support the district by opting for the full meal plan. They have an exciting, fun-filled and informative meeting planned, so look for the call on September 1. Thank you so much Sacramento River Valley District for all your planning and hard work!!!

A huge thank you to all the clubs, districts and individuals who made donations last year to my President's Project (the gardens at Grant Park at the San Diego River Center). If you haven't yet had the chance to contribute, you have a whole year left. My dream is to exceed my goal of \$25,000, so that we can do even more at the new gardens.

I went to a workshop where we were asked to identify the seven plants that changed the world. Gardeners are all life-long learners, so the answers are cotton, tobacco, sugar cane, tea, poppy, rubber and quinine.

See you at fall board,

**Lynne**

**Make your plans:**

**Fall Board Meeting  
October 16-18, 2022**

Wyndham Hotel, Sacramento  
916-338-5800



**CGCI Calendar**

[californiagardenclubs.com/calendar](http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar)

- **October 16-18, 2022**  
**Fall Board Meeting**  
Wyndham Hotel, Sacramento
- **November 5, 2022**  
**Tri-Refresher**  
Turlock -Contact: Berni Hendrix  
[schoolsvld@gmail.com](mailto:schoolsvld@gmail.com)
- **June 5-9, 2023**  
**CGCI Convention**  
Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys  
Contact: Rita Desilets  
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- **Flower Show School**  
Course 2 September 24-26, 2022  
Course 3 April 14-16, 2023  
Course 4 September 23-25, 2023  
Modesto—Contact: Judi Picinini,  
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- **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  
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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 are closing in on **\$22,000**. We are still selling Table/Benches.....thank you for your support. We have sold **23 Table/Benches** so far and "manufacturing" is busy at work producing more for the Fall Board Meeting in Sacramento in October!

As garden club starts up again in the fall, consider a Table/Bench (which is it, really?) for your local assisted living or independent living facility. **Joan Craig** bought one for her facility's garden area and all the residents are enjoying the garden and the puzzle of figuring whether it's a Table ..... or is it a Bench??? Place your orders with President's Project Chairman Robin Pokorski. We need to raise \$3000 to meet our goal of \$25,000. TOGETHER, I am confident we can make this happen.

**Generous Donors since Convention:**

**Oasis GC of Indian Wells Valley**  
**Dos Valles GC**  
**Marla Libraty**  
**Pat Rice**  
**Monrovia GC**  
**Hesperia GC**

**Table/Bench Donors:**

**Diana Drummey (sold at Symposium)**  
**Deborah Watterson (Milly Benson's neighbor)**

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

**Request for Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws**

*by Adele Kelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Bylaws & Policy Committee Chairman*

CGCI's bylaws outline how our organization will be governed. They act as the internal operating rules of CGCI and add transparency and accountability to the actions taken by CGCI's officers and board of directors. It is important to regularly review our bylaws so that they remain relevant and accurately reflect how CGCI works. Read through our bylaws and standing rules and email any proposed amendments to this chairman by November 1, 2022 at [cgci2ndvp@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:cgci2ndvp@cagardenclubs.org).

**Old Habits Die Hard!**

I've been out of office low these many months but guess what happened to me this week. I was "moosed" yet again...a wonderfully soft, snuggly throw blanket with a handsome moosey on it was delivered to my front door. Though I may not be using it quite yet (with the temperature hovering around 100°F), it will certainly be my sit-in-my-chair-and-enjoy-the-Christmas-trees blanket! I don't know who you are but I hope you have had as much fun "moosing" me as I have had being "moosed"!!! **Thank you for adding delight and joy to my life!**

Robin Pokorski =^..^=

California Garden Clubs, Yearbook Chairman

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**CGCI Programs & Projects**

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for details

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**Chairman: Shane Looper**  
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Checks to US Forest Service  
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- President's Project 2021-2023**

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[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:

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P.O. Box 823

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

**Honor Book for Someone Special**

*by Bette Langford, Chairman*

The Honor Book received a donation from Alfred and Patricia Claves in memory of Joyce Dean.

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/>

**Interested in Photography?**

*by Pat Claves, Awards Chairman*

Did you know that National Garden Clubs, Inc (NGC) has a photography program that offers educational articles, information, and opportunities for members to develop and improve their photography skills? Check out the website page: <https://gardenclub.org/photography>

**GIVINGTUESDAY 2022**

*by Pat Claves, Board of Trustees Member*

CGCI is participating in **GivingTuesday**, the global day of generosity that will take place on **Tuesday, November 29**. The CGCI Board of Trustees is asking if you will consider participating in this twenty-four hour global event. And, once again, we will be focusing on donations to the Endowment Fund and the Scholarship Endowment Fund.

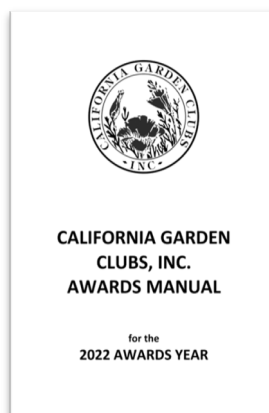
The link to the donation form will be available on the home page of the CGCI website on November 28. Thank you!

**Updated Awards Manual****for the 2022 Awards Year**

The CGCI Awards Manual for the 2022 Awards Year (January 1 through December 31, 2022) has been updated. The application form and all evaluation forms have also been updated.

To view or download:

<https://www.californiagardenclubs.com/awards/>



**Awards, Honors & Recognition**

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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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**Director: 2021-2023**

**Lana Finegold**

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**PRGC Convention** April 17-20, 2023

Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA

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If not, you can subscribe here

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**Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP) Annual Renewal**

by Sue Bennett, **GTEP** Chairman

**GTEP Annual Renewal** notices will be emailed to the email addresses on file for club treasurers and presidents/directors as of September 7. It does not come from my personal email, but from California Garden Clubs, Inc., [cgcic@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:cgcic@cagardenclubs.org). To ensure receipt add [cgcic@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:cgcic@cagardenclubs.org) to your address book or create a filter to accept all mail from this address. If you have not received an email containing GTEP paperwork by September 15, 2022, send an email to this chairman at [gtep@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:gtep@cagardenclubs.org). Also check your Spam and Trash folders.

The Annual Renewal Form and cover letter have been shortened to make it easier for you. **Do not change the dates on the form.** 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. Fee remains the same: **Nonrefundable Fees — Renewal:** Postmarked prior to February 1, 2023, \$15.00. **Renewal Late Fee:** Postmarked after February 1, \$30.00.

All GTEP information and forms are available on the website. Go to <https://www.californiagardenclubs.com/gtep>. On that page you will find links to the **GTEP Handbook, Renewal Forms, List of GTEP member clubs, ALL California Charity related guidelines and forms (Registration Renewal Fee Report-RRF-1, Annual Treasurer's Report-CT-TR-1, Raffle Registration-ct-nrp-1, Raffle Report-ct-nrp-2) IRS guidelines and webpages.**

NOTE: The application fee to register raffles has increased to \$30. For specific questions, work directly with your accountant.

And don't forget your annual filings are due November 15.

**Designer's Choice Award**

If you received an NGC Designer's Choice Award during the 2022 awards year, you are eligible to apply for CGCI Award #36.

1st \$50. To an individual.

SUBMIT ENTRIES BY JANUARY 10 TO FLOWER SHOW AWARDS CHAIRMAN.

To an individual whose design entry in a Standard Flower Show won an NGC Designer's Choice Award in the awards year. Submit a mounted photograph of the design in a plastic page protector. On the application form state: organization sponsoring show; date of show; show title; class title. Identify all components. Limit two entries per applicant.

For more information, please see the [Awards Manual](#):





## Black Point Gardens

*by Natalie Korengold, Program Manager: Black Point Historic Gardens*

After our explosive spring bloom this April and May, the Black Point historic gardens have settled into a summer of maintenance and preparation for the incoming planting season. With the help of our incredible volunteers, and thanks to your generous donation, we were able to plant about 200 native plants and "nativars" in the gardens this month and plan for many more in the Fall/Winter season when we do most of our planting.

Educating the next generation of environmental stewards is a big part of our work at the Parks Conservancy. We had the wonderful opportunity to host three summer interns who have spent the last three months learning about garden maintenance and principals, engaging with the history and context of our work, and practicing leading public programs in the gardens. With the school year starting, we are preparing for a continuation of our partnership with Galileo High School's AP Environmental Science program. Last year we were able to bring 60 students into the gardens every other week for outdoor science learning.

If you haven't gotten a chance to volunteer with our program yet, be sure to do so this Fall or Winter! We will be doing a lot of planting in the gardens and will need support keeping invasive species at bay. Our weekly volunteer days are Thursdays 2pm-5:45pm and Fridays 9am-noon. Registration can be found on the Parks Conservancy website.



**Black Point Garden Chairman: Shane Looper.** Your donations are appreciated. Click here [Black Point Garden](#)

### COVID-Related Blue Star Memorial Information

*by Shirley Lipa, Blue Star Memorial Co-Chairman*

The NGC Blue Star Markers Chairman did some checking for us on a California order that was submitted this spring. She found out that Sewah Studios is in the same situation as many other businesses. That is, they are having problems with supply, transportation, and employee issues, and they are backed up. Production is now taking up to six months instead of the three months pre-COVID. The cost of shipping the markers has greatly increased, so be prepared to pay extra for shipping. If your club or district is planning on purchasing a marker in the next year or so, plan on a six-month wait for it to be shipped to you. It might be a good idea to decide on your dedication date after you have your marker in your possession. I don't want to discourage anyone from ordering a new Blue Star Memorial, I just want you to know that for the foreseeable future, everything is not as it used to be.



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

District	Club / Donor		Honor or Memory / To Whom		Amount
Bay Ocean	Belmont GC		Honor	Juanita Heinemann	\$136.00
Costa Verde	Long Beach GC				\$408.00
Golden Foothills	Auburn Arrangers Guild	Barbara Todd	Memory	Beverly E. Schmidt	\$68.00
Orange	Naples Islands GC	Sandy Davidson for JLLB Garden Group	Memory	Imelda Scholnick	\$68.00
Palomar	Dos Valles GC				\$272.00
Palomar	San Dieguito GC	Dirkje Legerstee	Honor	Dirkje Legerstee (70th Birthday)	\$68.00
Palomar	Bernardo Gardeners Club		Memory	Judy Watson	\$68.00
San Fernando Valley	West Valley GC	Beverly, Cathy, Donna, Francee, Gloria, Janet, Nancy	Memory	Becky Bertoni	\$68.00
Santa Clara Valley	Green Thumb GC of Milpitas		Memory	Rachel Martinez	\$136.00
Sequoia Foothills	Sequoia District	Sally Veiga Sepulveda	Memory	June Withers	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Knights Ferry GC		Memory	Maureen McKibban	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC	Mona Restuccia	Memory	Jimmy Carl Puthuff	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC	Ann Mootz	Memory	Ivan & Jerrie Parenti	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Linden GC		Memory	Roberta Patrick	\$68.00
Valley Lode			Honor	Pamela Fish	\$68.00
Valley Lode			Honor	Berni Hendrix	\$68.00
Valley Lode			Honor	Judy Schepmann	\$68.00
Valley Lode			Honor	Bob Taylor	\$68.00
Valley Lode			Honor	VLD Chairperson	\$68.00
Yosemite Gateway	Atwater GC			H Sherry Miller MKathy Moren	\$68.00

## Sempervirens Fund includes Coast Redwoods, *Sequoia sempervirens* and Big Basin Redwoods State Park

by Judy Unrine, Co-chairman

Please welcome Kathy Taylor de Murillo as Sempervirens co-chair.

I know she will be a great asset to the committee.

Thank you to the clubs that have donated recently:

**Chula Vista Garden Club, and Del Norte Garden Club.**

### Important Announcement:

During the month of June, an anonymous supporter of Big Basin Redwoods State Park offered to **match donations up to \$150,000**. Your Sempervirens fund had \$3,559.09 from your past donations. The chairmen of this committee recommended donating \$2,500.00 from the fund that will be matched by the anonymous donor for a total of \$5,000.00. The motion was approved during President Lynne Batchelor's 2022 Convention. Thank you for your donations that made doubling our donation possible.

