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## From the President's desk...

My first few weeks as CGCI President have been rewarding, challenging and busy. By the time you read this, the *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* will be at the printers (Thank you Elisabeth Tufo) and the Call for the 2015 Fall Board Meeting in Concord will have been sent out (Thank you Chairman Marlene Kinney and your team). Communications Director Jane McKee, has gone through and updated the CGCI website. (Thank you Jane). A full time job in itself. Thank you also to all the members for your support. We are off to a great start! Until next month...

SueB

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## Fall Board 2015

### September 10-12

Host: Diablo Foothills District, Chairman: Marlene Kinney

Highlights:

#### Friday, September 11:

- Tour: The Gardens at Heather Farm and Ruth Bancroft Garden. Two beautiful public gardens showcasing water-wise techniques
- Workshops: "Herbs/Household Cleaners" and "Growing Your Own Food"
- Program (lunch): Drought & Water Options
- Program (dinner): Maples for All Seasons

#### Saturday, September 12:

- Program (lunch): Honoring Ruth Bancroft
- Program (dinner): How Changing Landscape Practices Can Save Local Pollinators

### Hilton Concord

1970 Diamond Blvd  
Concord 94520  
800-826-2644 or  
[concordhilton.com](http://concordhilton.com)

CGCI Room rate - \$107  
(deadline **August 20**)

### President's Travel Schedule-2015

August 19-21:	Humboldt District
September 10-13:	CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Concord, CA
September 14-20:	NGC Fall Board Meeting, Saint Louis, MO
October 15:	Golden Foothills District
October 22-23:	Sequoia Foothills District
November 3:	Buttes District
November 11:	Santa Clara Valley District

**CGCI Official Calendar**

Go to [californiagardenclubs.com](http://californiagardenclubs.com) for  
Special Events open to the public

- **September 10-12, 2015: CGCI Fall Board Meeting.**
- **September 15-19: NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO**
- **December 1:** Deadline for NGC eligible awards
- **January 10:** Deadline for all other awards
- **January 31-February 3, 2016: CGCI Winter Board Meeting.**  
DoubleTree by Hilton, San Pedro - Port of Los Angeles. Host: Costa Verde District. Co-Chairmen: Alexis Slafer and Gudy Kimmel
- **May 19-22, 2016: 85<sup>th</sup> Annual CGCI Convention.** Irvine Hotel, Irvine. Host: Orange County District. Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche

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**NGC Schools Calendar  
(California)**

All registration forms are on the  
CGCI website Calendar page

Go to [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org)  
for schools in other states

- **September 21-23, 2015: Flower Show School, Course I.** San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas. Host: Southwestern Judges Council. Chairman: Emily Troxell
- **October 22-23, 2015: Landscape Design School, Series 26, Course III.** Sponsor: Luther Burbank District. Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson
- **October 29-30, 2015: Tri-Refresher.** Sepulveda Garden Center. Host: Southern California Garden Club. Chairman: Robin Pokorski
- **April 28-29, 2016: Landscape Design School, Series 26, Course IV.** Sponsor: Luther Burbank District. Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson

**NGC Schools****FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL**

**September 21-23, 2015**

**San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas, CA**

The Southwestern Judges Council invites you to **Flower Show School, Course I.** This unique program is devised to train individuals interested in learning more about how NGC sponsored flower shows operate featuring specific, in-depth horticultural information and training to evaluate and eventually create a wide range of recognized floral designs.

**Register NOW...seats are at a premium.**

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL**

**October 22-23, 2015**

**2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA**

Have you ever walked by a landscape and thought: this is so beautiful and the use of the land is so perfect – this landscape design deserves an award? Or, felt that you weren't really qualified and knowledgeable enough to express your opinion at your local architectural review committee? Well, the **NGC Landscape Design Schools** can help you with both of those scenarios, as you become a Landscape Design Consultant. Join us in October!

**TRI-REFRESHER**

**October 29-30, 2015**

**Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino, CA**

**Co-sponsors: Southern California Garden Club & California Native Plant Society**

*Ditch Your Lawn! Beautiful Landscapes for a Water-wise Future.* This NGC-approved Tri-Refresher is available for all Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants who are eligible to refresh and attend the full session. All Consultants in good standing who have not already refreshed in a school this year are eligible to receive credit. If one is a Master Consultant in more than one school you can obtain simultaneous multiple refresher credits for all schools in which you have Master status.

For full details on all of the above including registration forms go to:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

and select the NGC School Calendar tab

**Leadership Workshops - Robin Pokorski**

August 19, 2015: Las Vegas, NV

September 2, 2015: Long Beach, CA

February 22, 2016: Arcadia, CA (Arboretum District)

If you would like to attend, contact Robin: [robin@juno.com](mailto:robin@juno.com)

**CGCI PROGRAMS & PROJECTS**

Go to [californiagardenclubs.com](http://californiagardenclubs.com)  
for details

**Effective July 1, 2015** there are **new chairmen and/or new mailing addresses**. See below for updates.

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- **Membership dues:**

Mail to: Rita Desilets  
8316 Sparton Ave  
Van Nuys, 91402-4030

- **Insurance:**

Chairman: Shane Looper  
213 Carmelo Lane  
South San Francisco, 94080-2204

- **Group Tax Exemption:**

Chairman: Krystal Migliore  
P.O. Box 1414  
Gridley, 95948-1414

- **President's Project 2015-17**

Chairman: Maryanne Lucas  
1986 Channelford Road  
Westlake Village, 91361-3558

- **Donations to the following projects are mailed to:**

California Garden Clubs  
P.O. Box 75, Graton, 95444-0075  
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park  
Blue Star Memorials  
CGCI Endowments  
CGCI Scholarship Fund  
Rare Plant Treasure Hunt  
Reforestation/Restoration  
Sempervirens Fund

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**The following are unchanged:**

⇒ Penny Pines - checks to US Forest Service  
⇒ Project Mission Blue  
Chairman: Shane Looper  
213 Carmelo Lane  
South San Francisco, 94080-2204

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**Youth Activities:**

Does your club or district sponsor a Youth Group? It's time to register or renew their membership. Go to the [Youth New/Renewal Form](#) on the website, complete and submit.

**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

**Rilla Crane, CGCI Membership Chairman**  
**Rita Desilets, Membership Administrative Assistant**

Changes are coming over the next year and ALL Clubs and Associate Plant Societies should take note:

- **DUES:** Effective **July 1, 2016**, CGCI dues will increase to **\$2.75** per capita. This is the result of NGC's dues increase from 50c to \$1.00 per member. The \$2.75 paid to CGCI includes the dues to NGC.
- **INSURANCE:** Effective **February 15, 2016**, the liability insurance premiums for the 2016-17 insurance year will be **\$1.50** per capita (minimum \$20). Additional Insured Certificates remain \$30 each. All other fees remain unchanged.

**Remember:**

**Dues for 2015-16 are payable starting July 1** and should be mailed to the **NEW address listed on the form**

There are TWO new clubs that will be ratified at the Fall Board Meeting:

**Green Thumb Garden Club of Gridley**

Buttes District  
President: Linda Presley, 10 members

**San Juan Capistrano Garden Club**

Orange County District  
President: Roz Morrissey, 55 members



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**Got QUESTIONS?**

**Something new at Fall Board:** "Growing Minds" will be a Panel Discussion. We encourage you to submit questions ahead of time to our facilitator, Robin Pokorski, [RobinP@juno.com](mailto:RobinP@juno.com) (remember all questions are great questions!). The distinguished panel will be comprised of Bob Gordon, Shane Looper, Jane McKee and George Perko; however, don't limit your questions to just these four chairmen. If you have any questions, send them in to our facilitator who will find the right person to answer it. Questions will be accepted during the discussion, time permitting.



**2015 Convention - final wrap-up:** The minutes from the convention are posted to the CGCI website in the Minutes Archive.



**Awards, Honors & Recognition**

CGCI offers many ways to say  
"Thank You" or "Good Job"

**NOTE: Some of the following have new chairmen, forms and/or mailing addresses**

♥ **Angels**

**Chairman:** Jane McKee  
1276 Palomares Ct  
Fallbrook 92028-4480

♥ **Awards Program**

Check the website for updated forms and instructions

♥ **Business Commendations**

**Chairman:** Launa Gould  
*New online request form*

♥ **California Consultants Council**

Landscape Design (various) & Outstanding Private Garden  
**Chairman:** Julie West  
850 Grandview Road  
Sebastopol 95472-2930

♥ **Honor Book**

**Deedee Speer**  
30861 Saddleback Road  
Valley Center 92082-3848

♥ **Life Memberships**

**Chairman:** Carlotta Wixon  
14216 Karry's Place  
Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ **Long-Term Certificates**

**Chairman:** Mike Gould  
*New online request form*

♥ **Member Award of Distinction**

**Chairman:** Mike Gould  
1212 Avenida Buena Suerte  
San Clemente 92672-2348

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**Promotional Materials**

Did you know that CGCI offers promotional and informational materials and many are FREE\*!



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

*(Check the website for ordering details)*

**Awards****Bob Gordon & Lynne Batchelor, CGCI Awards Co-Chairmen**

It isn't too early to start thinking about award entries for 2015. Applications, evaluation forms and instructions are in process of being updated so please check the website for the most current information.

**DEADLINES:**

⇒ **December 1:** All entries eligible for NGC awards MUST be postmarked or received by this date. DON'T WAIT...mail early.

⇒ **January 10:** All remaining entries including nominations for Special Awards (Man/Woman of the Year, Lifetime Service & Achievement etc.) Don't forget that many of the awards include monetary gifts for both clubs and individuals. Review the awards manual in the CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* or online for details and find those that apply to you.

**Applications:**

- Forms are fillable. Please type as handwriting may be illegible.
- Unless otherwise instructed, answer the questions on the form. Check the evaluation forms as some entries require different information than the standard questions.

- Include the complete award number, with Section/Class if applicable and award name.

- "Submitted by" is the name that should appear on an award certificate. If it is a club/district award (yearbook, newsletter etc.) it is the club or district name NOT the editor or project chairman.

**Public Relations Award Entries - Guidelines:**

Most of these awards are publications (newsletters, brochures, etc) that are printed or published long before the deadline. Following are a few "helpful hints" for submitting these entries.

- Newsletters: Print on BOTH side of the paper; use standard 20# bond (no cardstock, photo or glossy paper); the required three consecutive issues can be from the spring (Jan-June) term...no need to wait for Sep-Oct-Nov.
- Articles by an individual: The author (club member) MUST be identified as the writer; if the published article is larger than 8 1/2 x 11 (from a newspaper) fold to that size so that it can be read without removing from the page protector.
- Websites: No longer need to submit paper copies of the webpages; judging will be done online; ensure that all links to pages, documents or other websites are correct and active.
- Publicity Press Books: Make sure the full calendar year (Jan-Dec) is covered except for months the club does not meet. All articles must be in chronological order.

Check the full *Publications Awards Guidelines* (available on the Awards Page on the website).

**Would YOU or YOUR CLUB like to sponsor and award?**

There are several opportunities available.

For details contact Lynne Batchelor: [cgci3rdvp@cagardencubs.org](mailto:cgci3rdvp@cagardencubs.org)

## Club & District CORNER

### Carolands Garden Club

Considering the serious situation of the California drought the club entered an educational display at the San Mateo County Fair. Their goal was to present an eye-catching display that would attract the public and reassure them that all was not lost during this difficult time. It consisted of pictures of colorful flowering plants as well as succulents that, once established, use very little water to thrive. Members donated many plants for the display. Handouts included club-designed colorful flyers with ideas on how to keep gardens alive during a drought; bookmarks, made by a local school, listing the names of some of the drought-tolerant plants; "take-away cards" donated by the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency; and CGCI bookmarks. For their efforts the club received a BLUE RIBBON!



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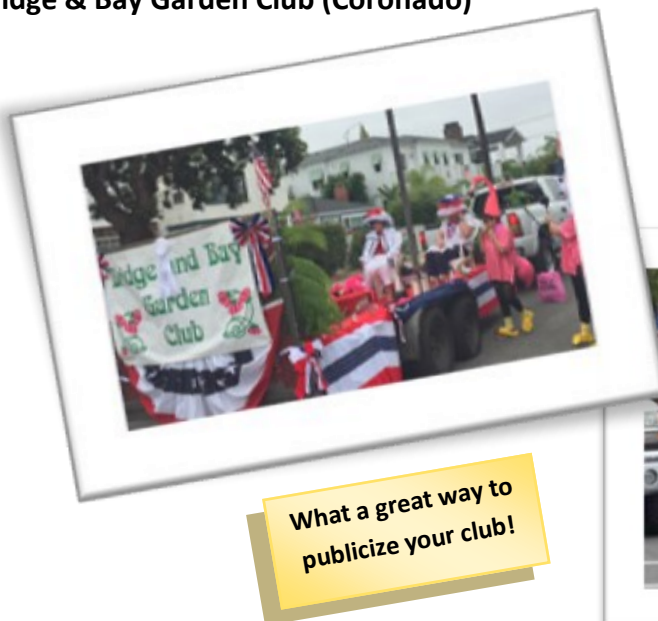
### Palomar District & Fallbrook Garden Club



The District held a "Leadership Workshop" and over 60 people from Palomar, Orange County and Palms to Pines Districts, representing 21 member clubs, attended. Topics included: general leadership skills and requirements, basic parliamentary procedures (agendas, minutes, bylaws), what it means to be a non-profit organization, and the benefits and requirements of membership in a District, CGCI and NGC. Fallbrook GC hosted the event at the Fallbrook Library. Would you like to have a workshop in your area? Contact Robin Pokorski: [robin@juno.com](mailto:robin@juno.com)

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### Bridge & Bay Garden Club (Coronado)



What a great way to publicize your club!

Check out the club's float in Coronado's 4th of July parade. The club's mascots (those pink flamingos) entertained the crowd with dance routines. Club founders Ann Boyd and Bobby Perkins along with co-presidents Fran Monroe and Karen Moore rode on the float.



Does **YOUR club or district** have a special story to tell? A recent event, local recognition etc. Submit a brief description and photo (jpeg format) to [goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org) OR send us **YOUR newsletter**.

**DEALING WITH DROUGHT**

Following are a few suggestions for handling these challenging conditions. YOUR tips and tricks are welcome!

- ♦ Use "greywater" (gently used water from sinks, showers and laundries) for outdoor irrigation except on edible plants.  
Go to <http://greywateraction.org> for ideas and instructions.
- ♦ Use bubblers in "green" areas to reduce evaporation.
- ♦ Mulch, mulch, mulch
- ♦ Use "local" native plants that can handle the temperature fluctuations and benefit wildlife.
- ♦ Consider "drought-friendly" recipes...use ingredients that require less water to grow or cook with. Check out <http://waterfootprint.org>
- ♦ Try steaming rather than boiling.
- ♦ Water used to cook veggies (once cooled) can be used to irrigate plants...just think of the nutrients!

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**Tech Tips**

Concerned about ID theft? Some things to consider:

- \* Change passwords often.
- \* Don't use the same password for more than one account.
- \* Be creative - mix letters and numbers (DO NOT use your pet's name or grandchild's birthdate).
- \* Create a separate email account for online shopping...one that has no similarity to your "personal" account.
- \* Turn your computer completely off when not in use.

**HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS****Invasive plants and some alternatives (courtesy PlantRight.org):****INVASIVE:**

Green fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*) grows up to five feet tall in large clumps of long, narrow leaves with foxtail-like plumes in the summer. This invasive form of fountain grass has been observed invading deserts, grasslands and coastal areas. It has been reported as a major problem in 10 California state parks. It increases fuel load and therefore the frequency, intensity and spread of fire – and it quickly re-establishes in dense clumps after fires. Green fountain grass can become dominant in grasslands within two to three years if no control measures are employed. Fortunately for gardeners, the purple form of fountain grass is not invasive.

**Non-Invasive ALTERNATIVES** (just a few of many alternatives):

- California fescue (*Festuca californica*)
- Pine muhly (*Muhlenbergia dubia*)
- Oriental fountain grass (*Pennisetum orientale*)
- Purple fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum* 'Rubrum') note: this is a sterile cultivar

Looking to find non-invasive possibilities for your area? Following is a list of garden centers that have been certified by PlantRight. They sell no plants that are invasive in their geographic area, and they offer their employees training on invasive plants and alternative species.

- ♥ 7 Day Nursery, 3301 State St., Santa Barbara
- ♥ Armstrong Garden Centers: 32 locations in California
- ♥ Belmont Nursery, 7730 Belmont Ave., Fresno, CA 93737
- ♥ City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Ave., San Diego, CA 92105
- ♥ Green Acres Nursery & Supply, 3 locations in California (Roseville, Folsom, Sacramento)
- ♥ McShane's Nursery & Landscape Supply, 115 Monterey Salinas Hwy. Salinas, CA 93908
- ♥ Papenhausen Hardware, 32 West Portal Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127
- ♥ Roger's Gardens, 2301 San Joaquin Hills Road, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625
- ♥ Sloat Garden Center, Inc. 9 locations in California (Danville, Greenbrae, Mill Valley-2, Novato, San Rafael)
- ♥ Solana Succulents, 355 N. Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, CA 92075
- ♥ The Garden Company, 2218 Mission St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060
- ♥ The Home Depot: 232 locations in California
- ♥ Yamagami's Nursery, 1361 S De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014

**Garden:** One of a vast number of free outdoor restaurants operated by charity-minded amateurs in an effort to provide healthful, balanced meals for insects, birds, and animals.



## MEET THE MEMBER

### Greg Pokorski, CGCI Parliamentarian and Chairman Gardening Study Schools

Greg is a California native and lifelong resident of the San Fernando Valley. While employed full-time in the health care industry, he became involved with garden clubs when his wife, Robin, joined Southern California Garden Club in 1989. He quickly got involved with fundraisers, flower shows, attending club tours, proofing newsletters etc., but did not join the club until 1996. He attended all of the NGC Schools, eventually becoming a Master Consultant in Environmental Studies (ES), Landscape Design (LD) and Gardening Study (GS). He also began to accept positions in his club and district and now serves not only on the CGCI Board but Pacific Region and NGC as well. Attending Pacific Region and NGC conventions has taken Greg and Robin to twenty-five states and Washington, DC. Tours associated with these meetings gave them the opportunity to visit wonderful gardens and significant historic and natural sights, and resulted in garden club friendships all over the country.

You may know him as the CGCI Parliamentarian and Chairman of Gardening Study Schools but over the years he has also served (or is currently serving) as a member of the CGCI Bylaws and Policy Committee, Chairman Coordinator, Recording Secretary; Pacific Region Assistant Editor (*WACONIAH*); and as NGC ES, GS, LD Schools Coordinator and GSS Advisor. He has written articles for various garden club publications including *The National Gardener*, *Keeping in Touch*, *Newscape*, *WACONIAH*, *Golden Gardens*, *The Council Thymes*, *The Breeze* (district) and *The Green Thumb* (club). He has also entered floral designs and educational exhibits in many Flower Shows and has been known to take home a blue ribbon or two. Now fully retired, Greg is becoming even more involved at the club and district level. He is also a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and California State Association of Parliamentarians (CSAP) and is an officer in his local unit of CSAP.

Greg says: "I think what I like most about garden club is the constant opportunity to learn and travel."

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

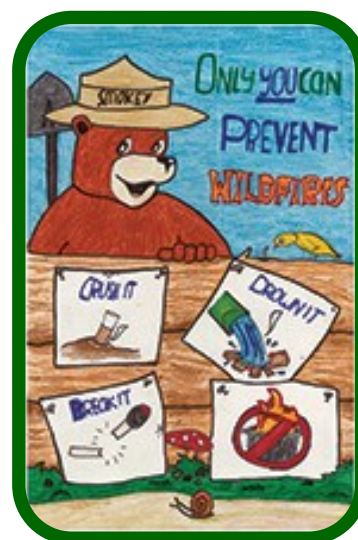
**Audrey Morga**

Grand Prize Winner  
NGC's 2015 Poster Contest  
Sponsor: West Valley GC



Laasya Yalaverthy  
NGC 1st Place-2nd Grade  
Sponsor: Southern California GC

Spencer Morga  
NGC 1st Place-3rd Grade  
Sponsor: West Valley GC



Poster Contest Co-Chairmen 2015-17: Charlotte Tucker, ctucker@mlode.com & Vicki Smith, viclees18@gmail.com

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**Email:** [headquarters@gardenclub.org](mailto:headquarters@gardenclub.org)**Publication:** *The National Gardener***Website:** [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org)**Conventions:**

May 2-7, 2016, Grand Rapids, MI  
 Amway Grand Plaza Hotel  
 May 16-21, 2017, Richmond, VA  
 Richmond Marriott

**Ongoing projects:**

- Ames Garden Tools
- US Botanic Butterfly Garden
- Ecology Warriors Workbook
- Plant It Pink
- Rain Gardens
- SAGE & ROSES
- School Gardens
- Spring Planting for Butterflies
- Photo Archiving
- Water Projects

(Go to [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org) for details on these and other projects)

**Director: 2015-17****Kristie Livreri****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**

[PacificRegionGardenClubs.org](http://PacificRegionGardenClubs.org)

**Convention:**

April 5-7, 2016 Green Valley  
 Ranch Resort, Henderson, NV

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**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.****NGC President's Project: "Service in Action"**

The project is intended to increase awareness of the seriousness of the demise of pollinators and amphibians and encourage conservation and protection efforts by clubs, the general public and governmental agencies.

Often called the first bio-indicators; amphibians and pollinators, by their presence, abundance, and activities reveal the state of their ecosystems. Pollinator and amphibian populations are declining worldwide through the effects of pesticides, habitat destruction, diseases, parasites, global warming, and introduced predators. Education, habitat conservation, and protection of at risk populations are issues we can change through our actions.

**The Million Pollinator Garden Challenge**

Because of its renowned reputation, and the strength of membership, NGC has been invited to be a founding Gardening and Habitat Planting Partner of the National Pollinator Garden Network, recently formed to help establish one million gardens to assist in restoring critical pollinator population recovery in the United States. Over the next two years, The Network will bring together the science and garden capabilities of industry with the outreach of nongovernmental organizations to empower a million private citizens and organizations to plant pollinator gardens nationwide.

This is an unprecedented collaboration and our members will be providing food and habitat for pollinators in our home gardens (can even be a container on a deck or a condo window planter), as well as our public garden projects, youth garden projects, nursing homes, botanical gardens, business areas, and government offices. Monetary awards will be available for our member clubs, and we plan to coordinate grants to clubs that will plant pollinator gardens with our youth! It is SO important

to teach our youth how to take care of our land, our wildlife, our food supply for the future! Who will teach them if we don't!?



For details on these and other NGC projects including awards available, go to <http://www.gardenclub.org/projects>



## PROJECT REPORTS

### President's Project 2013-15: Final Report

**Sara White, Chairman**

*"Habitat for Humanity Landscaping"*

Donations:	2013-14:	\$4,450.00
	2014-15:	\$4,110.00
Total:		\$8,660.00
Grants awarded to CGCI clubs:		\$1,075.11
Funds remaining were donated to four Habitat for Humanity Affiliates:		
	3 Affiliates (1 project each)	\$1,516.98 (each)
	1 Affiliate (2 projects)	\$3,033.95



The CGCI club projects were varied:

- Long Beach Garden Club members landscaped areas at a private home in Long Beach, from purchase to planting, ALL on one day (HFH of Greater Los Angeles).
- Petaluma Garden Club members assisted financially with the procurement of eleven large redwood trees at a 5-unit Woodland Hills Affordable Subdivision in the City of Cotati (HFH of Sonoma County).
- Los Angeles Garden Club landscaped areas at the Chestnut Homes in Glendale (San Gabriel Valley HFH).
- Walnut Creek Garden Club landscaped areas of the Pleasant Creek Homes in Walnut Creek
- Sunnyvale and San Jose Garden Clubs jointly landscaped two private yards in Sunnyvale over 6 months from design to mulching (HFH East Bay/Silicon Valley).

Recent donors:

Doris Nagy (Memorial)	Huntington View GC	Paso Robles Multiflora GC
Dos Valles GC	Long Beach GC	Palomar District
Hanford GC	Luther Burbank District	San Clemente GC
Hermosa GC	Mendo-Lake District	Santa Rosa GC

Thank you all for your generous donations and for those of you who got down and dirty in the soil! Thank you, Rita, for thinking of this great project. It is hoped that National Garden Clubs' partnership with Habitat for Humanity will encourage more landscaping projects in the future. Landscaping workshops could go a long way to educate future homeowners on how to care for their yards!

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### Rosa Radicchi, Chairman

Thank You! to the following for their recent generous donations:

Arboretum District.....	\$100
Furyu Floral Designers .....	\$1,000
Linden Community Garden Club .....	\$50
San Clemente Garden Club .....	\$500
Westlake Village Garden Club .....	\$200



The Sempervirens Fund celebrated its 115th Anniversary on May 16, 2015! The years in themselves, say a lot for the hard work, dedication and integrity of this wonderful organization!

Several new opportunities will soon be available for protecting our Redwood forests: Castle Rock State Park (Silicon Valley's Gateway to the Redwoods), Donations and the Tribute Program (dedicating a Tree for yourself, your Club or District is now easier!), and A National Monument (right in our own backyard).

*More project reports Page 10...*

**DONATIONS JULY 2015****Total this month: \$3,604.00****Pat York, Chairman**

Total January 1 to date:

\$19,749.00

**BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT**

San Leandro GC

Honor: Vivian Vittoria ..... \$68

Honor: Susan Skort ..... \$68

Honor: Carolyn Brause ..... \$68

Honor: Pati Martin ..... \$68

**BAY OCEAN DISTRICT**

Pacifica GC

Memory, Honor:

Those who serve our country ..\$544

**COSTA VERDE DISTRICT**

Long Beach GC

Memory: Rose Nelson ..... \$68

Honor: Lurlie Edgecomb ..... \$68

Honor: Elizabeth Appleyard ..... \$68

**DIABLO FOOTHILLS DISTRICT**

Antioch Riverview GC

Honor: Audrey Kuppenbender .. \$68

Honor: Ginny Barbee ..... \$68

Livermore-Amador Valley GC

Memory: Don Dillon ..... \$68

Honor: Maudie Kuenning ..... \$68

**GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT**

District Donations

Honor: Mary Arakelian, from

Capitol Judges Council .....\$68

Auburn GC

Memory: Joyce Richter .....\$68

Memory: Joanne Falconer.....\$68

Honor: Barbara Ogden.....\$68

Honor: Auburn GC .....\$68

**ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT**

Laguna Beach GC

Honor: Synthia Scofield.....\$272

Honor: Sue Goldberger .....\$272

Honor: Tom Hensel.....\$204

Anaheim GC

Honor: Connie Tibbetts ..... 68

Anaheim GC .....\$136

**PALMS TO PINES DISTRICT**

Riverside-San Bernardino Counties

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