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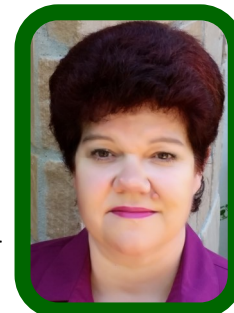
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From the President's desk...

Merry Christmas/Happy Hanukkah everyone, October and November were busy in northern California for your CGCI President with more on the calendar for December.

At the Golden Foothills District meeting, one learned about being *flexible*. At the last minute the table holding the President's Project information was needed, thus things were moved to the floor, yes the floor; thus *flexible with change... and flexible body* as one had to take items from the floor to do a show and tell.



her husband's shirt), Trader Joes (Judy P. had to buy chocolate to make brittle), and driving around farm country ended with the best ice cream for dinner. The District meeting was a success too. Thank you.

Traveling to the Buttes District was just around the corner. Not only did I get to present the President's Project, I also did a demonstration on pruning roses. Thank you so much for everything from the items in the basket—to the hugs—to including \$5.00 if anyone's phone rang while I was there. President's Project made an additional \$10. Loved the idea and loved the timekeeper stopper. Thanks for letting me take it home to share at our next board meeting.

Got lost going to the Chicago Park Victorian Tea...an event that I have attended many times before. No I didn't use a GPS. I got directions from MapQuest from home. Great food, great show and lots of singing. Didn't get lost on the way home.

I wish to thank the City of Milpitas, Milpitas Veterans Commission and the Green Thumb Garden Club, Santa Clara Valley District for sponsoring the Blue Star Memorial Marker dedicated on November 11 in honor of our Armed Forces. We ended with a fun lunch.



L-R: Linda Worth, President, Green Thumb GC, SueB, Roseann Costabile, Santa Clara Valley District Director.

CGCI Official Calendar

Go to californiagardenclubs.com for Special Events open to the public

- **December 1:** Deadline for NGC eligible awards
- **January 10:** Deadline for all other awards
- **January 31-February 3: CGCI Winter Board Meeting.** Double-Tree by Hilton, San Pedro - Port of Los Angeles. Host: Costa Verde District. Co-Chairmen: Alexis Slafer and Gudy Kimmel
- **February 8: Leadership Workshop,** Encino
- **February 22: Leadership Workshop,** Arcadia
- **May 19-22: 85th Annual CGCI Convention.** Irvine Hotel, Irvine. Host: Orange County District. Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche

NGC Schools Calendar (California)

All registration forms are on the CGCI website Calendar page

Go to gardenclub.org for schools in other states

- **January 16-17: Gardening Study School,** Series 25, Course 1. Host: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- **March 5-6: Gardening Study School,** Series 25, Course 2. Host: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- **March 21-23: Flower Show School,** Course 2. San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas. Host: Southwestern Judges Council. Chairman: Emily Troxell
- **April 8-10: Flower Show Symposium:** Holiday Inn, Auburn. Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost
- **April 28-29: Landscape Design School,** Series 26, Course IV. Sponsor: Luther Burbank District. Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson

With three different District presentations, one club event and one Blue Star Dedication one sure does get around.

As we wrap up November I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. For some Thanksgiving means going to cut down a Christmas tree, for others it might be celebrating the holidays with loved ones.

It has been almost six months since my installation and what better time to say how thankful, blessed and honored I am to be the CGCI President. Thank you for the donations to the President's Project and all other CGCI projects. Thank you to club and district members for their hospitality when I visit. Thank you to members, like yourself, who work not only for CGCI but to make the world a better place.

Happy New Year

SueB

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You asked, I listened!

The District Directors have asked to reinstate their mailbox system and it will reappear at the 2016 Winter Board Meeting.



BOARD MEMBERS: if you have anything you want to share with the District Directors and/or the Executive Committee please make at least 36 copies - ONE for each EC member (10 of us) and ONE for each District Director/Contact (26). Location of mailboxes will be determined at the meeting.

Project Chairmen please note: If you plan to place a copy of the donation form in the mailbox be sure that it is the CURRENT form. Download copies from the website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/Forms>. The forms were updated this year to include the correct mailing address for checks.

President's Project Update:

All District Directors will receive up to 40 "bags" as per a message sent out from District Director Coordinator, Robin Pokorski. However, the term "bags" is different now. I am asking each District Director to fill out the order form found at the CGCI Website <http://californiagardenclubs.com/presidentsproject> and submit it ASAP.

I would like to have "bags" available to hand out at the 2016 Winter Board Meeting. Even if your district does not have a Youth Group/Youth Program, you can receive up to 40 bags. Place a few bags at your local library, day care centers, churches, after school programs, etc. Get children acquainted with gardening even if there is no school program. If you know someone in Girl/Boy Scouts, 4H, or other youth group...give them one. Don't hesitate to contact me (SueB) or Maryanne if you have any questions.

CGCI PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

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

- **Membership dues:**

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

- **Insurance:**

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

- **Group Tax Exemption Program:**

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

- **Scholarships (Applications):**

Chairman: Martha Smyser
4949 Mammoth Ave,
Sherman Oaks, 91423-1319

- **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

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

Youth Activities:

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

AWARDS

Lynne Batchelor, CGCI Awards Co-Chairman

**REMINDER:**

Clubs: Your **Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement** Score Sheets should be sent to YOUR District Director by January 3.

DDs: The list of eligible clubs (minimum 100 points) must be received by this Chairman by January 10, 2016. You do not need to send the score sheets, just the list of club names.

DECEMBER 1...is almost here! If not already in the mail, the following **MUST be POST-MARKED by Dec 1:** Entries eligible for NGC Awards - **B-2; C-7; Yearbooks:** G-1; G-2; G-3; **Public Relations:** PR-2 sections 1,2,3 & 4; PR-4; PR-5; PR-6; **Community Impact; NGC Flower Show Achievement; Youth:** Y-2, Y-3, Y-5. Details and instructions: Pages 58-77 in the *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* or the Awards Page of the CGCI website.

Flower Show School, Course II

Emily Troxell, Chairman

March 21 -23, 2016 San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas, CA.

What is Flower Show School? These classes encompass a wide range of skills that allow the individual to judge and evaluate the efforts of people entering local flower shows. This series of 4 classes, 2 1/2 days of study each, are spaced 6 months apart and gradually prepare the individual to understand the flower show process. The basic components of any flower show are Horticulture and Floral Design. These classes provide in-depth study in both of these fields so that the individual becomes well versed in the exhibits that they will be responsible for evaluating.

Flower Show School, Course 2 will feature two outstanding instructors.

- David Robson, from Ill. will focus on herbs and flowering shrubs. He has been teaching Horticulture at the college level since 1980 and is a co-author of Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging. He is a Master judge and a currently credentialed NGC Symposium level instructor of Procedure and Horticulture, now serving NGC as Horticulture/FSP Instructors Chairman.
- Penny Decker comes to us from Florida where she is known for her keen sense of color in creating beautiful traditional and highly creative floral designs. She is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge and Design Instructor currently serving on the Boards of NGC and Deep South Region. She was the recipient of a top award for excellence in floral design education from the American Horticultural Society. She has also represented the USA in honorary exhibits at WAFA Seminars in Canada, England and Ireland.

Registration form/flyer is available at <http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

President's Travel Schedule 2015 16

December 5:	Valley Lode District
December 11:	Colfax GC
December 15:	Roseville Better Gardens GC
December 21:	Donner GC
January 31 February 3:	CGCI Winter Board, Costa Verde District
February 25:	Cascade District

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**

Californiagardenclubs.com/forms

♥ **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**

Chairman: 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

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Did you know that CGCI offers promo-
tional and informational materials and
many are FREE*!



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

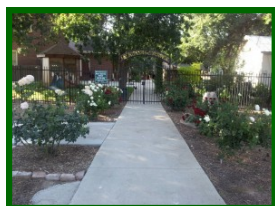
(Check the website for
ordering details)

Club & DISTRICT CORNER**Village Garden Club of La Jolla**

At each general meeting there are "Bouquet of Thanks" tables filled with plants and floral arrangements to be delivered to the Veterans Hospital in La Jolla. This project offers the members an opportunity to thank the veterans who have given so much on behalf of our country. These wonderful donations are displayed throughout the hospital for families and staff to enjoy. Special creative projects have included 'Pumpkins for Patriots' and 'Tillandsia air plant' mini projects which were a huge hit with the VA recipients and their families.

Calaveras County Garden Club

The club has a sub-group called the *Roses of History* devoted to finding and saving old roses in their area. For over 20 years this group has identified and found new homes for roses that would otherwise have been lost. Some of the rescues have been moved to public gardens and others are "adopted" by club members and other individuals. At right is an example of a "rescued rose."

**Gardeners of the Grove**

Club members assist with the annual pruning and deadheading of the Heritage Rose Garden at the Historic Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum.

Laguna Beach Garden Club

The city of Laguna Beach has three sister cities: Menton, France; San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico; and Saint Ives, England. The club worked with the city council, Sister City members and a local landscape designer to create a Sister City Garden. The garden is divided into three sections, each identified by an etched stone.



CGCI PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Liability Insurance: Shane Looper, Chairman

What's new for 2016-2017?

Clubs and Associate Plant Societies: The liability insurance premium notice for the February 2016-2017 year is in the mail to you. If your dues are not paid, you did not receive the insurance notice. Your remittance is due by **January 15, 2016. After January 15, 2016 you must include a late fee of \$20.00** along with the premium due.



****NEW FOR THE 2016-2017 YEAR****

\$1.50 PER MEMBER (This is a rate increase from \$1.25 per member)

\$35.00 FOR ALL ADDITIONAL INSURED CERTIFICATES (This is an increase from \$30.00)

MUST HAVE A WRITTEN AGREEMENT/FACILITY AGREEMENT WITH ALL ADDITIONAL INSURED CERTIFICATES

SAMPLE AGREEMENT/CHECK LIST AVAILABLE ON LINE

NEW UPDATED HANDY HINTS ON LINE

Any questions or concerns about CGCI's Liability Insurance should be directed to the chairman:

Shane Looper: cgiinsurance@cagardenclubs.org or (650)871-0172.

Penny Pines: Pat York, Chairman



Thank You to all of the garden clubs that have supported this great project to help keep our wonderful state green and beautiful for all to enjoy. This project was started many years ago by a group of girls in the San Mateo area who collected pennies to send to our forest service to help them replant the burned out areas in our state. Since then it has been like a wildfire itself as our garden clubs have started collecting monies to send to our forests--just check the listings on Page 8. Clubs be sure to send me the report of your donations, either by email or snail mail, but no checks--they go to the forest service. Our members really like to have their names listed either "In Honor" or "In Memory" of a special member or relative. There is a nursery in Northern California off of highway 50 that you can visit to see how this project really works. Donors and honorees are listed in the monthly *Golden Gardens eNews* issues.

CGCI Honor Book: Deedee Speer, Chairman

The Honor Book records memorials, contributions and recognition of outstanding service. The current Honor Book evolved from the Green, Gold and Copeland Fund Honor Books and all are displayed at the annual meeting. Donations are encouraged to honor or remember garden club colleagues, friends or family. Honorees or their families will receive an appropriate card and an acknowledgement letter will be sent to the donor. Monies received fund the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, Lifetime Service Award, Community Impact Award and meal expenses for CGCI guests and speakers invited by the Executive Committee.

The Honor Book Donation/Request Form is available on the CGCI website Forms page under Awards & Honors. Download the form, complete and send with check payable to CGCI to Chairman Deedee Speer, 30861 Saddleback Road, Valley Center 92082-3848. Note "Honor Book" in the memo line.



Stamps...they're back!

CGCI is once again collecting USED stamps and this time they will be sent to *Boys Town*, Omaha, NE. *Boys Town* has helped countless young boys and girls ready themselves for the future. The stamps sent will be distributed and sold in bulk to buyers as well as given to *Boys Town* residents for their own stamp collections. Save the stamps from envelopes you receive in the mail and cut them from the envelope leaving a one inch margin around the stamp. Stamps may be given to your District Director to bring to CGCI board meetings or conventions. Claudia Marsh of Hesperia Garden Club has volunteered to chair this project and will be ratified at the 2016 Winter Board. Thank you Claudia!

DEALING WITH DROUGHT

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

From our friends at the Sempervirens Fund

Redwoods are extraordinary. The more we learn about them, the more extraordinary they prove to be. We've known for a long time that California's coast redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) are the world's tallest trees and among the longest-living. Scientists are now confirming that redwoods play an important role in the local water cycle and in achieving a healthy, stable climate.

Redwoods also play a critical role in local watersheds, both in terms of water quality and water supply. We've known for a long time that the vast root systems of redwoods carpeting our local watersheds help prevent erosion and that their deep loamy soils act as natural water filtration and storage systems. Forest soils act like giant sponges, soaking up rainwater as it falls, and slowly releasing it throughout the dry season. In addition, redwoods that grow along streams provide shade, keeping the water cool for native fish.

What's really extraordinary about redwoods is that they've evolved to use fog as their primary water source during times of year when rain is most scarce in northern California.

Tech Tips:

Two new features are now available on the CGCI website:

- A new search application
- A "Site Map" (link is located lower right side of home page)

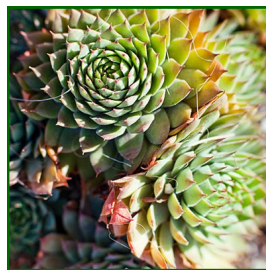
HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS

Looking for colorful, easy-care and drought-tolerant plants? Here are a few more recommendations from Sunset Magazine. For more ideas/suggestions go to www.sunset.com.



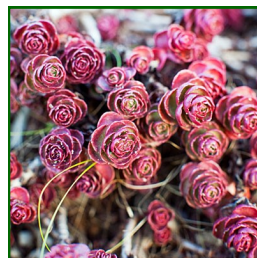
Helictotrichon sempervirens: Thin, blue-gray blades of this Mediterranean grass grow in clumps that reach 2 to 3 feet tall and wide. Blond flower clusters form 2 feet above foliage in spring. **Zones 1–12 and 14–24.**

Agastache rugosa: Stems of glossy green, licorice-scented leaves reach 5 feet tall and 2 feet wide. This perennial from Korea has purple-blue summer flowers that hummingbirds love. **Zones 4–24.**



Sempervivum: This European native, with gray-green, pink-tipped rosettes from 2 to 5 inches across, grows into clumps spanning 2 feet or more. Reddish flowers shoot from thin, 2-foot-tall stems. **Zones 2–24.**

Salvia Clevelandii: Purple-blue flower spikes rise above aromatic gray-green foliage in early summer. This sage, from Southern California and northern Baja, grows 3 to 5 feet tall, and 5 to 8 feet wide. **Zones 8, 9, and 12–24.**



Sedum spurium 'Voodoo': Small, rounded burgundy leaves cover this low-growing, quick-spreading succulent from the Caucasus. Tiny reddish flowers bloom in summer. **Zones 1–10 and 14–24.**

Lavandula multifida: Felty silver foliage covers these Mediterranean shrubs reaching 3 feet wide and half as tall. Thin stems topped with violet blooms appear from spring into fall. **Zones 16–24.**



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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 for details on these and other projects)

**Director: 2015-2017****Kristie Livreri****Publication:** WACONIAH**Website:**PacificRegionGardenClubs.org**Convention: SAVE THE DATE!**

April 4-optional pre-convention tour to Hoover Dam & Lake Mead
 April 5-7, 2016: Convention
 Green Valley Ranch Resort,
 Henderson, NV

Are you receiving WACONIAH, the newsletter of the Pacific Region? If not, you can subscribe here (it's FREE):

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NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
**Julie A. West, Monarch Watch Vice-Chairman
 NGC President's Special Projects 2015-2017**

Hot off the press from NGC is a new educational booklet, *Inviting Butterflies into Your Garden*. This publication updates and replaces the 1986 NGC publication, *Butterfly Gardening* with an emphasis on monarch butterflies whose populations have plummeted 90% in the last two decades. Topics include:

- ♥ Butterfly Conservation
- ♥ Plants and Practices to Attract Butterflies
- ♥ Creating Your Own Butterfly Habitat Garden
- ♥ Container Gardening for Butterflies
- ♥ Five steps for a Certified Monarch Waystation
- ♥ Butterfly Anatomy
- ♥ Seed and Plant Sources
- ♥ Propagating Milkweed from Seed
- ♥ Regional Butterflies of NGC
- ♥ Official State Butterflies
- ♥ Butterfly Gardens, Houses or Vivariums to Visit
- ♥ References, Resources and Websites



The booklet is designed so you may electronically download to print only the pages you are interested in or the entire booklet. *Inviting Butterflies into Your Garden* is a product of NGC President's Special Projects 2015-2017 - Monarch Watch Committee and is FREE from NGC's website:

<http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/presidents-projects/monarch-watch.aspx>

Take advantage of this FREE educational publication and all butterflies including the struggling monarch butterfly will appreciate your endeavors to help them complete their life cycle in your garden! If you plant it, they will come.



Looking for the perfect gift? NGC 2015-2017 President's Scarf is now available thru shop online. NGC silk scarf in a floral design. Each item is individually poly bagged. Price \$35.00 plus shipping and handling.

Pacific Region Convention 2016**Mark your calendars: April 4-7, 2016**

April 4: optional pre-convention tour to Hoover Dam & Lake Mead

April 5-7: Convention

Green Valley Ranch Resort
 2300 Paseo Verde Parkway
 Henderson, NV 89052

Reservations: 866-782-9487 (866-STAYGVR)

Group Code: GCIPRGC - Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

Cut Off Date: Saturday, March 12, 2016

Complete registration information will be on the Pacific Region website and the Nevada Garden Clubs website in January as well as in the February Issue of WACONIAH.



DONATIONS 2015
Total this month: \$1,904.00
Pat York, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
 \$27,297.00

**BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT**

Eden GC

Honor: Roberta Cooper \$68

El Cerrito GC

Honor: Joanna Pearlman \$68

Pinole GC

Honor: Judy Davison \$68

Honor: Sally McGuire \$68

Memory: Phil Green-

City of Pinole \$68

BUTTES DISTRICT

Paradise GC \$136

CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT

Pleasant Valley GC

Honor Pat Lowe \$68

COSTA VERDE DISTRICT

Hermosa GC

Memory: Connie Butte \$68

DIABLO FOOTHILLS

Blackhawk Bloomers

Memory: Fred Cagle \$68

Discovery Bay GC

Honor: Lia Sindel \$68

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Colfax GC

Memory: Alice Cottrell \$68

Divide GC

Memory: Barbara Ardwan \$68

Meadow Vista GC

Memory: Mother of

Wanda Webb \$68

HUMBOLDT DISTRICT

Fortuna GC

Honor: Claudia Rogers \$68

Honor: Judy Sloma \$68

LUTHER BURBANK DISTRICT

Petaluma GC \$68

PALOMAR DISTRICT

San Dieguito GC

Memory: Nadine Starr \$68

Honor: Rene Van Rems \$68

SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT

District Donations \$136

Vaca Valley GC \$68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT

Southern California GC

Honor: Katelyn Richmond \$68

Honor: Mia Lehrer \$68

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT

South Valley Fleurs GC \$68

VALLEY LODE DISTRICT

Foothill GC

Memory: Loretta Hudelson \$68

Honor: Foothill GC \$68

MISCELLANEOUS

Estero Bay Women's Club

Honor: Vera Gould \$68

President's Project

Fallbrook GC \$ 100

Buttes District \$ 110

Green Thumb GC/Milpitas \$ 100

Total this month \$ 310

Total to Date \$1,470

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse...



Well BUMMER!!!

May all your Christmas (and gardening) dreams come true!

From the Golden Gardens eNews staff