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From the President's desk...

Hello Fall! For some of us this is the beginning of a quiet time in our garden. I love watching the leaves change colors and luckily for me I will get at least one more flush of roses in mid-October. For the designers out there this is the beginning of a very busy schedule. With the holidays around the corner one might be doing an educational presentation on design techniques or creating designs for the tables. Whatever fall brings you, let's pray for rain.

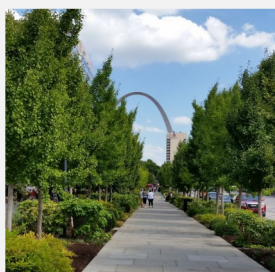


My first official visit was to Humboldt District in August and was eventful and enjoyable. First Vice President Krystal Migliore and I attended the opening gala to the Humboldt County Fair, hosted by the Ferndale Garden Club. The next morning we attended the Humboldt District Meeting, received a \$200 check from the district for my President's Project and the members saw the project in action. The Girl Scout Troop (see page 5) couldn't believe they could take everything home and it was free. We then visited the gardens of the recipients of the CA Consultants Council Landscape Design Commendation & Eureka Sequoia Garden Club's Garden Jewel Certificate. Begonias everywhere - so much color and so beautiful! Following a day of sightseeing and viewing historical landmarks we enjoyed a wonderful dinner by the water. Friday morning, we toured the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Reserves and then off to the Bear River Casino Hotel (our host for Fall Board 2016) to see how the remodeling went and touch base with the event coordinator. Did I mention we stopped at two Blue Star Markers! To say the least, it was action packed. I want to thank District Director Chuck Goodwin and Mary Lou Goodwin and all the members of the Humboldt District who made me feel like a princess. Thank you again.

Thank you also, to Diablo Foothills District Director and Chairman Marlene Kinney and all the members who helped make 2015 Fall Board Meeting a success. I've heard many positive comments on the workshops, tours, speakers and great food.

I was honored to visit National Garden Clubs Headquarters in St. Louis, MO for the NGC Fall Board meeting and witness CGCI member Joan Craig participate in the dedication of the Golden Circle Tree. Golden Circle membership is an honor given to those who have served on the NGC board for 25 years or more. Joan was honored in 2010. She was also my guide for the day. Thank you Joan for all you do for CGCI, PR and NGC. We also participated in the dedication of the new headquarters doors. Of course, the day of the tour the temperature was 92 and felt like 99 with the humidity, but it didn't stop four bus loads of members getting off and visiting the City Garden.

Cheers, SueB



St. Louis Arch from
City Garden



Engraved NGC seal on
new headquarters
door

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, 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
- **February 8: Leadership Workshop,** Encino
- **February 22: Leadership Workshop,** Arcadia
- **May 19-22, 2016: 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

- **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 8-10, 2016: Flower Show Symposium:** Holiday Inn, Auburn, Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost
- **April 28-29, 2016: Landscape Design School,** Series 26, Course IV. Sponsor: Luther Burbank District. Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson

NGC Schools**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 Official Calendar/NGC Schools tab

CGCI Nominating Committee:

The 2015-2017 Nominating Committee is in the process of filling the Executive Committee positions for the 2017-2019 CGCI term: 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Communications Director.

If there is any person in your district or club, including YOURSELF, who has good leadership and communication skills and would be interested in serving on the CGCI Executive Committee for the 2017-2019 term, please e-mail me their name so that the committee may invite them to be interviewed at the Winter Board Meeting, Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2016 in San Pedro, CA. Interested parties can also complete and submit the Personnel Form: Go to: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/Forms>.

Committee Members:

Janet Eyre	Carole Lung
Myrtle Findley	Rosa Raddichi
Carol Jauregui	Bob Taylor

Thank you so much
Sherry Molinari, Chairman
sherry3m@live.com

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 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

- 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.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**Rilla Crane, CGCI Membership Chairman**

An increase in 2015-2016 CGCI membership is off to a good start with the following ratified at the fall board meeting in Concord, CA.

Clubs:

Green Thumb Garden Club of Gridley
Buttes District
Linda Presley, President, 10 Members
Palos Verdes Begonia Society
Costa Verde District
Carol Knight, President, 32 Members
San Juan Capistrano Garden Club
Orange County District
Roz Morrissey, President,
50 Members

Associate Plant Society:

San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society
Linda Kancov, President, 70 Members

Affiliate:

San Mateo Garden Center, Inc.
Jeannette Hobbs, President

Youth Group:

Jr. Gardening Troop 70202 Girl Scouts of No. California Council
Sponsor:
Eureka Sequoia Garden Club
Melissa Morrison, Youth Activities Chairman, 15 Members

CGCI Membership:

September 2015

Clubs: 227 (13,610 members)

APS: 37 (2,475 members)

Affiliates: 12

Total: 276 (16,085 members)



Initial dues NOT PAID by October 1 are DELINQUENT.

Delinquent clubs and APS become ineligible for Liability Insurance or the Group Tax Exemption Program. Dues forms and checks are to be mailed to the NEW address listed on the form.

And speaking of members...



Our very own Helen Gates!

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**

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)

CGCI 2015 Fall Board Meeting: Highlights**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance Checking/Savings Accounts:	\$106,890.66
Long Term Assets (CDs/Endowments):	\$324,141.65
Total Assets	\$431,032.31
Less: Board designated Net Assets	(121,316.52)
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(45,252.89)
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	(131,073.01)
Cash Balance Available	\$133,389.89

The following recommendations were ratified:

1. To accept with regret the resignation of Janean Guest as 2016 CGCI Fall Board Meeting Chairman
2. Appointments:
 - Mary Lou Goodwin as 2016 Fall Board Meeting Chairman
 - Marilyn Oberti as Membership-Youth Coordinator
 - Robin Pokorski as CGCI Leadership Chairman
 - Rebecca Ferguson as Water Conservation Chairman
 - Martha Smyser as Scholarship Chairman
3. Approve George Speer to serve concurrently as Palomar District Director and Bylaws & Policy Committee member
4. Liability Insurance: To increase the fee for proof of insurance and additional insured's requests from \$30 to \$35 effective for the February 15, 2016-17 policy term
5. The 2016 Winter Board Meeting registration fee be \$60 and early registration fee postmarked before January 1, 2016 be \$35
6. Approve Susan C. Bennett to have signature authorization on checking accounts at Bank of America
7. Official Calendar: April 8-10, 2016 Flower Show Symposium, Holiday Inn, Auburn, CA. Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost
8. Gardening Study Schools Series 25 be sponsored by Colfax Garden Club. Dates to be determined. Chairman: Myrtle Findley
9. Signers on all CGCI Endowment accounts shall be the CGCI President, CGCI Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees
10. Approve the restricted funds guidelines as updated by the Board of Trustees at the 2015 Fall Board Meeting

Open Chairmanships: Rare Plant Treasure Hunt & Youth. If you are interested in serving in either of these positions, please contact President Sue Bennett.

Great tours....



beautiful designs and
wonderful volunteers!



Club & District CORNER

Modesto GC: Their “Hackers & Wackers” group works in the garden at the local senior center. They invite you to “bring gloves and a sense of fun.”

West Valley GC donated \$140.78 to NGC’s World Gardening project to support the effort to supply Latin American villages with potable water.

Folsom GC: In the interest of conservation (\$\$ and the environment) they have asked members to bring their own coffee cup to their meetings.

San Pedro GC held their annual Membership Tea & Hat Parade:
Check out these fabulous chapeaus...



Ferndale GC received a **BLUE** ribbon for their water wise gardening display, “Saving Water,” at the Humboldt County Fair in August. It was seen by over 40,000 people! The exhibit featured a variety of succulents, grasses, reeds and other drought-tolerant plants. Fuchsias hung from the rafters and a flower cart demonstrated how to use a shut off valve and drip irrigation.

An outdoor shower head gushing water showed how to conserve and reuse water in the garden. A Water Efficient Edible Plant list and Drought Tolerant native Edibles list were distributed free to visitors. Additional information was provided by master Gardener Steve Albert and Rick Flores, UCSC Arboretum.



Humboldt District hosted the first official visit of CGCI President Sue Bennett. Girl Scout Troop 70202, CGCI’s newest youth group, attended the meeting to participate in the CGCI President’s Project. The girls learned how to plant flowers in the special black fabric bags that were provided. The project encourages young gardeners to learn about gardening, both flowers and vegetables, and do it in a way that is environmentally friendly and uses recycled materials.

From the Editor’s Desk:

- 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
- **OR send us YOUR newsletter** (please insert the name of your club in the subject line of the email)

DEALING WITH DROUGHT

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

Did you know that there are 90,921.8 drops of water in 1 gallon? The average person consumes 44.7 gallons of water each year.

Roses & Drought:

From Tom Carruth, Huntington Botanical Gardens Rose Garden Curator

"Roses are tough...we don't have to pamper them."

Water: Twice a week, 15 minutes each, with water-efficient methods like in-line irrigation, captured rainwater or recycled water.

Mulch: Spread 4 inches deep using larger pieces of hardwood (less likely to blow away.)

Leaf Drop: Plants may drop some/many leaves....it's their way of coping with heat by going into a type of dormancy.

Fertilizer: Feed according to package directions. Consider organics as they feed the soil and plants absorb the nutrients as needed. Properly fed and watered rose bushes develop deep roots and can better withstand drought than younger plants.

Replanting: If you need to replace roses, select at least a 5 gallon size or larger because their root system is better developed.

Overall: Adjust your gardening goals and accept that hot weather and drought will affect roses. Once the weather cools, they will bounce back.

**HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS**

What can I plant in low-water conditions and still have colorful blooms? Here are a few recommended by Sunset Magazine. For more ideas/suggestions go to www.sunset.com.



Salvia 'Amistad'

Hummingbird favorite grows fast to 4 feet tall with little water.



Cotinus coggygia (Smoke Tree):

This deciduous shrub with purple foliage turns more burnished in fall; flowers resemble puffs of smoke. Requires minimal water.



Cistus (Rockrose):

Rockrose adds resinous perfume to the garden as well as showy, papery flowers. Sun loving and fast growing, the flower is tolerant of aridity.

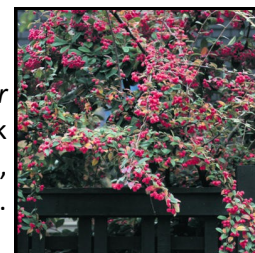


Grevillea

Large, colorful flowers fleck this unthirsty shrub all summer long.

Cotoneaster

Clusters of red fruits last a long time among the dark green leaves of this evergreen shrub. Thrives in full sun, with minimal to moderate water.



Lewisia cotyledon (Lewisia):

Rosettes of narrow, fleshy, evergreen leaves bear 10-in. stems topped by large, extremely showy clusters of 1-in. white or pink flowers often striped with rose or red. Blooms from spring to early summer.



CGCI PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP)

Krystal Migliore, Chairman - gtep@cagardenclubs.org



Avoid the frustration-CGCI provides the resources you need!

- ♥ **A Treasurer's Toolbox**-award winning guide for the treasurers of all CGCI organizations.
- ♥ **GTEP Handbook** provides information and instructions specifically for those participating in GTEP.



Very Important Dates

October 1:

- CGCI dues (initial payment) are due. Delinquent organizations become ineligible to apply for or to renew CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program.
- Deadline: The Annual Nonprofit Raffle Report (CT-NRP-2) to Office of the CA Attorney General Registry of Charitable Trusts is due for those registered with the Nonprofit Raffle Program.

November 15: The deadline for organizations whose fiscal year ended June 30 to file the following:

- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax return (form 990N or 990). See page 5 of the Treasurer's Toolbox.
- Franchise Tax Board (FTB) Tax return (form 199N). See page 6 of Treasurer's Toolbox.
- Registry of Charitable Trusts (ROCT) (Form RRF-1) and the fee schedule is listed on the form. See page 7 of the Treasurer's Toolbox.

Please remember to print copies of all forms and returns when filed, including those filed electronically. Make note of the date each return and form is filed as it is required for your GTEP annual renewal form. Once you have filed your returns you should have everything you need to complete your GTEP renewal—so submit your GTEP renewal soon! There is no benefit in waiting.

Annual Renewal is required for GTEP members! The renewal form and information are "in the mail" as well as posted to the website. If you have not received notification by mail or email, please contact this chairman at gtep@cagardenclubs.org. Note: When tax-exempt status is obtained directly **from the IRS**, participation in GTEP is not an option and your organization must continue to renew directly **with the IRS**.



Blue Star Memorials

George Unrine, Chairman - george.unrine@gmail.com

CGCI supports the Blue Star Memorials Project by encouraging member clubs and districts to sponsor markers in their area and assisting them with information on how to order a marker and install it. In addition, CGCI created a Blue Star Memorials Board Designated Restricted Fund.

- ♦ Individuals, clubs and districts are encouraged to donate to this fund which in turn can provide financial support to clubs and districts wishing to sponsor a marker.
- ♦ Clubs and districts may request a grant from the Blue Star Memorials Restricted Fund. Grants of one hundred dollars (\$100) are available for by-way markers and grants of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) are available for highway and memorial markers.
- ♦ Go to <http://californiagardenclubs.com/bluestarmemorials> for links to the donation and/or application forms or contact this chairman for details.



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Email: headquarters@gardenclub.org**Publication:** *The National Gardener***Website:** 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 for details on these and other projects)

**Director: 2015-17****Kristie Livreri****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**PacificRegionGardenClubs.org**Convention: SAVE THE DATE!**

April 4-optional pre-convention tour
 April 5-7, 2016: Convention
 Green Valley Ranch Resort,
 Henderson, NV

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 newsletter of the Pacific Region?

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(it's FREE):

californiagardenclubs.com/

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, Inc.

NGC is an Inaugural Network 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.

Have you registered your pollinator garden?

Go to <http://millionpollinatorgardens.org/> and take the "challenge."

There are nearly 185,000 gardens registered so far...add yours. It's easy and FREE. Once registered you can purchase a beautiful sign to display in your yard and help spread the word.

**"Keeping in Touch" (KIT)**

KIT is a quarterly NGC newsletter that supplements [The National Gardener Magazine](http://TheNationalGardenerMagazine.com). It contains presidential updates, regional news, awards recipients, chairmen's updates and more. It can be downloaded from:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/NGC> (select the "Publications" tab). Future issues may be distributed as a "bonus" to a *Golden Gardens eNews* issue.

Shop NGC

Have you visited the NGC online store recently? There are some new items to tempt you.

- Custom 3/4" Antique Gold NGC Membership Charm attached to an 8" Brass GP Patterned Double Link Curb Chain Bracelet – Presentation Boxed (\$20)
- Bronze NGC Blue Star Charm w/two (2) enamel inlay colors + Loop & Jump Ring. Size: 1" (\$8)

Go to: <http://www.shopgardenclub.org>

Grape: Uninteresting larval stage of wine.



DONATIONS 2015

Total this month: \$1,972.00

Pat York, Chairman

Total January 1 to date:

\$23,081.00

BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT

El Cerrito GC

Memory: Clara Roth.....\$68

Memory: Joel Falcon.....\$68

Pinole GC

Honor: Trisha McLeod.....\$68

Honor: Joanne Gabel\$68

BAY OCEAN DISTRICT

Carolands GC.....\$68

Pacifica GC\$340

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Chicago Park GC

Memory: Thelma Dremon.....\$68

Honor: Lynne Hurrell\$68

PALOMAR DISTRICT

Bridge and Bay GC.....\$136

ROADRUNNER DISTRICT

Hesperia GC

Memory: Taylor Chriswell..... \$68

Memory: Beverly Miller..... \$88

Honor: Hesperia Parks & Rec. \$68

Honor: Sharon Bartley & Home

& Garden Show Committee .. \$68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT

Sherman Oaks GC

Memory: Bill & Cookie Dunn . \$68

Southern California GC

Honor: Sue Bennett..... \$68

SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Valley Oak GC

Memory:

Maurice "Red" Green \$68

VALLEY LODE DISTRICT

Modesto GC

Honor: Volunteers of month

Dennis Wistow (Feb) \$68

Pixie Kinser (Mar) \$68

Don & Penny Binney (Apr) \$68

Dolores Machado (May) \$68

Turlock GC

Honor: Vicky Zumstein \$68

Honor: Judy Moore \$68

Honor: Linda Masuda..... \$68

MISCELLANEOUS

Estero Bay Women's Club

Honor: Barbara Cady..... \$68

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park: Janet Eyre, Chairman

Funds recently became available from the State of California for an irrigation system that is currently being installed. CGCI donations were used to start replacing old valves and other parts that just could not wait for the new system. This doesn't mean the end of the project. Funding is still needed to help replace cacti and other plantings that were lost due to drought and other issues. Checks payable to CGCI are mailed to P.O. Box 75, Graton, 95444-0075.

Sempervirens Fund: Rosa Radicchi, Chairman

"Thank You" to the following Clubs for their generosity and ongoing support in protecting these ancient Redwood forests:

- ♥ Chevy Chase Estates Garden Club \$ 200.00
- ♥ Hermosa Garden Club *Honoring its Members* \$ 200.00
- ♥ Huntington View Garden Club \$ 100.00
- ♥ Long Beach Garden Club \$ 75.00

All donations "large or small" are very much appreciated!



President's Project: Maryanne Lucas, Chairman

- ♥ Humboldt District \$200.00
- ♥ Two ladies from Humboldt District \$ 10.00
- ♥ Westlake Village Garden Club \$200.00
- ♥ TOTAL as of September 22 \$410.00

President's Travel Schedule-2015

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| October 15: | Golden Foothills District |
| October 22-23: | Sequoia Foothills District |
| November 3: | Buttes District |
| November 11: | Santa Clara Valley District |

*Are you looking for a way to honor or remember a friend or colleague?
Donations to one of our many worthwhile projects is the perfect "gift."*

Carolyn A. Mayes, CPA
Auditing and Consulting Services

NOTE: A complete copy of the Review Report is available upon request from the CGCI Financial Secretary.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Graton, California

I have reviewed the accompanying statements of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net asset - modified cash basis and cash flows for the years then ended. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

My responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the America Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my report.

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting, as described in Note 1.

My review was made for the purpose of expressing a conclusion that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting, as described in Note 1. The information included in the accompanying supplemental schedules of net assets - modified cash basis as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and supplemental schedule of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets by program - modified cash basis for the year ended June 30, 2015, are presented only for supplementary analysis purposes. Such information has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, and I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made thereto.

Carolyn A Mayes, CPA

Sebastopol, California
September 7, 2015

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