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## From the President's desk...

Hello everyone,

**CGCI is having an anniversary party and YOU are invited!**  
**COME TO CONVENTION.** Get together with fellow garden club members from throughout the state. Visit Sherman Library and Gardens, see gorgeous floral designs, learn new things and enjoy the friendship AND celebrate our 85 years. Don't miss...

### "Planting Seeds for the Future"

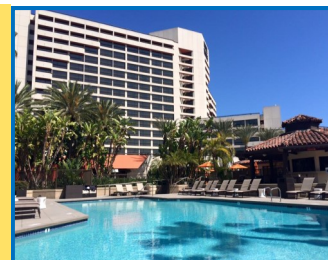
I hope everyone is planning to attend CGCI's 85th Annual Convention hosted by Orange County District. Outstanding programs and workshops are being planned by Chairman Annie Hall Bosche and her talented team. Our very special guest will be National Garden Clubs President Sandra Robinson from Kentucky. Don't forget all board members need to attend the Organizational Meeting on Sunday, May 22. We hope many CGCI club and APS presidents, as well as members, will come and see how exciting and fun this convention will be. See you in Irvine...

SueB



## May 18-22: 85th Annual CGCI Convention

Host: Orange County District  
Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche  
Hotel Irvine, 17900 Jamboree Rd, Irvine, CA 92614  
Theme: **"Planting Seeds for the Future"**



### Highlights:

- ♥Programs & Workshops: Butterflies; Liability Insurance, Flowering Shrubs, Succulent Wreaths; Palm fronds & staghorn ferns, and more.
- ♥Docent-led tour to Sherman Gardens/Library and Roger's Gardens;
- ♥Awards banquet; Design banquet; Youth luncheon;
- ♥AND the gala celebration of our milestone 85th year!

All convention forms and information are available on the website

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/nextmeeting>

### President's Travel Schedule-2016

April 5-7: Pacific Region Convention, Henderson, NV  
April 15: Tuolumne County  
April 28: Bay Bridges District  
May 2-7: NGC Convention, Grand Rapids, MI  
May 10: Sierra Madre GC (Valley Lode District)  
May 18-22: CGCI Convention, Irvine, CA  
June 15: Naples Islands GC  
June 19-23: San Fernando Valley District & Southern California GC

**CGCI Official Calendar**

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

- **April 4-7, Pacific Region Convention**, Henderson NV
- **May 2-6: NGC Convention**, Grand Rapids, MI
- **May 18-22: 85<sup>th</sup> Annual CGCI Convention**. Hotel Irvine, Irvine.  
Host: Orange County District  
Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche
- **September 7-9: CGCI Fall Board Meeting**. Host: Humboldt District. Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin

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**NGC Schools Calendar  
(California)**

All registration forms are on the  
CGCI website Calendar page

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

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

- **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
- **May 14-15: Gardening Study School**, Series 25, Course 3.  
Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- **August 11-13: Bi-Refresher**,  
Sponsor: Heather Enthusiasts of the Redwood Empire, Eureka CA, Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin
- **September 17-18: Gardening Study School**, Series 25, Course 4. Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley

**Convention 2016: Preliminary Schedule****Wednesday, May 18**

6:30 – 8:00 pm: California Consultants Council

**Thursday, May 19**

8:00 - 11:30 am: Tour of Sherman Library/Gardens; shopping trip to Roger's Gardens

Noon: Luncheon honoring NGC President, Club presidents, scholarship winners

1:30-2:30: Special workshop - "Insurance Q&A"

3:00-5:30: Pre-Convention Board Meeting; CGCI Awards presentation

7:00-10:00: Awards Banquet (CGCI Special Awards, Pacific Region & NGC Awards)

**Friday, May 20**

9:00-Noon: Ceremonial Convention Opening; Convention business meeting

Noon: Luncheon honoring District Directors; Speaker/Program: Susie Vanderlip - "Butterflies"

Afternoon: Convention business meeting

7:00-10:00: Judges' Council Banquet; Speaker/Program: Kathe Hayden

**Saturday, May 21**

Morning: Convention business meeting

Noon: Youth luncheon

2:00-3:00: Workshops: Flowering Shrubs, Dalia Brunner, Garden Designer

3:30-4:30: Workshops: Succulent Wreath & Shoes Creations, Jeanne Yale; Garden displays with palm fronds and staghorn ferns, Natalie Harlow-Alison

7:00-9:00: 85th Anniversary celebration banquet

**Sunday, May 22**

8:30: Organizational Meeting

10:00-Noon: District Directors Forum & Chairmen's Forum

**Looking for 2017-2019 Officer Nominees****Carol Jauregui, Nominating Committee secretary**

The Nominating Committee is looking to secure officer nominees for the 2017-2019 term. The committee counts on all of you to help with candidate referrals. The following offices are open for consideration: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Communications Director. All of us have time, talent, and treasures to share. We ask all garden club members to think about the current leaders at their district or club level: those hidden gems who are considering a move into leadership positions at the state level. You yourself might even consider coming forth as a potential candidate. The requirements necessary to be considered for office are stated on page 85 of the CGCI *Yearbook Manual & Roster* and in the Bylaws posted to the website under About CGCI/Governance.

The application is available on the website:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/personnel-form>

The member referral form is available on the website:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/nomination-form>

Candidates for any of the Vice Presidents need to submit the following:

- Two, one-page letters of recommendation
- A written endorsement from the candidate's district officer
- A one-page resume

These documents are to be mailed directly to the Committee Chairperson:

Carole Lung, 15792 Tullow Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92647-3145

[cklung@verizon.net](mailto:cklung@verizon.net)

All member referrals sent to the committee will be followed up with direct communication from the committee.



## Club & District Corner

### Ceres Garden Club

Ceres Logo pins are awarded to members who host three guests or when a guest becomes a new member. The California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) pin is awarded for hosting five guests or when a guest becomes a new member. The National Garden Clubs pin is awarded for hosting 10 guests or when three guests become new members.



### Ramona Garden Club

Members learned how to create colorful and unique terrariums at a recent Arts & Crafts workshop.

### San Pedro Garden Club

In celebration of Arbor Day, the club will present a kumquat tree to the residents of Harbor Terrace Retirement Community.



### Santa Rosa Garden Club (SRGC)

#### Julie West

SRGC is celebrating over twenty years of volunteer service in the Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden at Sonoma State University (SSU). To mark the occasion, SRGC has obtained certifications and recently purchased signage from five organizations for public awareness as well as enhance SSU's environmental sustainability.

- **National Wildlife Federation** - By providing food, water, cover, a place for wildlife to raise their young, in a healthy habitat, you not only help wildlife, you also qualify to become an official Certified Wildlife Habitat®. The Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden provides a variety of food and water sources, mature trees for cover, dense shrubs and vegetation to raise young. Examples of sustainable gardening is use of California native plants and no (or limited) use of chemicals. As a result, the garden qualifies and is now registered as a Certified Wildlife Habitat #196,205.
- **North American Butterfly Association** - SSU's Native Plant Garden creates a paradise for butterflies while encouraging habitat restoration. A minimum of three native nectar and three native larval plants are required. In addition, good management of the garden/habitat improves the quality of the soil, air and habitat for butterflies as well as other wildlife, including humans. Two signs were purchased: *Certified Monarch Garden* indicates "This garden provides resources that increase the world's population of Monarchs" and *Certified Butterfly Garden* shows "This garden provides resources that increase the world's population of butterflies."
- **Monarch Watch** - Monarch Waystation habitats create, conserve and protect monarch habitats. By creating and maintaining a Monarch Waystation, you help assure the preservation of the species and the continuation of the spectacular monarch migration phenomenon. The Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden provides milkweed, nectar sources and shelter needed to sustain monarch butterflies as they migrate. It is now certified and registered by Monarch Watch as an official Monarch Waystation.
- **National Pollinator Garden Network & Million Pollinator Garden Challenge** - A newly formed network of national organizations have launched a campaign to register a million public and private gardens to support pollinators. Increasing the number of pollinator-friendly gardens and landscapes will help revive the health of bees, butterflies, birds, bats and other pollinators around the country. SSU's Native Plant Garden is "a registered S.H.A.R.E. (Simply Have Areas Reserved for the Environment) landscape, helping to ensure the protection of pollinators and the earth's vital ecosystems" and the S.H.A.R.E. sign is purchased.
- **Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation** - The Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden is committed to protecting pollinators by providing nectar and pollen resources that pollinators feed upon, provide habitat for pollinators to complete their life cycle within the garden and avoid chemicals that harm pollinators. Public awareness is raised by purchasing the Pollinator Habitat sign that states "This area has been planted with pollinator-friendly flowers and is protected from pesticides to provide valuable habitat for bees and other pollinators."

Each of the signs purchased by SRGC raises awareness of the environment needed for a successful habitat that the Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden demonstrates. Whether you have an apartment balcony with containers, city garden or multiple acres, you can create a garden that attracts wildlife including monarchs and other pollinators that helps restore habitat in both commercial and residential areas.





## 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 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

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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? Remember to register or renew their membership. Go to the [Youth New/Renewal Form](#) on the website, complete and submit.

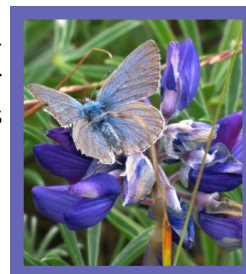
## CGCI Programs & Projects

### Project Mission Blue: A Special Invitation for CGCI Members ONLY!

*Project Mission Blue Tour at Milagra Ridge - Friday, April 15, 2016, Noon-2:00 p.m.*

CGCI members are invited to come and see if YOU can catch a glimpse of the first butterfly to ever be put on the endangered species list, the Mission blue butterfly. You will hear from national park experts about the restoration CGCI is sponsoring at Milagra Ridge. See your donations in action!

**The tour size is limited so please RSVP to Price Sheppy at 415-561-3073 or email [psheppy@parksconservancy.org](mailto:psheppy@parksconservancy.org). Please join us for this private tour arranged for CGCI members only and celebrate CGCI's Project Mission Blue!**



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### President's Project

Maryanne Lucas, Chairman

CGCI President Sue Bennett's "President's Project" is hitting its stride through the state. Clubs from almost every district have started requesting kits to "EFG" - that's "Encourage Future Gardeners." The program has been refined a bit to maximize its effectiveness. Some groups were requesting hundreds of kits for distribution to an entire school. This strategy is not effective. We found from past experience that when just "distributed" to kids en masse, most end up stowed at the bottom of backpacks and eventually are pitched into the trash. Making the best use of the kits happens when garden club members, teachers, librarians or other volunteers take the time to introduce the kids to the wonders and joy that can be found in a garden and explain how these kits are their ticket to experience the magic themselves.

The kits are also effective in encouraging future gardeners when they are used as a special reward or for giving a child special recognition. There is always one kid that goes the extra mile to make a garden or participation in a lesson fun and effective for the rest of the group. Or a child no one notices who quietly but diligently goes about some task without any peer recognition. By using the kits as a "special" reward, a youngster becomes "special" for the day and the kit becomes extra-special, too!

Planting season is upon us but you still need to plan ahead. Every kit is assembled by volunteers in Sacramento.... There are no employees or a factory in Mexico to do the assembly, so please make sure you give our President at least 4-6 weeks to fill your order. Each club is entitled to 35 free kits. Extra kits are available at \$1 each...a price far less than their value. If there is a special project that is deserving of a greater number of free kits, please request them through you District Director with their approval.

To those if you who are already participating in the program, we send you our thanks and hope you send us feedback and pictures of how the kits were used. For those of you who have yet to join the fun, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

### Thank you! Donors this month:

Anderson Valley Garden Club  
Brenda Leal  
Brenda Verza  
Carolyn Hoyum  
Cottonwood Garden Club  
David & Linda Simonds  
Gayle Davis  
Lake California Garden Club  
Libby Carr  
Luther Burbank District, Inc.  
Members of Luther Burbank District  
Petaluma Garden Club  
Red Bluff Garden Club, Inc.  
Redding Wonderland Garden Club  
Ruth Browning & Karl Scheuermann  
Santa Rosa Garden Club  
Shasta Lake Garden Project  
Trinity Garden Club

**Donations this month: \$ 950.00**  
**Total to date: \$4,761.00**

## 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](http://californiagardenclubs.com/forms)

### ♥ Angels

Chairman: Jane McKee  
1276 Palomares Court  
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

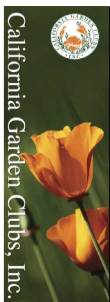
### ♥ Member Award of Distinction

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

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## 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)

## Membership Matters

### Rilla Crane

#### Membership Chairman

Spring has arrived and with it the  
time to elect new officers, renew  
your CGCI membership and update  
your organization's information. The  
renewal procedures were revised to  
separate the submission of contact  
information from the payment of  
dues. We ask that you submit the  
**Contact Information Form by June 1**  
to facilitate preparation of the CGCI  
*Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

Although the dues increase July 1,  
dues for additional members report-  
ed through June 30, 2016 remain at  
the current rate of \$2.25 per capita.

Following are the forms and guidelines for contact information and dues. They  
are posted to the CGCI website on the "Forms" page under the Membership & Dues  
category. Go to <http://californiagardenclubs.com/Forms>. For your convenience the two  
forms are highlighted in red in the main section and the treasurers' guidelines and re-  
newal procedure documents are highlighted in red in the right sidebar.

- Annual Contact Information Form
- Annual Dues Form
- 2016-17 CGCI Membership Renewal Procedures

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## FORMS, FORMS and more FORMS

### Jane McKee, Communications Director

A few handy hints & reminders...

1. Be sure you have the correct, up-to-date form: Many forms are updated at least  
annually to include changes in chairmen, mailing addresses and/or procedures.
2. All forms are available on the CGCI website:  
go to: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/Forms>
3. Know the difference in formats. CGCI uses two basic formats: PDF (portable file  
documents) and Webforms.
4. Pay attention to deadlines listed on the form. There is a reason for a deadline and  
your assistance in meeting them is appreciated.
5. Submit **only one form** per item/event. Assign one person (EX: treasurer for forms  
w/checks; secretary for information forms) to complete and submit to avoid dupli-  
cations.
6. Double check the information on the form to ensure correctness...especially \$\$  
amounts on a check, i.e. does the amount on the form match the amount on the  
check. If you inadvertently submit incorrect information (typos, wrong individual in  
a position, etc.) DO NOT send another full form. Just send an email explaining the  
error and including the correct information to: [cgci@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:cgci@cagardenclubs.org)
7. **CHECKS: Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES** is a check for a CGCI donation or fee to be  
made payable to an **INDIVIDUAL!!!!**
  - **They are always payable to CGCI** with the following exceptions:
    - Board Meetings/Conventions: payable to the HOST district or club
    - Penny Pines: payable to the Forest Service selected
    - District dues: payable to the district
8. ALL forms include instructions on payee and mailing address.





### In the Garden this month...

(Sunset Magazine  
and  
Better Homes &  
Gardens)

- Continue to plant container-grown trees, shrubs, perennials and ground-covers.
- Plant warm-season annual flowers and vegetables as long as all danger of frost has passed and you have enough time for them to beat the summer heat.
- Try starting cosmos, sunflower, and zinnia from seed, even if you're a novice gardener. They're all super-easy, make good cut flowers, and attract the beneficial insects you want in the garden.
- If the danger of frost has passed, plant seeds for corn, beans, melons, squash, cucumbers and other heat-lovers.
- Mow regularly to control weeds and keep grass thick and healthy. OR consider replacing with a drought tolerant substitute.
- Fertilize roses, citrus, fuchsia, avocado trees and iris.
- Dry conditions bring on spider mites. Control with a strong daily blast of water.
- Stake tall plants that will need it now while they are just a foot or so high.
- Harvest vegetables when young and tender.
- It's not too late to plant drought tolerant shrubs like ceanothus, cotoneaster, *Fremontodendron*, manzanita, and rosemary.
- Lure bees to pollinate your fruits and veggies. The following bee magnets need only moderate water: Agastache, 'Mönch' aster, catmint, germander, lavender, rudbeckia, and *Salvia chamaedryoides*.
- If pots are too packed with bulbs, some brown and leafless, it's time to repot or divide cymbidiums. Knock the root mass out of the pot and separate it into clumps by hand or with pruning shears. Keep at least three healthy bulbs with foliage; repot those in fresh potting medium designed for orchids.



## Horticulture Happenings

### King of the Wild Cuisine

Shirley Felder, Red Bluff Garden Club

Let's start out by talking about scurvy. "Ugh, why?" you say. The reason being, that miner's lettuce is our topic and it was so named because the Gold Rush miners in the 1800's ate it to stave off this disease. They probably learned this from the local Indians. A decent size of miner's lettuce salad contains a third of daily requirements of vitamin C, and also contains vitamin A and iron. I'm sure they didn't know this, they just knew it prevented the deadly scurvy disease. The nutritional components of wild foods provide us with greater proportions of nutrients than veggies at the market today.

From late February to May, in our area, miner's lettuce grows wild where there are cool damp conditions. It sprouts in sunlit areas after the first rains, but is most prevalent in shaded areas among fir, pine and oak trees. It is everywhere these conditions exist. It is a small bright green plant with abundant juicy leaves fused in a circle surrounding the stem. Delicate white flowers are at the top of the stem in the center of the leaf. Many people pass by one of the worlds' great salad greens without even knowing it. In gourmet circles, miner's lettuce is the king of wild cuisine. Chickweed, used to make teas and also a contact healing herb that relieves pain, is often found growing alongside miner's lettuce.

*Claytonia perfoliata*, also known as winter purslane, Indian lettuce and miner's lettuce, is native to the coastal and mountain regions of North America and grows wild in the Sacramento Valley area down to the San Joaquin Valley. Miner's lettuce seeds were brought to Europe in the early 1800s where it flourished. This is a rare thing, because nearly all of our edible weeds came to us from Europe. Miner's lettuce is one of the very few foods native to North America that we eat.

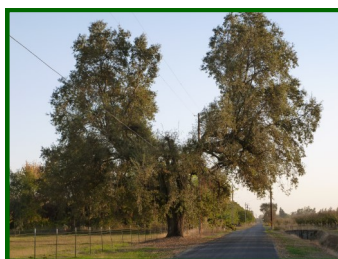
Miner's lettuce, or Indian lettuce, was a common food of many native tribes throughout the western United States. The Native Americans around Auburn, California would spread the lettuce leaves around the trails of a particular ant species and the ants would then excrete something acidic on the leaves flavoring them like vinegar. Interesting, but I think I will stick to a vinaigrette dressing with ground black pepper and coarse sea salt.

The flavor is mild and sweet and tastes like a combination of bean sprouts and spinach. When they are harvested, pick the stems as close to the leaf as possible. The flowers are edible if you so desire. It is best eaten fresh in salads, but can also be made into green smoothies, juiced, added to soups and stews, sautéed or steamed like spinach.



If you can't find the plants in the wild, the seeds can be obtained commercially. It is easy to grow, loves moist shade and can make a charming ground cover in spring. It will also grow in containers.

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Have you ever planted a tree  
in the wrong place?



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May 2-6, 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: 2015-2017****Kristie Livreri****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**[PacificRegionGardenClubs.org](http://PacificRegionGardenClubs.org)**Convention:**

April 4-7, 2016: Convention  
Henderson, NV

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newsletter of the Pacific Region?

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(it's FREE):

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cgcnewsletters](http://californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletters)

**National Garden Clubs, Inc.****MY FROG**

By Michelle Mensinger

(Reprinted from *Keeping in Touch*)

I had a little jumping frog,  
I trained to come and go,  
We enjoyed each other's company,  
and I often told her so.

She lived out in my garden,  
in a clump of weeds you see,  
and she ate the bugs and insects,  
that often bothered me.

She was busy in the early morn,  
a hopping everywhere,  
helping to keep my garden clean,  
of pests unwanted there.

When the sun rose high,  
she hopped for home,  
This frog had done her best,  
and stayed till the cool of eve,  
when the sun had gone to rest.

Soon evening came and she roamed  
about, a hopping here and there,

she croaked a froggy little tune,  
that made me be aware of the beauty  
of God's creation, in a garden that  
pleases me, with flowers and vegeta-  
bles of every kind, and this frog for  
company.

Take time to learn about nature,  
and all that God has made.  
Enjoy a little bit of heaven on earth  
in the outdoors every day.

It will keep you happy and healthy,  
and chase the blues away.  
A little bit of outside happiness,  
is what everybody needs.

Embrace Sandy Robinson's theme,  
and protect our native frogs.  
Please leap into action,  
and don't pull all the weeds!

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Check out the newest NGC publication: "NGC Pollinator Power"  
Available at: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/publications>



**NGC 87th Annual Convention**  
**May 2 6, 2016, Grand Rapids, MI**  
*"Bloomin' on the Grand"*

**Pacific Region 73rd Annual Convention**  
**April 4-7, 2016, Henderson, NV**  
*"Beyond the Neon"*

**Give your club or district a "pat on the back!"**

We love to highlight all those great things you are doing  
but can't if we don't know about it.

- ♥ Are we on your newsletter mailing list?
- ♥ Send to: [goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org](mailto:goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org)
  - ♦ Newsletters ONLY please...do NOT send announcements, reminders, general information (who's bringing refreshments etc.)
- ♥ Photos are also welcome (in jpeg format)
  - ♦ Please identify the people and/or describe the scene



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**NGC Schools****April 8-10, 2016 - Flower Show Symposium**

Holiday Inn, Auburn, CA

Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost

Design Instructor: Claudia Bates

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**Gardening Study School, Series 25, Course III**

Chairman: Myrtle Findley

Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club

May 14-15, 2016 - Shady Glen Recreation Hall, 450 Gladys Road, Colfax, CA

**TOPICS:** Outdoor container gardening, growing iris, houseplant basics, new plant development plus a tour of a botanical garden

**INSTRUCTORS:** Ingrid Elsel, Rob Littlepage, Lyn Muth and Jewell DeLapp



Full details including registration forms for both above are available on the CGCI website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>