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From the President's desk...

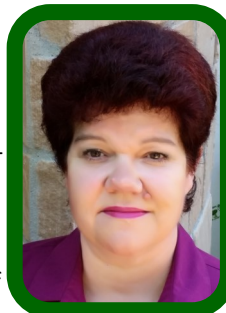
Hello August,

On Wednesday, July 13, your President, Charlotte Tucker, Smokey Bear Chairman and some of the children (and families) who were Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest winners attended the California State Fair. We attended what is called "Director's Day" at the Fair. We arrived before the Fair opened - parking was great. Several state, county and local government officials were there including Smokey Bear who came out to meet and say "Hi" to the children. Of course, it was the hottest day of the week. After the ceremony, we each received a "Camp Smokey Passport" for entry to the five special areas. For example the "Yellow House" had information about home safety. Those whose passports had all five stamped were able to pick out a limited addition Camp Smokey Bandana. The National Forest Service had put the winning posters together and hung them on a building along one of the main paths.

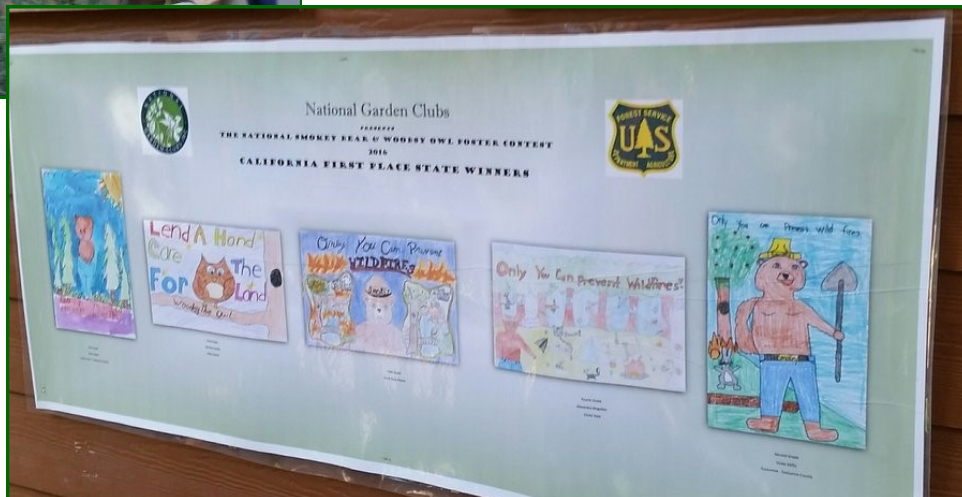
Also in July members from the Colfax Garden Club came to my house to help put together kits for my *Encouraging Future Gardeners* Presidents Project. These ladies are amazing. In about three hours, over 440 Green Machine kits were completed; along with stopping and smelling the roses and a few good laughs. Thanks, ladies.

With most of the clubs dark in August, I hope folks find time to relax, enjoy their bounty of fruits/vegetables and hope to see you all in Loleta!

SueB



Colfax GC "Kit Elves"



CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **September 7-9: CGCI Fall Board Meeting.** Host: Humboldt District. Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin
- **September 9-11: Pygmy Forest Rededication**
- **March 27-29, 2017: CGCI Wild-flower Conference**
Co-Chairmen: Merrilee Ray & Janice Wagner; Kernville.

President's Travel Schedule:

September 7-9: CGCI Fall Board
September 9-10: Fort Bragg GC
September 21-24: NGC Fall Board
September 24-October 1: Vacation
October 13: Roadrunner District

**NGC Schools Calendar
(California)**

All registration forms are on the
CGCI website Calendar page

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

Go to gardenclub.org
for schools in other states

- **Sept 12 -14: Flower Show School , Course 3,** Sponsor: Southwest Judges Council; Poway, CA, Chairman: Emily Troxell
- **September 17-18: Gardening Study School,** Series 25, Course 4. Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- **March 13-15, 2017: Flower Show School , Course 4,** Sponsor: Southwest Judges Council; Poway, CA, Chairman: Emily Troxell
- **June 25-28, 2017: Flower Show Symposium,** Ontario, Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost



California Garden Clubs, Inc.
2016 Fall Board Meeting, September 7-9
"Gardening Along the North Coast and Under the World's Tallest Trees"
Bear River Casino and Hotel,
11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta, CA 95551
Host: Humboldt District
Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin

NOTE: "Early-bird" registration deadline has been extended to **AUGUST 9**
Hotel AND registration deadline is **AUGUST 20, 2016**
NO registrations accepted AFTER August 26.

Highlights:

- Tour of Humboldt Botanical Garden →
- Speakers/Programs
 - Maria Krennek: Color Your Garden with Heathers
 - Redwood National Park and the Park Service Centennial Celebration
 - Lane DeVries: Sun Valley Group, the largest producer of cut flowers from bulbs in the U.S.
 - Michael Kauffmann: Manzanitas
 - Jerry & Gisela Rohde: Guide to the Humboldt Redwood State Park

**"Find the Magic! Rediscovering our Pygmy Forests!"**

by Ruth Sparks and Joshua Lowell, Fort Bragg Garden Club

Mark your calendar: September 9-11, 2016

Pygmy Forest awareness events have been planned by the Fort Bragg Garden Club together with California State Parks, Jackson Demonstration State Forest, the National Park Service, and many community organizations. The rediscovery of both the Charlotte M. Hoak Pygmy Forest and the Pygmy Forest National Natural Landmark at Jug Handle will be celebrated. The committee has made an effort to schedule these events so that CGCI members can attend on their way home from the Fall Board meeting.

Saturday, September 10,

- **10:00 a.m. Guided hike** up the Ecological Staircase Trail to the Pygmy Forest. Jug Handle State Natural Reserve Parking Lot, Hwy. 1, North of Caspar
- **12:00 p.m. "Rededication of Charlotte M. Hoak Pygmy Forest"** which will honor CGCI's efforts to preserve the Pygmy Forest between 1951 and 1969. Salad Lunch Reception at the Russian Gulch Meeting Hall following the rededication festivities. Join President Sue Bennett at the ceremony and lunch. Location: Across from 42280 Comptche-Ukiah Rd.

What is a "pygmy forest"? The "blacklock" soil produces dwarf cypress not more than nine or ten inches high, as well as the California Bishop Pine that is characterized by its prodigious number of cones that hang on the tree for up to 30 or 40 years. Growing amongst the trees are huckleberry bushes, ferns, lilies, rhododendrons and a variety of evergreen shrubs.



Following is a complete list of events in conjunction with the Pygmy Forest Re-dedication

September 9

- 10:00 a.m. **Guided Hike Up the Ecological Staircase Trail to the Pygmy Forest** with retired ranger & naturalist Wendell Rickon. Jug Handle State Natural Reserve Parking Lot, Hwy. 1, North of Caspar.
- 1:30 p.m. **Pygmy Forest National Natural Landmark:** Laurie Jenkins, Director of the National Park Service's - National Natural Landmark program will give a talk at Preston Hall on Main Street in Mendocino. Sponsor: Mendocino Study Club.
- 4:30 p.m. **Dedication and unveiling of Pygmy Forest National Natural Landmark (NNL) Sign**
Jug Handle State Natural Reserve Parking Lot area
- 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Reception for NNL Dedication:** Caspar Community Center 15051 Caspar Road, Caspar, CA 95420. Sponsors: Mendocino Area Parks Association, Friends of Enchanted Meadow.

September 10

- 10:00 a.m. **Guided Hike Up the Ecological Staircase Trail to the Pygmy Forest.** Jug Handle State Natural Reserve Parking Lot, Hwy. 1, North of Caspar.
- 12:00 p.m. **Rededication of Charlotte M. Hoak Pygmy Forest** Across from 42280 Comptche-Ukiah.
- 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. **Salad Lunch Reception.** Russian Gulch Meeting Hall, Russian Gulch State Park. Sponsor: Fort Bragg Garden Club.
- 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. **Open House** Ford House Museum & Visitor Center, 45035 Main St., Mendocino. Sponsor: California State Parks & Recreation.

September 11

- 10:00 a.m. **Guided Hike Up the Ecological Staircase Trail to the Pygmy Forest,** Jug Handle State Natural Reserve Parking Lot, Hwy. 1, North of Caspar.

Ongoing Pygmy Forest Events to run in the month of September

Pygmy Forest Exhibit at Ford House: Ford House Museum & Visitor Center, 45035 Main St., Mendocino.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily, Phone: 707-937-5397

Charlotte M. Hoak display as part of "Products and Producers of the Mendocino Coast"; Kelley House Museum, 45007 Albion St., Mendocino. August 26 - November 21, 2016; Friday - Monday 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Phone: (707) 937-5791

Pygmy Forest Display: Savings Bank of Mendocino, 490 S. Franklin St, Fort Bragg; 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. M-F, Phone: (707) 964-4723; Mendo-Lake Credit Union, 120 N. Franklin, Fort Bragg; M-Th 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A few things to see on the way to/from the Fall Board meeting:

- **Humboldt Redwoods State Park Visitor Center:** At Myers Flat- take the Avenue of the Giants Exit 656, turn right to see the Visitor Center, Museum and nature Trail. Continue north to Weott and use Exit 661 to return to highway 101.
- **City Of Fortuna Main Street Landscape Plantings:** Take Exit 688 (12th Street) to Fortuna, turn left at Main Street. This is a CGCI award winning project of the Fortuna Garden Club covering twelve blocks of Main Street. Benches and landscaping beautified the street scape, creating a traffic-calming feature to the urban landscape. The club was honored with a CGCI Presidential Citation and the CGCI 2016 Community Impact Award. Continue west on Main Street to return to Hwy 101. Bear River Hotel is 10 miles.



Eureka Sequoia Park

- **Eureka Sequoia Park Flower Garden** contains a wonderful collection of Dahlias and historic Daylilies. Next to the park is the Sequoia Park Zoo, one of the best small-town zoos in America. Eureka.

- **Kendall-Jackson Wine Estate:** Located just north of Santa Rosa and adjacent to Hwy. 101, it has a series of seven Wine Estate Gardens, including the Blooms of Bressingham Entry Garden, the Red and White Wine Sensory Gardens and the Culinary Gardens. 5007 Fulton Road, Fulton, 95439, 707-571-7500.

- **Francis Ford Coppola Winery:** Located 15 miles north of Kendall-Jackson, is owned by film maker Francis Ford Coppola. The Movie Gallery displays memorabilia of Coppola's five decades

of film making. The Rustic restaurant is a great stop for lunch or dinner on the outdoor terrace overlooking picturesque Alexander Valley. 300 Via Archimedes (Independence Lane), Geyserville, 95441, 707-857-1471.

- **Ferrari-Carrano Winery:** Located 4 miles north plus 4 miles to the west of Coppola, it has acres of gorgeous gardens with meandering paths, foot bridges, fish ponds and display of color year round. **The winery is a recipient of a CCC Landscape Design Certificate.** 8761 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, 95448, 707-433-6700.



Fortuna



Ferrari Carrano

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for details

• **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

• **Penny Pines**

Checks to US Forest Service

• **President's Project 2015-17**

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

• **Project Mission Blue**

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

• **Scholarships (Applications)**

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

• **Stagecoach Hill Propagation**

Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin
1312 Gates St.
Eureka, CA 95501-2627

• **Stamps**

Chairman: Claudia Marsh
19822 Ottawa Rd, Apple Valley
92308-6155

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

California Garden Clubs
P.O. Box 75, Graton, CA
95444-0075

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Blue Star Memorials
CGCI Endowments
CGCI Scholarship Fund
Rare Plant Treasure Hunt
Reforestation/Restoration
Sempervirens Fund

NGC Schools**Flower Show School, Course III****Chairman: Emily Troxell****Host: Southwestern Judges Council****September 12-14, 2016 - Old Poway Park, Poway, 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. Classes provide in-depth study in both of these fields so that the individual becomes well versed in the exhibits they will be responsible for evaluating. Registrations are accepted by Jill Coleman, (bcnjill@hotmail.com). The cost for the complete program and the test is \$145.00. Seats are at a premium.

Instructors;

◇ Horticulture (Begonias & Container Gardening): Darlene Newell

◇ Creative Design: Janice Hamlin

Gardening Study School, Series 25, Course IV**Chairman: Myrtle Findley****Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club****September 17-18, 2016 - Shady Glen Recreation Hall,
450 Gladys Road, Colfax, CA**

Gardening Study Courses are designed to: *Stimulate interest in the growth of plant materials; Teach: how and why a plant grows, soil structure and modification for more productive soils, plant identification, what effect weather has on plants and how to modify conditions for optimum growth; Give an understanding of fungicides, pesticides, and growth regulators; Illustrate propagation; and Explore specialized styles of gardening.*

Gardening Study School attendance is open to all, but to become a NGC Gardening Consultant, one must pass the required exams, be a member of a NGC affiliated garden club (within one year of completing the courses) and subscribe to *The National Gardener*.

TOPICS: Woody ornamentals, pruning techniques, Orchids, Outdoor identification of plants, specialized style of gardening

INSTRUCTORS: Ingrid Elsei, Rob Littlepage, Lyn Muth and Chris Bushman

Registration forms for each of the above:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

PLEASE NOTE: NEW AWARDS DEADLINE**ALL award entries (CGCI, PR, NGC) must be submitted by****December 1, 2016**

**Exceptions: Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters & Publicity Press Books
are due January 10, 2017**

Awards, Honors & Recognition

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

NOTE: Check the forms for the
correct mailing address

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

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

The following organizations will be submitted for ratification at the
2016 Fall Board Meeting:

Club:

- American Begonia Society, San Francisco
Branch (Bay Bridges District)
President: Carol Notares, 34 members
- Cardiff Garden Club (Palomar District)
President: Bonnie Manion, 10 members
- Coachella Valley Plumeria Society (Palms
to Pines District)
President: Mernell Wong, 41 members

Associate Plant Society:

- AOS Pacific Central Judging Center
President: Carol Zoltowski, 22 members

Affiliate:

- San Diego County Orchid Society
President: Scott LaBouff



Youth Club:

Chicago Park Youth Club
Sponsor: Chicago Park Garden Club
El Cerrito High School Community &
Memorial Garden Project
Sponsor: El Cerrito Garden Club

Youth Project:

Dana Grey Elementary School
Sponsor: Fort Bragg Garden Club

DON'T FORGET
Effective JULY 1, 2016
CGCI dues increased to
\$2.75 per capita
Dues are due BEFORE
October 1, 2016

CGCI Programs & Projects

Season's Greetings

Chairman: Maryanne Lucas



Season's Greetings are back and are a great way to send spec-
holiday messages to your garden club colleagues and friends. They will
appear in the December 2016 issue of *Golden Gardens eNews*. If there is an
overwhelming response the early submissions will be included in the Novem-
ber issue.

Greetings can be purchased by individuals, clubs and/or districts. Each
greeting is \$5.00 and you have your choice of eight graphic images. **Proceeds**
will benefit the 2015-17 President's Project "Encouraging Future Gardeners."

To order:

- ◇ Go to [Season's Greetings](#) on the website
- ◇ Complete the online form. (ONE form for each greeting)
- ◇ Print one copy to mail with your check
- ◇ Submit the form electronically
- ◇ Mail check and copy of form to the address shown on the
form



NOTE: There will be a "Season's Greetings" station at the 2016 Fall Board
meeting. You can submit the form and payment at that time...save a stamp!



In the Garden this month...

Excerpt from San
Diego Union-
Tribune

Vince Lazaneo (UC Extension)

- Tomatoes, peppers and beans are warm season crops, but their flowers may drop when the temperature soars and you will have less fruit to harvest. Keeping soil adequately moist on these crops can help reduce flower drop but some loss may still occur if the temperature remains high for a prolonged period.

Tomatoes

- Temperatures above 90 degrees can prevent pollination of flowers on tomatoes and cause them to drop. Excessive heat damages the pollen and may dry out the sticky surface on the female part of the flower so pollen is not held there. Some tomato varieties tolerate more heat than others, and these may be more productive in inland areas.

Peppers

- Peppers are even more temperamental about temperature when it comes to fruiting. Blossoms will not set when night temperatures are much below 60 degrees or above 75 degrees. Blossoms also will drop when day temperatures remain above 90 degrees for a period of time.

Beans

- Flowers can drop on snap beans (also called green or string beans) and on lima beans when the temperature remains above 90 degrees. The harvest can also be reduced by soil that is too dry or constantly wet and by high ozone. Some bush type snap beans are more heat tolerant than pole beans. Bush beans produce fewer pods in a more concentrated harvest lasting two to three weeks compared with four to six weeks for pole beans. The harvest season on bush beans can be extended by making successive plantings three to four weeks apart.

President's Project

Chairman: Maryanne Lucas

The following is a thank you note from the Schallenberger School in San Jose. The San Jose Garden Club donated the kits.

Dear California Garden Club,

Our school wanted to extend a big THANK YOU for your donation of plants and pots to our first and fourth graders! It is a wonderful opportunity for them to study plant parts and life cycle in a hands-on way! Our first graders loved planting their herb gardens, and I even heard one of our very picky kids whisper to a friend one morning as they were watering "I can't wait to eat these plants!". It is such a blessing to be able to show the kids what growing plants really look like, rather than just looking at pictures in a book. Our first graders made their gardens a part of their science exhibit in our school's annual science fair. The kids had a great time showing their parents their plants and doing a project showing what they know about plant life cycles.

Thank you so much,

Mrs. Perez, 1st Grade Teacher
Mrs. Martin Moss, 4th Grade Teacher
And all of our grateful students!



President's Project - Donors this month:

Cactus Wren Garden Club
Ceres Garden Club
Hermosa Garden Club
Mendo-Lake District
Palomar District
Paso Robles Multiflora Garden Club

Pleasant Valley Garden Club
Roseville Better Gardens Club
San Fernando Valley District
San Leandro Garden Club
Southern California Garden Club

Total to date: \$8,417.00

2015-16 President's Project Encouraging Future Gardeners



Pollinator Paradise Kit



Plant a Rainbow Kit

Also available:
Herbs Kit
Green Machine Kit
Watch-Us-Grow Kit

ORDER YOUR GARDEN KITS NOW!

Pick them up at the CGCI
Fall Board meeting in Humboldt.

MAILING
COSTS ARE
TERRIBLY
EXPENSIVE



Please order your kits NOW (order BEFORE
August 20) so your kits can be put
together and brought to the CGCI Fall
Board meeting for pick up.

For more information and the order form please see:
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/presidentsproject>



Would you like to reduce your printing costs for yearbook, brochures and fliers?

Consider the possibilities:

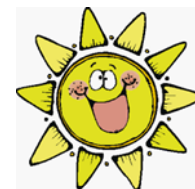
- ◆ Contact your local school district's printing department for a quote. You may be able to produce a yearbook at a significant savings. Example: Ceres Garden Club - the cost for 50 copies from the local commercial print shop was \$313.98. The cost of the school district printing was \$89.20, a savings of \$224.78. They were very pleased with their impressive high-quality finished product which was larger, with more pages and a better quality paper.
- ◆ Do you use a HP Color printer? Save when you use the HP Instant Ink program. Three levels:

occasional, moderate and frequent printing usage plans are available. For a low monthly fee HP delivers ink to you before you need it, with shipping costs and recycling fees included!

For more details visit www.hp.com/instantink

GROUP TAX-EXEMPTION PROGRAM – GTEP**Chairman: Krystal Migliore****Congratulations!**

We had a 100% of our GTEP members renew their participation in the program for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

**Mark your calendar!**

- Renewal Packets
 - ◊ In mid-September, renewal packets for the 2017/2018 fiscal year will be sent out via email. All documents included in the renewal packet email will also be posted on our website. Renewal packets will only be mailed via USPS upon special request.
 - ◊ Please don't wait until the last minute.
 - ◊ February 1 is the renewal deadline and please don't wait until then to submit your renewal application and required reports. Frequently, submitted renewal applications are incomplete or inaccurate and additional time is required to process before renewal approval.

Don't risk your tax-exempt status!

- All clubs are required to file annual reports with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Franchise Tax Board (FTB). When your fiscal year is July 1 to June 30, your IRS 990-N ePostcard and FTB 199-N ePostcard (or 990, 990-EZ or 199) are due by November 15.

ATTENTION ALL Presidents, District Directors & Treasurers

- ⇒ The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has changed the registration requirements and process for nonprofit organizations to submit IRS Form 990-N online.
- ⇒ You **MUST** re-register in 2016 before you file the 990-N (this applies whether you are a member of GTEP or have tax exempt status independently)
- ⇒ Step-by-step instructions are available to provide the assistance you need to easily overcome the challenges created by these recent changes.
- ⇒ The guidelines were recently sent to you via email.
- ⇒ If you did not receive the guidelines or need another copy
 - ◆ Go to: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/>
 - ◆ The link is posted to the home page and on the GTEP page
- ⇒ Remember, the GTEP renewal application requires your annual ePostcard or informational returns (whichever you file) be filed before you may complete and submit your GTEP renewal application. Document the dates because the dates filed must be included as well.



**Handy Hints:**

1. To prevent the line on your string trimmer from jamming or breaking, treat with a spray vegetable oil before installing it in the trimmer.
2. To have garden twine handy when you need it, just stick a ball of twine in a small clay pot, pull the end of the twine through the drainage hole, and set the pot upside down in the garden. Do that, and you'll never go looking for twine again.
3. The next time you boil or steam vegetables, don't pour the water down the drain, use it to water potted patio plants, and you'll be amazed at how the plants respond to the "vegetable soup."
4. The quickest way in the world to dry herbs: just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and close the doors. Your herbs will be quickly dried to perfection. What's more, your car will smell great.

**President 2015-2017****Sandra H. Robinson****Headquarters:**

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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

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National Garden Clubs, Inc.**NGC Youth Award**

"The Frightened Frog" Youth Award / Club Sponsorship Award:

For children in K-4th Grade

Applicant must be sponsored by a NGC garden club

1. First place (\$100), second place (\$75), third place (\$50) and honorable mention (\$25) will be given to a Youth Club, Youth Group or class in addition to a certificate for each award, for the most outstanding project dealing with the conservation of amphibians.
2. A \$25 award will be given to each NGC garden club that sponsors a winning applicant. A Certification of Participation will be given for each sponsor of an award application.

Deadline for entry is March 15, 2017

Send completed applications to The Frightened Frog Chairman:

Brenda Moore, 1709 Edgewood Drive, Oak Hill, WV 25901-2013

B_Moore@frontier.com

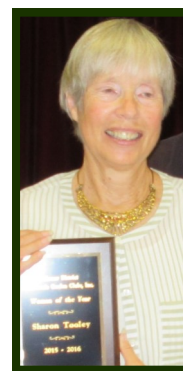
Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant

National Garden Clubs, Inc. is excited to announce a new grant opportunity for Garden Clubs working with youth clubs or groups planning and planting Pollinator Gardens. Grants, up to \$200, are available for projects that include educational materials on the vital role pollinators play in nature and youth involvement in planning and planting gardens providing nesting and food sources for pollinators. Youth will learn the importance of providing appropriate food sources, nesting areas, shelter, and practicing sustainable gardening practices for pollinators by planning, planting, and maintaining these pollinator gardens.

To apply for a grant, complete an [NGC Grant Application](#), provide detailed information about the project, and submit your request to the NGC Youth Committee Chairman for approval.

Club & District Corner**Palomar District**

Congratulations to Sharon Tooley, Palomar District Woman of the Year. She is District Recording Secretary, a member of Poway Valley Garden Club and Bernardo Gardeners and is currently co-president of the latter. Sharon has been involved in many youth-related activities and regularly volunteers at Rolling Hills Elementary. She participates in Adopt a Plot, a beautification project for Balboa Park, San Diego County Dahlia and Begonia Societies, gives demonstrations, workshops, and programs about Dahlias and is attending Flower Show School.

**Golden Foothills District**

Joan Craig, long-time CGCI and NGC board member is recuperating from double bypass surgery. Cards and good wishes can be sent to her at 642 Talus Way, Reno, NV 89503-1248.



DONATIONS 2016
Total this month: \$1,904.00
Pat York, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
 \$16,638.00

BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT

Eden GC

Honor: Laura Mainini

From: Holcombe Family \$68

From: Hall Family \$68

CASCADE DISTRICT

Trinity GC..... \$68

CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT

Pleasant Valley GC

correction to May report:

Honor: Donna Holland

COSTA VERDE DISTRICT

Riviera GC

Memory: Martha Ann Walter \$68

Memory: Ginnie Schneider \$68

Memory: Gloria Jacobs \$68

San Pedro GC

Honor: Irene Rich

*(correction for June name error)***GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT**

Colfax GC

Memory: Leland Frank Barnes

From: Ed & Rebecca Arguijo..... \$68

MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT

Ukiah GC

Memory: Alice Claire Swan \$68

Memory: Virginia Fitch \$68

PALMS TO PINES DISTRICT

Riverside-San Bernardino Counties

Orchid Society

Memory: Ronald Power

From: Pat, Tom, & June Engle..... \$136

PALOMAR DISTRICT

Village GC of La Jolla..... \$816

ROADRUNNER DISTRICT

Hesperia GC

Honor: Shirley Brogdon..... \$68

Honor: Linda Piccione \$68

Honor: Naomi & Ray Ramos... \$68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT

West Valley GC

Honor: Sue Bennett,

CGCI President..... \$68

Thanks to: WVGC 2015-16 Board

From: Ilona Buratti \$68



Note from Penny Pines Chairman Pat York

There is a **NEW DONATION AND REPORTING FORM**

- The new form and instructions are included on Pages 11-12.
- Be sure to download and/or print the new form before the club year begins so that you will have the correct one to report your 2016-17 donations.

Go to <http://californiagardenclubs.com/pennypines>

- Please DISCARD any previous versions. Use only the form marked 2016-17
- Questions? Contact Pat York: (510) 724-4612; phyork1931@aol.com

A Few Fun Frog Facts (from the NGC website)

- Albino frogs are a fairly common occurrence
- In Japan, frogs are symbols of Good Luck!
- Frogs in the environment are a true sign of a well balanced ecosystem
- Frogs completely shed their skin about once a week and they usually eat it!
- How many species of frogs do you think there are?
 1) 872; 2) 10,224; 3) 4,800; 4) I don't know - there are too many!
 Answer: 3) There are approximately 4,800 recorded species found and they span almost every climate. They live in every continent of the world except for Antarctica. The highest concentrations of frogs are found in warm, wet, tropical climates.



Penny Pines Donation & Notification Form 2016-17

Instructions – please read carefully:

Please print or type all information.

- To complete by hand: Print blank copy of the form and complete/insert information in ink. PRINT CLEARLY
- To complete electronically
 - Save form to folder on your computer; complete electronically and save under new name to preserve original blank form.
- Print TWO copies: ONE to mail with check; ONE to report donation to **current Penny Pines Chairman**
- You may include more than one donation on this form.

1. Make **ONE** Check payable to US Forest Service to cover total number of donations.
2. *If you need to use more than one form, amount of check should cover all forms placed in the envelope*
3. Mail check with copy of form(s) to the participating California National Forest (see list below).
4. Mail one copy of donation form(s) ONLY to current Penny Pines Chairman:

CGCI Penny Pines Chairman (2016-17) Pat York

1655 Marlesta Road, Pinole, CA 94564-2006

or via e-mail attachment to: phyork1932@aol.com

- One donation/plantation = \$68; All checks should be \$68 or multiples of \$68
- Checks and donation forms are mailed to the US Forest Service selected (see list below)
 - **Checks are NOT payable or mailed to CGCI or Penny Pines Chairman**
- Only one name per line (donor, honor, memory etc.)
- Use additional forms if necessary
- If you have questions – CALL the Penny Pines Chairman. Do NOT call the Forest Service

Following are the participating California National Forests:

- Angeles National Forest, 701 N. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, 91006 (626) 574-1613
- Cleveland National Forest, 10845 Rancho Bernardo Rd., Rancho Bernardo 92127 (858) 673-6180
- Eldorado National Forest, 100 Forni Rd., Placerville 95667 (530) 622-5061
- Klamath National Forest, 1711 S. Main St, Yreka 96097 (530) 842-6131
- Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt. Unit, 35 College Drive S. Lake Tahoe 96150 (530) 543-2600
- Lassen National Forest, 2550 Riverside Dr., Susanville 96130 (530) 257-2151
- Los Padres National Forest, 6750 Navigator Way. Suite 150, Goleta 93117 (805) 968-6640
- Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows 95988 (530) 934-3316
- Plumas National Forest, 159 Lawrence St., Quincy 95971 (530) 283-2050
- San Bernardino National Forest, 602 South Tippecanoe Ave, San Bernardino 92408 (909) 382-2600
- Sequoia National Forest, 1839 South Newcomb St, Porterville 93257 (559) 784-1500
- Shasta-Trinity National Forest, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding 96002 (530) 226-2500
- Sierra National Forest, 1600 Tollhouse Rd., Clovis 93611 (559) 297-0706
- Stanislaus National Forest, 19777 Greenley Rd., Sonora 95370 (209) 532-3671
- Tahoe National Forest, 631 Coyote St., Nevada City 95959 (530) 265-4531

REGIONAL PENNY PINES COORDINATOR

USDA Forest Service Regional Office R5

Brenda Kendrix, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, A 94592

(707) 562-8737

Penny Pines Donation & Notification Form

* Required entries

Forest Receiving Donation* (select from list) _____

District (Or Non-CGCI Donor)* _____

Number of District donations In Memory of: _____ # _____ \$ _____

Donated by (individual): _____ # _____ \$ _____

Number of District donations In Memory of: _____ # _____ \$ _____

Donated by (individual): _____ # _____ \$ _____

Number of District donations In Honor of: _____ # _____ \$ _____

Donated by (individual): _____ # _____ \$ _____

Number of District donations In Honor of: _____ # _____ \$ _____

Donated by (individual): _____ # _____ \$ _____

Number of other District donations: _____ # _____ \$ _____

Club

Number of Club donations In Memory of: _____ # _____ \$ _____

Donated by (individual): _____ # _____ \$ _____

Number of Club donations In Memory of: _____ # _____ \$ _____

Donated by (individual): _____ # _____ \$ _____

Number of Club donations In Honor of: _____ # _____ \$ _____

Donated by (individual): _____ # _____ \$ _____

Number of Club donations In Honor of: _____ # _____ \$ _____

Donated by (individual): _____ # _____ \$ _____

Number of other Club donations: _____ # _____ \$ _____

Totals: # _____ \$ _____

Submitted by:*

Name of Club/District contact

Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone No. _____

For the U.S. Forest Service:

Penny Pines certificate is to be mailed to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

(P.O. Box or street address, city and zip code)

Note: If you are honoring/remembering more than one individual, and would like certificates for each individual or family, suggest all certificates be sent to donor for distribution.