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and



From the President's desk...

Hello everyone,

'Twas the night before a Board Meeting, when all through
the inn,
Not a board member was in sight, not even at the tavern.
The hospitality table was set-up prematurely
Knowing the Board Members would be there bright and
early.

The Board Members were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of "Chia Pets" danced in their heads.

And I was as happy as can be,
since Board Members commented they liked the hotel even though it was
closer to a river rather than a sea.

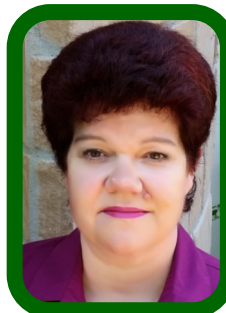
When out in the hallway there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter.

I flung open the door
To hear Myrtle and Joan yelling their fingers couldn't do kits
anymore!

The light from under other hotel room doors shone bright,
I wondered if other members were wakened by the fright.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But an assembly of Board Members, some dressed as reindeer.

You could hear President Sue, saying thank you to all
As it echoed through the hall and bounced off the wall.
President Sue got a good laugh, and through her tears
said **"THANKS TO ALL - AND TO ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"**

SueB



Now on a serious note:

Don't know what to get someone as a gift for the holidays, birthdays or
even to just say thank you? CGCI has many gifts that can be purchased in
"honor" of individuals or families. It is as easy as going to
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/projects> and filling out a form.



**Happy and Safe Holiday Season
to you and your family
Your President, SueB**



CGCI Official Calendarcaliforniagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **January 30-February 2: CGCI Winter Board Meeting:**
Host: Cascade District
- **March 27-29: CGCI Wildflower Conference**
Co-Chairmen: Merrilee Ray & Janice Wagner; Kernville.
- **May 30-June 3: CGCI Convention,** San Luis Obispo

**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

- **February 24-25: Tri-Refresher,**
Sponsor: Long Beach Garden Club. Chairman: Jane Kaylor
- **March 13-15: Flower Show School, Course 4,** Sponsor: Southwest Judges Council; Poway, CA, Chairman: Emily Troxell
- **June 25-28: Flower Show Symposium,** Ontario, Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost

Note from Gardening Study & Landscape Design Schools Chairmen:

- Consultants whose credentials will lapse in December can request an extension. All consultants may refresh at the February Tri-Refresher in Long Beach.



The holidays will be called to order. Celebrate and then learn in Gardening Study School in the new year!
Greg Pokorski

January 30 - February 2, 2017**CGCI Winter Board Meeting***Host: Cascade District***Co-Chairmen: Kathy Bramhall & Carolyn Hoyum**

Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson, CA

Join us for workshops/programs: Bugs, Figs/Olives, Bees and Soil;
& a Recycle/Repurpose/Reuse Fashion Show

Special: "Leap Into Leadership" workshop led by Robin Pokorski**Note the "early-bird" deadline: December 28, 2016** for

Hotel reservations (special \$99 room rate) & Registration forms

See Page 9 for general information

All forms: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/nextmeeting>**President's Project
Maryanne Lucas, Chairman****Who Can Make a Difference?**

Margaret Mead once said *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

Here in California, the same thing is happening. Our CGCI President, Sue Bennett, and groups of volunteers are making a difference throughout the state. The President's Project, *Encouraging Future Gardeners*, is reaching thousands of children. From Girl Scouts in Eureka, to the kids participating in programs provided by the Long Beach Department of Parks and Recreation, to school kids in San Diego, kits that promote gardening, good health and pollinator protection are being put to good use from the top of the state all the way to the southern border.

There is still time to get kits for the future gardeners in your community. We are starting a new year so every group is entitled to 35 free kits just for the asking by filling out the order form. A donation of \$1 for every kit over 35 is greatly appreciated.... still a GREAT deal! And a great way to introduce a whole new generation to the wonder and joy that gardens can bring into our lives. The order form can be found on the CGCI website at

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/presidentsproject>

We encourage you to pick up your order at the CGCI Winter Board meeting in Anderson, CA. Please make sure your order is received BEFORE January 15 to give the Garden Elves time to get your order together and ready for you to pick up.

President Sue and the Elves would like to extend their heartfelt THANK YOU to all for your wonderful support of this program so far. They are waiting to hear from YOU and look forward to wrapping up the President's term by putting THOUSANDS of kits into the hands of future gardeners before June 30.



May your stockings be filled only with "Golden" news
(no spam or spoofing!)

Jane McKee, CGCI Communications Director

Membership Matters

Rilla Crane, CGCI 2nd Vice President/Membership

"Like a plant you're either growing or dying. Let's choose growth for
National Garden Clubs, Inc." (NGC)

"When we cease to contribute, we die." Eleanor Roosevelt

We are thankful for all the many opportunities available to us to belong and serve our communities in meaningful ways as members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI), Pacific Region and NGC. Listed are a few of the opportunities available to us as garden club members:

- ♥ **FRIENDSHIPS** – Life's treasures; acquire as many as you can. Wherever you live you have friends in garden clubs with the same interest you have.
- ♥ **EDUCATION** – Continue to learn with the 4 NGC Accredited Schools available: Environmental Studies School, Flower Show School, Gardening Study School, Landscape Design School.
- ♥ **COMMUNITY** – Garden Club projects enrich and beautify where we live.
- ♥ **ENVIRONMENT** – Recycle to preserve and protect our valuable natural resources: waterways, land, air, and flora and fauna.
- ♥ **GARDENS** – Home gardens and public gardens enrich our environments.
- ♥ **YOUTH** – Future gardeners learning through Youth Garden Clubs and Intermediate and High School Garden Clubs.
- ♥ **SCHOLARSHIPS** – Offered from individual garden clubs, CGCI, and NGC to support and encourage students in the fields of horticulture and the environment.
- ♥ **PROGRAMS** – Outstanding programs are provided on horticulture, floral design, gardening and environmental issues.
- ♥ **TRAVEL** – Tours are available through districts, state, region, and NGC. They are well planned and you are with friends. A trip to Peru was very memorable and on a CGCI cruise to Canada it was a treat to see fall foliage. Garden clubs also plan trips of interest to their members.
- ♥ **MORE** – Newsletters, websites, awards. Blue Star Memorials and more....
- ♥ **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** – One new member is as welcome as a large club. No one can participate in all these opportunities. You decide your interest.

EVERY GARDEN CLUB MEMBER IS IMPORTANT AND MATTERS.



President's Travel Schedule:

- December 3: Linden Community Garden Club
- December 5: Auburn Garden Club
- December 10: Colfax Garden Club
- December 13: Roseville Better Gardens Club
- December 20: Southern California Garden Club
- January 5: Folsom Garden Club
- January 30-Feb 2: Winter Board, Anderson
- February 27-28: Palomar District
- March 1: Ripon Garden Club
- March 27-29: Wildflower Conference
- April 10: Desert Empire District
- April 18-20: PR Convention, Washington
- May 16-21: NGC Convention, Virginia
- May 30-June 3: CGCI Convention

President's Project donations this month:

- ♥ CGCI In memory of Robert Schuler
- ♥ CGCI Seasons Greetings
- ♥ Ed & Dorothy Dempsey
- ♥ Eileen Bowling in memory of her mother
- ♥ FB2016 MMA Championship
- ♥ Fort Bragg Garden Club
- ♥ Long Beach Garden Club
- ♥ Mission Valley Garden Club

TOTAL TO DATE: \$12,233. 00



Hoe, Hoe, Hoe!! Merry Christmas
and Happy 2017!

Robin Pokorski



Club & District Corner



To: Members of the Red Bluff Garden Club--Merry Christmas and Happy Gardening in 2017!
Kathy Bramhall

Wishing the Mad Hatters of Westlake Village Garden Club a joyful holiday. You're the best.
Jean Reilly



Costa Verde District wishes all our garden club friends in California a wonderful Holiday Season and a healthy and fruitful New Year.
Gudrun Kimmel, District Director



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Garden Club friends.
San Pedro Garden Club



Wishing all of our fellow garden clubbers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Conejo Valley Garden Club

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas & Happy 2017 to Cascade District members!
Kathy Bramhall, District Director

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.
Desert Empire District



Best of everything in 2017!
San Fernando Valley District



Season's Greetings to the executive board and members of the Conejo Valley Garden Club. Best wishes for a wonderful and joyous New Year!

Sandy Richeson

To the board and all of the members of the HESPERIA GARDEN CLUB. It has been a pleasure and a honor to serve as your president. I would like to wish each and everyone of you a Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2017.

Terry Sampson



To all of our CGCI friends, Best Wishes for a glorious Holiday Season and outstanding New Year

From Diablo Foothills District



The Southern California Garden Club wishes Happy Holidays to all of our Garden Club Friends.
Harriet

Bay Ocean District wishes you an 'evergreen Christmas season' and a 'fruitful New Year'

Nancy McDougal, District Director



Santa Clara Valley District Gardeners: May your homes and gardens be filled with joy and abundance this holiday season!
Roseann Costabile, SCV District Director



Holiday Greetings
Arboretum District

To: Sue Bennett & the Executive Committee. Relax and enjoy the Holidays!
Kathy Bramhall



CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
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

CGCI Programs & Projects**The 2016 AWARDS DEADLINE is HERE**

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**

DON'T WAIT TIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES!

**NOTE: If you (individual, club or district) received an award check at
the 2016 convention and have not yet cashed it, the check will become
invalid on December 31, 2016.**



Happy Holidays from your Liability
Insurance Chairman
Shane Looper



Happy Holidays! May the "Forest" be
with you...and future gardeners too!
Rosa Radicchi,
Sempervirens Fund Chairman

Twelve Fun Facts of Christmas

1. Norwegian scientists have hypothesized that Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system.
2. The Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of dyed goose feathers.
3. According to the Guinness world records, the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas fir that was displayed in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington.
4. Each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone.
5. Early illustrations of St. Nicholas depict him as stern, commanding, and holding a birch rod. He was more a symbol of discipline and punishment than the jolly, overweight elf children know today.
6. Christmas stockings allegedly evolved from three sisters who were too poor to afford a marriage dowry and were, therefore, doomed to a life of prostitution. They were saved, however, when the wealthy Bishop Saint Nicholas of Smyrna (the precursor to Santa Claus) crept down their chimney and generously filled their stockings with gold coins.
7. US scientists calculated that Santa would have to visit 822 homes a second to deliver all the world's presents on Christmas Eve, travelling at 650 miles a second.
8. JAMES Pierpont's 1857 song Jingle Bells was first called One Horse Open Sleigh and was written for Thanksgiving.
9. Alabama was the first state in the United States to officially recognize Christmas in 1836.
10. Christmas wasn't declared an official holiday in the United States until June 26, 1870.
11. Oklahoma was the last U.S. state to declare Christmas a legal holiday, in 1907.
12. All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.



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*!

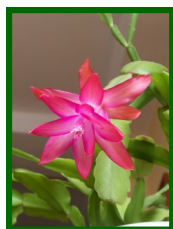


- Banners
- Bookmarks*
- Rack Cards*
- Pamphlets*

(Check the website for
ordering details)

Christmas Greens:

Poinsettia: The ancient Aztecs (ruling tribe in central Mexico at the time of contact with Europe) prized the poinsettia as a symbol of purity. Centuries later, Mexico's early Christians adopted the poinsettia as their prized Christmas Eve flower. The Mexican poinsettia, known as the Christmas Flower in North America, is used in most Christmas decorations, owing to its bright red color and its blooming season coinciding with the Christmas holiday season. However, florist dye them in common colors or even add shimmerers to make them much more visually engaging during Christmas.



Christmas cactus: Christmas cactus, also known as orchid cactus, often blooms around Christmas time. Pendulous stems of Christmas cactus make it a great choice for hanging baskets. There are a number of different cactus species sold as "Christmas cactus."

Christmas rose: One plant called Christmas rose is regarded as a true Christmas flower in certain parts of the world. Christmas rose (Serissa) is also known as the "snow rose" or "winter rose." Originally from tropical regions of Asia, cultivated Serissa often blooms during the winter. Another plant known as Christmas rose is Helleborus niger.



Holly: Holly is the plant most associated with Christmas in many European countries. Holly wreaths are hung on doors, and sprigs of holly used to trim Christmas puddings.

Ivy: Like most of the other Christmas flowers, ivy leaves symbolize eternity and resurrection. The ivy leaf has been associated with the Egyptian God, Osiris, and the Greco-Roman god, Attis; both of whom were resurrected from the dead.



Mistletoe: Mistletoe is a Christmas plant whose origin is said to date back to the Pagans. Druid priests used this Christmas plant two hundred years before the birth of Christ in their winter celebrations. A more modern tradition is to exchange kisses under a sprig of mistletoe.

In the Garden this month... will return in January
It's the holiday season...take a well-deserved BREAK!



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

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Email: headquarters@gardenclub.org**Publication:** *The National Gardener***Website:** gardenclub.org**Convention:**

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: April 18-20, 2017
 Seattle, WA

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National Garden Clubs, Inc.**Sandra Robinson, NGC President****Excerpted from "The National Gardener," Fall 2016:**

Gardeners are concerned about issues related to health and the environment. One way we can make a change is through our use and understanding of plastics and their increasing effect on the environment.



We are a plastic society. Try avoiding anything plastic for one day. Our light switches, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, toilet seats, coffee makers, cars, bottles, bags, straws, takeout food wraps and containers are made of plastics. It is versatile, lightweight, moisture resistant, durable and inexpensive, but leaves an indelible footprint on the environment.

Every day in the United States, we throw out around 88,000 tons of plastics. Of this, 86 percent end up in landfills. Eight million tons of plastic are dumped in the ocean around the globe each year. According to a new study, this is equivalent to five grocery bags for every foot of coastline around the world.

Plastic floating on the ocean's surface outnumbers sea life six to one or 46,000 pieces of plastic for every square mile. Plastic also has been found in the Arctic Ocean; leading to speculation that a sixth garbage patch is forming. According to 5 Gyres, an organization aimed at reducing plastic pollution through education, science and activism, nearly 5 trillion pieces of plastic are floating in the world's oceans, causing about \$13 billion in damage to marine ecosystems each year.

Plastic is made from petroleum or natural gas. Many chemicals are added during the processing to make it easier to use in the end product. Synthetic plastic does not biodegrade, creating a growing environmental and health problem. Many are concerned that the chemicals, especially BPA, leached from plastics used in cooking and storage, are harmful to human health. What is your plastic footprint? What choices can you make to reduce your plastic consumption?

NEW from NGC Member Services! Garden Markers

Plant it Pink garden markers will be available soon from NGC Member Services. **Two sizes are available**—small for your pots of pink flowers, or large for your pink ground plantings. The markers are a perfect way to **promote breast cancer awareness** and your garden club's commitment to this worthy project. Remember, fall is a great time to plant pink tulip bulbs at home and in public places for a beautiful pink spring! Plant it Pink...Planet Pink!

To order:

Contact NGC Member Services

1-800-550-6007 or 314-776-7574, ext. 218





DONATIONS 2016
Total this month: \$2,380.00
Pat York, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
 \$22,758.00

**BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT**

Friends of Heirloom Flowers

Memory: Gene Anderson \$68

BAY OCEAN DISTRICT

Carolands GC \$68

BUTTES DISTRICT

Magalia Beautification Assoc. \$68

CASCADE DISTRICT

Cottonwood GC

Memory: Vera Miller \$68

COSTA VERDE DISTRICT

San Pedro GC

Honor: Karen Czap..... \$68

Honor: Virginia Pagan..... \$68

Honor: Toni Luz \$68

MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT

Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis GC

Memory: Gerald R. Saul, Sr. ... \$68

Honor: Debra Watson O'Dell.. \$68

MONTANA DE ORO DISTRICT

Cayucos GC

Honor: Darlene Kaberline \$68

PALOMAR DISTRICT

Carlsbad GC..... \$68

Dos Valles GC

Memory: Joan Patton \$272

Fallbrook GC..... \$68

Point Loma GC \$68

Poway Valley GC

Honor: Hedy Pieramico \$68

San Carlos GC

Memory: Shirley O'Connell \$68

San Dieguito GC

Honor: Maxine Levine

& Allys Smith \$68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT

Burbank-Valley GC

Honor: Cheryl Ohl Lynn..... \$68

Honor: Henry Weiss..... \$68

Southern California GC

Honor: Martine Colette..... \$68

Honor: Dr. Paul Kores \$68

West Valley GC

Memory: Bonnie McConnell

from: Evelyn Warrington

& West Valley GC \$68

Honor: Yvonne Jones \$68

Honor: Beverly Jeppson \$68

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT

South Valley Fleurs GC \$68

SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Sequoia GC \$68

Honor: Diane Depew \$68

VALLEY LODGE DISTRICT

Calaveras County GC

Memory: Eloise Ponte \$68

Memory: Roxie Barnes \$68

Memory: Peggy Caccamo \$68

Memory: Mike Kritelech..... \$68

MISCELLANEOUS

Estero Bay Women's Club

Honor: Betty Turner \$68



May all the blessings of the
 season shine upon you.

*Linden Community
 Garden Club*



No one works harder
 teaching children the love of
 gardening than
 Maryanne Lucas.

Such a gift.
Jean Reily



May you enjoy the Holiday Season with your
 families and friends. May it be a special
 season for everyone this year.

Hank & Gail Vanderhorst



Merry Christmas and
 Happy New Year to all
 my gardening
 angels.

Marilyn Oberti



Thank you for the time
 we've spent together,
 Mom.

You are my inspiration.
Jeanne Desilets



Merry Christmas to my
 garden club traveling part-
 ner Carolyn Hoyum! You
 are an angel.

Kathy Bramhall



Happy Fall Season "Sue"!
 You are Fabulous!
Bay Bridges District

Have a wonderful
 holiday season!
Myrtle Findley



To All Garden Clubbers:
 Season's Greetings!
 Happy Gardening!
Kathy Bramhall



Hello Board of Directors,

The CGCI Winter Board Meeting is scheduled for January 30 - February 2, 2017. The theme for this meeting is "*The Good Earth*." Five minutes will be allotted per chairman and District Directors to give an update.

The registration process remains the same: **Both your hotel reservations and mailing your registration (postmarked) must be made before Wednesday, December 28, 2016***; The part-time and spouse (companion/guest) registration fee has been eliminated; **No registrations will be accepted after January 16, 2017.** No refunds after January 20, 2017.

*Registering for the early bird rate (before December 28) will give you a savings...so, take advantage of this opportunity and register early. Do check out the Package Plan savings! Envelopes postmarked after December 28 will need to pay the \$25 extra fee (refer to Registration Form).

Co-Chairmen Kathy Bramhall and Carolyn Hoyum and Cascade District members are planning a once-in-a-lifetime Winter Board Meeting with a great line-up of speakers and workshops. They look forward to making it a memorable experience for all at the Gaia Hotel & Spa. In lieu of a tour three workshops have been scheduled. There will be no pre-purchase of raffle tickets as a silent auction is planned instead. They even have planned a flower show and a fashion show for our enjoyment and education.

"Growing Minds" will be one of the topics at Business Meeting 3 and 4. There will be no panel, instead I have asked Robert Gordon and Robin Pokorski to ask the chairman/district directors to discuss topics at their forums to bring to this meeting. This will be an open discussion; I encourage everyone to submit questions ahead of time to our facilitator, Robin Pokorski, RobinP@juno.com who will find the right person to answer it. Questions will be accepted during the discussion, time permitting.

"Planting Seeds" - Robin Pokorski, CGCI Leadership Chairman and NGC Leap into Leadership Chairman will be giving a four-hour Leadership Workshop scheduled for immediately after the board meeting on Thursday, February 2. Robin has been traveling throughout the United States giving her workshop - in fact some states have asked her to come back. This workshop is opened to everyone for an additional fee of \$25. Refer to Registration Form, Part I.

Safe travels and see you in Anderson,

SueB

Hotel Reservation Deadline: December 28, 2016

Gaia Hotel & Spa, 4125 Riverside Place, Anderson, CA 96007

To get the special \$99.00 single/double room rate, make room reservations prior to **December 28, 2016** with the Gaia Hotel & Spa directly by calling call 877-778-3977 or 530-365-7077 and ask for the garden club rate. The room rate will be extended three days before and after the board meeting dates. Requests for special room arrangements must be made when making your reservations. Check-in is at 4:00 p.m.

Hotel Parking & Amenities

- Complimentary Self-Parking,
- Complimentary wireless Internet access,
- Free breakfast,
- Beautiful native plant garden and walkways along the river,
- 10% discount for all services at the Living Water Spa. Call hotel directly at 877-778-3977 extension 1195 to make reservations;
- Year-Round Outdoor Heated Pool & Jacuzzi.

Travel Information by Car:

Hotel is just north of Anderson, CA:

I-5 North toward San Francisco/Stockton/Sacramento;

From the Stockton/Sacramento area:

I-5 North toward Woodland/Redding

From Anderson: Take exit 670 (Riverside Avenue). Take exit ramp right. Turn right onto Riverside Ave. and then immediately turn left on to Alexander Ave. Arrive at 4125 Riverside. Hotel is on your left.

Winter Board Meeting Speakers, & Programs

California Consultants Council - Monday, January 30, 2017

❖ **6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: Closed Meeting - members only**

❖ **7:15 p.m. This presentation is Open to all CGCI attendees.**

- Guest Speaker: John Whittlesey, author "A Plant Lover's Guide to Salvias"
 - Come be enlightened by John, owner of Canyon Creek Nursery & Design, author, garden designer, landscape contractor and avid amateur photographer. Salvias have long been among his favorites and he incorporates them generously into his garden designs. His book is full of colorful salvia pictures and educational information that will be available for purchase after his talk.

Workshops Tuesday, January 31, 2017

❖ **9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Workshop #1 – Jim Skaggs - Got Bugs?**

- Jim is an Inspector for the Department of Food and Agriculture. He will tell us ways of testing our gardens for critters, good and bad, and help us determine safe chemicals and organic ways to keep our garden safe from bad bugs.

❖ **10:00 a.m.- 10:45 a.m. Workshop #2 – Bob Steinacher - What About Figs?**

- Bob Steinacher, owner of Maywood Farms. Come hear how a dream to be a farmer became reality via a challenge. Maywood Farms is a family owned grower, packer, and shipper of California Certified Organic Fresh (CCOF) figs.

❖ **11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Workshop #3 – Jim Jungwirth - Bees, Honey & Venom**

- Jim has been keeping bees for almost 40 years in the small Trinity County valley town of Hayfork. He helps new bee keepers, giving advice and selling starter colonies. Jim experiments making flavored honeys from different pollen sources. Besides making honey, Jim experiments with using bee venom for medical purposes. Jim also has a fruit orchard, raises award winning dahlias and does floral design. Jim will have some of his honey available for purchase.

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch Program: Speaker: Jim Komar, Area Resource Soil Scientist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service – “All About Dirt”

Jim has a Master’s Degree in Forestry and has worked in various positions for USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service for 29 years, currently serving as the Area Resource Soil Scientist at Red Bluff. Jim has mapped soils all over Northern California and can help us understand the makeup of our soils and what to do to improve them. Jim has spent his career “Helping People Help the Land.”

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Dinner Program **Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse Fashion Show**

Come "Grow Your Mind" experiencing some of CGCI's awards, committees and projects interpreted in new fashion statements. Our models will be showing apparel purchased only from yard sales and thrift stores or re-made, or hand-me-downs. We present this show as a fun way to recognize those who Recycle, Repurpose & Reuse and encourage others to do the same.

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Program: Speaker: Dr. Steve Laymon – “Wildflowers of Tehama County”

Steve Laymon has a PhD in Wildlife Management and currently works as a Wildlife Biologist for Bureau of Land Management in Redding, but his real love is locating, photographing, and cataloging wildflowers in Tehama County. Dr. Laymon has traveled the length and breadth of Tehama County’s 2,962 square miles to identify and photograph wildflowers—which you will see during his talk. There are 2500 species and subspecies of wildflowers in the county—much to do, much to do! Tehama County has much diversity in its flora—some occurring only in the County—because of its wide range of elevation, precipitation, and soils.

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Dinner Program Entertainment - Matthew Songmaker

Matthew Songmaker is a 17-year-old multi-talented Native American from Red Bluff. Songmaker plays the fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo and several other instruments, writes some of his own material, AND sings! He showcases his talents playing with his band quirkily named the “December Bicyclists.” In addition to bluegrass, he plays a variety of Americana music, including country, traditional rock, blues and gospel. Songmaker is a student at Shasta College and teaches music for local youth groups and schools. Enjoy!

Thursday, February 2, 2017

11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Leadership Workshop

Robin Pokorski, CGCI Leadership Chairman and NGC Leap into Leadership Chairman will be giving a four-hour Leadership Workshop scheduled after the board meeting on Thursday, February 2 at 11:30 a.m. Robin has been traveling throughout the United States giving her workshop – in fact some states have asked her to come back. This workshop is open to everyone for an additional fee of \$25. Refer to Registration Form, Part I.