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From the President's desk...

Happy New Year!

It is time for New Year Resolutions and your CGCI's President is no different. My top three New Year Resolutions are 1) Promoting Growing Minds and Planting Seeds, 2) Encouraging Future Gardeners and 3) to have two great board meetings and one awesome convention. These can't be achieved without members like you - dedicated, motivated and committed to pursuing CGCI Objectives.

I hope to see everyone at the 2016 Winter Board Meeting to be hosted by Costa Verde District at the DoubleTree San Pedro – Port of Los Angeles - San Pedro, CA, January 31 through February 3, 2016. (See the information on Page 2) Something new - the Pacific Region District Director, Kristie Livreri, will be joining us. Normally the Pacific Region Director and NGC President are asked to attend our conventions. But since we only have two it means one would attend at the end of their term. Change is good. Kristie is looking forward to spending time with us and is scheduled to talk about her theme at our Tuesday business meeting. I can't wait to see the results of the "Growing Minds" Chia Head challenge. At our 2015 Fall Board Meeting, a challenge was made and those with the shortest "hair" will be making a donation to the President's Project.

Our 85th annual convention is in May and NGC President, Sandra Robinson, will be our guest. Make sure to mark your calendars. Our 2016 Fall Board Meeting will take us to Humboldt.

Thank you for your generosity to the 2015-2017 President's Project, *Encouraging Future Gardeners*. Donations have exceeded \$2,100. A special thank you to the Donner Garden Club for their \$500 donation. I was present when a motion was made, seconded and passed. They had me speechless. Thank you also to the Colfax Garden Club for their \$100 donation.

In December I visited three clubs in Golden Foothills District (my district) and one in Valley Lode. Who would have thought celebrating Christmas would be so different – with a few things being the same – eating, eating and singing. Starting the month off with the members and guests of Linden Community Garden Club's Annual Christmas Luncheon. A very small and proud community – Linden Lions' were the chefs (some of the members' husbands), servers were members of the local high school band with music from students from the same local high school as well as bell ringers. I was the pear tree in the 12 Days of Christmas. There was a little girl who was the partridge, but she wouldn't let me pick her up. Folks were wondering what I was doing standing there so tall!!! Unfortunately no pictures as I kept moving.

Colfax also did the 12 Days of Christmas and had folks in groups. Mary Arakelian and I were the 11 pipers piping and you had to stand when it was your turn. Folks either forgot what number they were or forgot to sing. Auburn had hail with lots of rain.

Of course both Donner Garden Club of Auburn members and Roseville Better Garden Club members sang. Did I mention we ate?

Visiting our CGCI clubs and districts continues to be a rewarding experience. Hearing about your wonderful projects and activities makes it even more of a pleasure to serve you!

See you at Winter Board,

Cheers,

SueB



CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **January 10:** Deadline for all other awards
- **January 15:** Deadline for Liability Insurance premium payment
- **January 31-February 3: CGCI Winter Board Meeting**
- **February 1:** Deadline for GTEP renewals
- **February 8: Leadership Workshop**, Encino
- **February 22: Leadership Workshop**, Arcadia
- **May 19-22: 85th Annual CGCI Convention.** Irvine Hotel, Irvine.
Host: Orange County District Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche

NGC Schools Calendar (California)

All registration forms are on the CGCI website Calendar page

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

Go to gardenclub.org
for schools in other states

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



Sally Belisle, President Roseville Better Gardens Club, Mary Arakelian, Golden Foothills District Director, SueB, CGCI President

RBGC Theme was White Christmas. We each received a white Origami Owl made by member Susie Strom.



CGCI Winter Board 2016

January 31 - February 3, 2016

"Gardening: Our Bridge to the Future"

DoubleTree by Hilton, 2800 Via Cabrillo Marina, San Pedro, CA 90731

Host: *Costa Verde District*

Co-Chairmen: Gudrun Kimmel & Alexis Slafer

Special Guest: Pacific Region Director, Kristie Livreri

January 1: Deadline: hotel reservations

JANUARY 1: DEADLINE: EARLY CGCI REGISTRATION

NOTE: The LATE registration fee is \$60.00

Registration & Information Forms - go to

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/nextmeeting>

Highlights:

- Tour of San Pedro and Palos Verdes area
- Workshops: Rare Fruit in Our Garden; Fun with Weaving & Braiding Plant Material
- Programs: Herbs – with a California Twist; Madrona Marsh Preserve – A Brief Look at Its Cultural & Natural History; A Passion for Passion Flowers; Growing Minds, Planting Seeds

DON'T FORGET:

The District Director mailboxes are back!

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

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



CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

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

• Membership dues:

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

• Insurance:

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

• Group Tax Exemption Program:

Chairman: Krystal Migliore
P.O. Box 1414
Gridley, 95948-1414

• President's Project 2015-17:

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

• Scholarships (Applications):

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

• Donations to the following projects are mailed to:

California Garden Clubs
P.O. Box 75, Graton, 95444-0075
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Blue Star Memorials
CGCI Endowments
CGCI Scholarship Fund
Rare Plant Treasure Hunt
Reforestation/Restoration
Sempervirens Fund

The following are unchanged:

⇒ Penny Pines - checks to US Forest
Service

⇒ Project Mission Blue

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

Youth Activities:

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

CGCI Programs & Projects

Awards: Lynne Batchelor, Co-Chairman

♥ **Reminder:** All awards that were NOT eligible for NGC consid-
eration are due **JANUARY 10, 2016**. This includes the Special
Awards - Man & Woman of the Year, Lifetime Achievement,
etc.

♥ Also due are the Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl posters. Mail to Charlotte
Tucker, 18047 Lime Kiln Road, Sonora, CA 95370.



Liability Insurance: Shane Looper, Chairman

A reminder about CGCI Liability Insurance

- The premium is due **January 15, 2016** ...if not received by that date a late fee
of \$20.00 will be required in addition to your fees.
- If you are sending your Additional Insured Certificate Requests at the same
time you must send the additional \$35.00 and **A COPY OF THE WRITTEN
AGREEMENT!**

♦ This is a new requirement for the 2016-2017 year. The entire agreement
must be submitted for review by the insurance broker.



See the website for forms and information regarding liabil-
ity insurance.

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/insurance>

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

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

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP): Krystal Migliore, Chairman

- **February 1, 2016** is the deadline to submit the renewal form and fee of \$15
TO BE INCLUDED in the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program for the Fiscal Year
July 1, **2016**-June 30, **2017**.
- Renewal form and instructions are available on the website:
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep>

Stamps...they're back!

CGCI is once again collecting used stamps. They will be
sent to *Boys Town*, Omaha, NE where they will be dis-
tributed and sold in bulk to buyers as well as given to *Boys
Town* residents for their own stamp collections. Save the stamps from enve-
lopes you receive in the mail and cut them from the envelope leaving a one
inch margin around the stamp. Stamps may be given to your District Director
to bring to CGCI board meetings or conventions.



Awards, Honors & Recognition

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

NOTE: Some of the following have
new chairmen, forms and/or mailing
addresses

Californiagardenclubs.com/forms

♥ **Angels**

Chairman: Jane McKee
1276 Palomares 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)

Club & District Corner**Vista Garden Club**

Each year the club creates small dish gardens to donate to a local care facility for shut-ins during the holidays.

Southern California Garden Club

Club members assembled tray favors including Hershey's Kisses and mini-marshmallows that were delivered to convalescent homes and hospitals during the holidays.

**Eureka Sequoia Garden Club**

The club formed a second Youth Garden Club! Daisy Troop 90041, Junior Gardeners with 16 members, pre-school through kindergarten.

Fortuna Garden Club

The club held its 45th (!!) annual holiday home tour and tea in December featuring four beautifully decorated private homes.

**Pat yourselves on the back!**

Do you have a special event, program
or project to share? Send information
and photos (in jpeg format) to:

goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org

NGC Schools

Gardening Study School, Series 25, Course I

Chairman: Myrtle Findlay

Host: Colfax Garden Club

January 16-17, 2016 - Shady Glen Recreation Hall, 450 Gladyscon Road, Colfax, CA

The hall is in Shady Glen Residential Park located just outside Colfax on Highway 174 (on the road to Grass Valley).

- The objectives of a Gardening Study School are to stimulate an interest in horticulture and to further the art of gardening.
- Instructors for Course I are Ingrid Elsel, Rob Littlepage, Dennis Belisle and Lyn Muth.
- Topics will include Botany, Soils, Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers, Grafting and Plant Propagation.
- After successful completion of four courses a member may become an accredited gardening consultant.
- Further information and the registration form are available on the website:

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

NOTE: Course II will be held March 5-6, 2016. Check the website for the registration form (coming soon).

Flower Show School, Course II

Chairman: Emily Troxell

Host: Southwestern Judges Council

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

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

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

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

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



And don't forget:

April 8-10: Flower Show Symposium

April 28-29: Landscape Design School, Series 26, Course IV.

Check the website Calendar page for information and forms.

This Month in the Garden



Plant:

- ◇ bare-root trees
- ◇ bare-root shrubs & roses

Prune:

- ◇ deciduous fruit trees & roses
- ◇ trees & shrubs...be careful with flowering trees/shrubs. Don't trim the developing buds. Wait to trim frost damage until all danger of frost is passed.

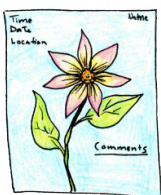
Start seeds indoors:

- ◇ Veggies (tomatoes, peppers, zucchini)
- ◇ Annuals (marigolds, cosmos)
- ◇ Herbs (basil etc.)

Start a garden journal:

Include names of plants, pictures, planting and care instructions.

Use seed packets/labels on cover or as inside décor.



Tech Tips



- New on the website: Frequently Asked Questions (**FAQ**) Page

• If you experience difficulty opening websites, webpages or online documents try using a different **browser**, i.e. Firefox instead of IE or Chrome instead of Firefox.

• Fillable PDF documents appear not to work? Just wait a few seconds, the application is loading in the background.

Floral Design

Are you looking for great ideas for designs? Or a wonderful way to spend an afternoon? Check out the Floral Design Forum, a monthly demonstration of a variety of design styles sponsored by Palomar District.

The Forum meets first Monday, October thru May - 12:30 p.m. at **Shinoda Design Center**, 7170 Miramar Rd., San Diego, 92121. The cost is \$12 per session for NGC/CGCI members and \$15 for non-members.

To view photos of the design programs, go to the [Forum Facebook](#) page. Here's a sample:



Meet Pacific Region Director Kristie Livreri

Kristie is a native Nevadan. She was born in Caliente and grew up in the small town of Pioche. At Lincoln County High School she ran track, was a cheerleader, played clarinet in the band, and was in the school's marching group. She was also Homecoming Queen! She says when there are only five girls in your class, you pretty much got a chance to do everything.

After high school, Kristie came to Las Vegas to attend Dana McKay Business College. She worked as a telephone operator during that time, back when operators were there not only to connect calls, but to answer all sorts of questions (weather, restaurant recommendations, and everything else).

She found a new job with the School District in Pioche. Although she had known her husband-to-be in high school, they had not dated. But on her return, they started going out, and soon got married. The town of Pioche practically shut down so everyone could attend the wedding.

Her mother was a charter member of the Pioche Garden Club (mentored by Linnea Domz). So when Kristie and Mike moved to Las Vegas, her mother asked Linnea to invite Kristie to join the Rose Garden Club. She has been Club President 3 times, and State President for two terms. And now she is serving as our Pacific Region Director. She also handled Headquarters building rentals, when she and Mike lived closer to Lorenzi Park. We are so pleased that she is so devoted to Garden Club!

(reprinted from the November 2015 WACONIAH)



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

May 2-7, 2016, Grand Rapids, MI
 Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
 May 16-21, 2017, Richmond, VA
 Richmond Marriott

Ongoing projects:

- Ames Garden Tools
- US Botanic Butterfly Garden
- Ecology Warriors Workbook
- Plant It Pink
- Rain Gardens
- SAGE & ROSES
- School Gardens
- Spring Planting for Butterflies
- Photo Archiving
- Water Projects

(Go to gardenclub.org for details on these and other projects)

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

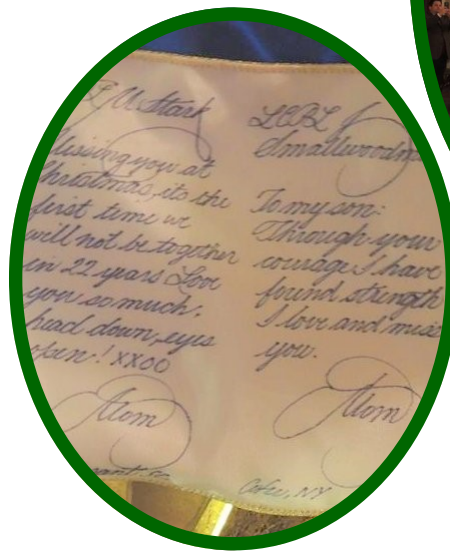
April 4-optional pre-convention tour to Hoover Dam & Lake Mead
 April 5-7, 2016: Convention
 Green Valley Ranch Resort,
 Henderson, NV

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californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletters

National Garden Clubs, Inc.**Christmas at the White House**

Claire Jones, member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, was one of the many volunteers who decorated the White House this year. She was on the Blue Room Team where the official tree is located and designed the wreaths for the room's windows.



The Blue Room tree contained personal messages from families to loved ones serving in the military.

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

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

April 5-7: Convention

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

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

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

Cut Off Date: Saturday, March 12, 2016

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



DONATIONS 2015
Total this month: \$2,516.00
Pat York, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
 \$29,813.00

**BUTTES DISTRICT**

Paradise GC \$68
 Memory: Robert Queen \$68

CASCADE DISTRICT

Lake California GC..... \$68

COSTA VERDE DISTRICT

Gardeneers, The
 Memory: Doris Frazier..... \$68
 Honor: Helen Gates,
 100th birthday \$68
 Long Beach GC
 Honor: Lily James Pace \$68
 Honor: Long Beach GC..... \$68
 Honor: Elizabeth Appleyard &
 Judy McGinley..... \$68

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Colfax GC
 Honor: Annette Choate \$68
 Organic GC of Sacramento County
 Honor: Butterfly Garden
 Workers..... \$68
 Roseville Better Gardens Club
 Memory: Richard Petrick, father of
 Diane Dillard \$68

MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT

Fort Bragg GC
 Honor: Lynn Cyrilla Crutcher.. \$68

ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT

Del Norte GC
 Memory: Virginia Carlson \$68
 Laguna Beach GC
 Honor: Synthia Scofield \$272

PALOMAR DISTRICT

Poway Valley GC
 Honor: Karen Sanchez \$68
 San Carlos GC
 Honor: Gayle Regan..... \$68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT

West Valley GC
 Honor: Evelyn Warrington..... \$68
 Honor: Jean Crail \$68
 Honor: Pat Tjosaas \$68
 Honor: Adrienne Krause \$68
 Honor: Eleanor De Carteret ... \$68
 Honor: Madelyn Jameson..... \$68
 Honor: Sally Bagley..... \$68
 Honor: Joi Chase..... \$68

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT

San Jose GC \$136

SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Sequoia GC
 Honor: Virginia Monreal..... \$68

TOP O' THE STATE

McCloud GC \$272

VALLEY LODE DISTRICT

Oakdale GC
 Memory: John Gray \$68
 Honor: Robert Taylor \$68

MISCELLANEOUS

Estero Bay Women's Club
 Honor: Treva Thornton \$68

President's Project

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|----------------------|----------------|
| Donner GC | \$ 500 |
| Colfax GC | \$ 100 |
| Total this month | \$ 600 |
| Total to Date | \$2,170 |

Weed: Any plant that will survive at least one week without being watered, fertilized, pruned, sprayed, staked, mulched, misted, dusted, or wrapped in burlap, paper or plastic.

President's Travel Schedule-2016

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|------------------------|--|
| January 31-February 3: | CGCI Winter Board, Costa Verde District |
| February 25: | Cascade District |
| February 29: | Luther Burbank District |
| April 5-7: | Pacific Region Convention, Henderson, NV |
| April 28: | Bay Bridges District |
| May 2-7: | NGC Convention, Grand Rapids, MI |
| May 18-22: | CGCI Convention, Irvine, CA |

Elizabeth Appleyard

*For all the wonderful things you do for Long Beach Garden Club - THANK YOU.
 You are indeed an "Angel."*

