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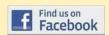
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From the President's desk...

Hello everyone,

What a difference a year makes!

Last year in June, I was preparing for Convention getting ready to be the CGCI President. This June, your president was busy with wrapping up 2016 Convention items; preparing for 2016 Fall Board Meeting and traveling to Southern California. I was also fortunate enough to visit the Colfax GC and present both Youth and CGCI Awards. Two youth winners were present along with their siblings. One mom liked (loved) us so much she joined, even though she is still



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working, so that she can keep in touch. The other mother is already a garden club member. Myrtle Findley gave an update on the Convention and (we) did a show and tell about the President's Project. Myrtle made a donation to the project to ensure enough kits for the youth winners (and siblings) as well as club members. Members are excited to help make kits in July at my house.

My trip to San Clemente GC was cancelled. However, my one-day trip to Long Beach GC, a day at the Montana De Oro District and two days with the San Fernando Valley District/Southern California GC was very enlightening. District members spent one hour out of their meeting to help make kits for the President's Project, thank you. Or should I say, good thing, since an order came in for 744 kits!!!!



Yes, 744, financially sponsored by the Clayton Valley GC, Diablo Foothills District and the Elementary School – thank you.

July is a good time to think about projects your club can leverage from:

- Did you know that *NGC* has formed a partnership with *The AMES Companies, Inc.* for a Garden Tools project? Founded in 1774, AMES is the largest U.S.A. manufacturer of gardening tools. AMES will grant tools up to a total of \$5,000 (retail) for approved state or club landscaping projects/programs. The total amount available for all grants is \$5,000. Clubs can apply for portions of the \$5,000, as this amount is available to share. This partnership started in October 2014. http://www.nationalgardenclubs.org/projects/ongoing-projects/ames-garden-tools.aspx
- Programs to Connect Kids with Nature at School. School gardens can be found across
 the U. S. and in countries in Central and South America that are the result of projects
 of NGC member clubs and International Affiliates. These gardens can beautify the
 school grounds and create outdoor classrooms. A school garden program does not
 have to start out using any outdoor land. Garden programs can be started in the classroom on a windowsill, cabinet or table near a window or artificial light source.
- Another school garden initiative for the 2015-2017 NGC administration is "Protect Our Friends the Pollinators". The garden is to be planted with native plants that attract bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other native pollinators. The gardens may be large or small, portable or stationary.

http://www.nationalgardenclubs.org/youth/school-garden-projects.aspx

<u>The President's Project - Encouraging Future Gardeners fits nicely</u> with the **NGC** *Programs to Connect Kids with Nature at School.*

Cheers,

SueB

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 Wildflower 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

- August 11-12: Bi-Refresher,
 Sponsor: Heather Enthusiasts of the Redwood Empire, Eureka CA,
 Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin
- 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
 Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- March 13-15, 2017: Flower Show School , Course 4, Sponsor: Southwest Judges Council; Poway, CA, Chairman: Emily
- June 25-28, 2017: Flower Show Symposium, Ontario, Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost

Scholarship Recipients 2016-17



The \$2,000 Robert Gordon Scholarship was awarded to Benjamin Brown, a junior at Cal Poly-Pomona who is studying Plant Science and Environmental Biology. He recently served an internship with the Pomona Unified School District building gardens in elementary schools. His hope is to impact the lives of children, instilling a love of gardening and a respect for nature.

The \$2,000 Rita Desilets Scholarship was awarded to Rebecca Hendricks, a first year graduate student in Organismal Biology at Cal State San Jose. Rebecca was also awarded a \$3,500 Scholarship by National Garden Clubs. Her masters research project is on *Arctostaphylos glauca*, the Big Berry Manzanita, a native shrub species. She is working with a PhD student at UC Santa Barbara investigating the phenomenon of die-off of this shrub in Santa Barbara county.





Irene Lona, a Cal State Chico graduate student with a focus on ecology and forest entomology received both a \$1,000 Pacific Region and \$3,500 NGC Scholarship. Her thesis project involves the walnut twig beetle, a vector of a fungal pathogen that causes thousand cankers disease on walnut trees.

Plant What Will Be Harvested

The information that we gather, but fail to use, dies and is buried. It is the information that we gather and use that takes root and forces us to grow with it. (Author unknown)

The future is in good hands!

A "tip" from Southern California GC:

If your containers become too heavy to lift up in order to drain the saucer, try using a turkey baster to suck up the excess water. This will keep your plants happy and healthy, and do the same for you—by avoiding potential injury as a result of lifting that hefty container!



Editor's Note: Season's Greetings will return in 2016

Individuals, clubs and/or districts will be able to purchase greetings for the December 2016 issue of *Golden Gardens eNews*. Proceeds will benefit the 2015–17 President's Project. Details and pricing will appear in the August issue.

"Find the Magic! Rediscovering our Pygmy Forests!"

by Ruth Sparks and Joshua Lowell, Fort Bragg Garden Club

Mark your calendar: September 9-11, 2016

Note: Details on the events will be in the August issue of Golden Gardens eNews

The Fort Bragg Garden Club received an unusual inquiry in November of 2015 asking about the Charlotte M. Hoak Memorial Pygmy Forest at Van Damme State Park. We knew the pygmy forest existed, but did not know about Charlotte M. Hoak, or why the unusual stunted trees and bushes were associated with her. What may be the only Pygmy Forest Committee in the world was organized and the energetic research began.

Searching for information led to the discovery this five-acre site had been purchased and dedicated in September 1969 by California Garden Clubs, Inc. after eighteen years of fundraising that began in 1951. The deed of purchase was given to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to become part of the state park system. The stunted trees in the pygmy forest took 500,000 years to create the almost sterile soil that produced this unique forest. You can learn more by reading *The Diamond Years* celebrating CGCI's 75th Anniversary Celebration on pages 107-109.

Early in 2016, the Fort Bragg Garden Club Pygmy Forest Committee Project discovered there was a Pygmy Forest National Natural Landmark on the Mendocino Coast. This nationally significant site is five miles south of Fort Bragg near Caspar in what is now the Jug Handle State Natural Reserve.

- In 1962, a 250-acre reserve within Jackson Demonstration State Forest had been set aside for pygmy forest research by U.C. scientists. This site was designated by the Secretary of the Interior and the National Park Service as the Pygmy Forest Registered Natural Landmark in 1969.
- An additional evaluation by the National Park Service declared this area the best example in the nation of a pygmy forest, a
 rare biotic community, and the best remaining example of wave-cut terracing, a unique geologic feature formed by sea, glacier
 and tectonic activity. The landmark was expanded by the National Park Service National Natural Landmark Program in 1974 to
 900-acres and includes five marine terraces each terrace contains a different plant community with each level showing
 100,000 years of progression through the stages of ecological succession.
- It was not until 1976-77 that these lands were acquired by the California Department of Parks and Recreation after being threatened by logging and real estate development. Following a contest, they named the site Jug Handle State Natural Reserve and called the trail The Ecological Staircase Trail. There is a weathered Pygmy Forest Registered Natural Landmark bronze plaque on the boardwalk portion of The Ecological Staircase Trail. Fort Bragg Garden Club members sadly realized that over the years, recognition of this important Natural Landmark had slipped into oblivion.

Pygmy Forest awareness events are now being 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.

Events to *Find the Magic! Rediscovering our Pygmy Forests!* will take place September 9 - 11, 2016. Celebrations include an open house at Ford House Visitor Center and Museum, a Pygmy Forest photography display, hikes and bike rides in the Pygmy Forest, a story contest, a tribute to Charlotte M. Hoak at the Kelley House Museum, a ceremony and reception honoring the Pygmy Forest National Natural Landmark, and a luncheon ceremony honoring both California Garden Clubs, Inc. and Charlotte M. Hoak. We hope you will join us for this special celebration! See www.pygmy-forest.com/findthemagic.htm for more information.

NOTE: Charlotte M. Hoak was the CGCI horticulture chairman for many years. She grew up very near the forest area and it was her recommendation that the pygmy forest be preserved as a state park. The Hoak Memorial Pygmy Forest was a project of CGCI until 1980 when the balance of the funds were donated to the California State Parks Foundation.

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.



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CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to <u>californiagardenclubs.com</u> 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

Bi-Refresher – Heathers in the Redwoods

Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin

Sponsor: Heather Enthusiasts of the Redwood Empire
August 11 - 12, 2016 - Eureka, CA

National Garden Clubs has approved the components of the Heather Enthusiasts of the Redwood Empire Conference in Eureka to provide refresher credit for Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants. Watch the CGCI website or contact event chairmen Mary Lou Goodwin (MLGoodwin@outlook.com, 707.442.1387) or Maria Krenek (glenmarheather@yahoo.com) for more information. Check with Greg Pokorski (Gardening Study) or Alexis Slafer (Landscape Design) about consultant status and eligibility to refresh.

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.

Instructors;

- ♦ Horticulture (Begonias & Container Gardening): Darlene Newell
- ♦ Creative Design: Janice Hamlin

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Stamps...they're back! Chairman: Claudia Marsh

CGCI is once again collecting used stamps. They will be sent to *Boys Town*, Omaha, NE where they will be distributed and sold in bulk to buyers as well as given to *Boys Town* residents for their own stamp collections. Save the stamps from envelopes you receive in the mail and cut them from the envelope leaving a one inch margin around the stamp. Stamps can be mailed to Claudia Marsh, 19822 Ottawa Rd, Apple Valley 92308-6155 or given to your District Director to bring to CGCI board meetings or conventions.

Information: marshgal44@aol.com



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 CertificatesChairman: 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 promotional and informational materials and many are FREE*!



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

(Check the website for ordering details)

Honor Book:

Chairman: Deedee Speer

Contributions are made in recognition of outstanding service or as a memorial for an individual member. Proceeds fund the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, Lifetime Service Award and the Community Impact Award.

- Donors and honorees or their families receive a notice/acknowledgement
- ▼ Names are entered into the Book displayed at each Convention
- ♥ Donations may be in any amount
- ▼ It's an excellent way to honor outgoing local, district or state officers and/or chairmen.

Project Reports: (totals from July 1, 2015-June 1, 2016

President's Project

Valeutyna Lane Burbank-Valley GC Colfax GC Trace Cimins Elaine Broersma Elaine Davis Naples Islands GC San Leandro GC

Total: \$7,619

Blue Star MemorialLinden Community GC
Pinole GC

Total: \$100

Sempervirens Fund:

Chevy Chase Estates GC
Long Beach GC
Hermosa GC
Huntington View GC
Linden Community GC
Westlake Village GC
San Clemente GC
honor of Patricia Holloway
Linda Smith
David & Harriet Vallens
Anonymous

Total: \$1,475

Scholarship

Honor Book Donors:

San Pedro GC

Shane Looper

Helen Gates

Total \$410

Calaveres County GC

Hermosa GC Bonita Valley GC Arboretum District

Total: \$350

Rare Plant Treasure Hunt

Arboretum District San Clemente GC San Fernando Valley District

Southern California GC

Total: \$500

Anza-Borrego

Long Beach GC Westlake Village GC Southern California GC San Clemente GC San Fernando Valley District Arboretum District

Total: \$950



Reforestation & Restoration

Elisabeth Tufo memory of Jo Bucheger & V.P. Holmberg Fortuna GC, honor of Janean Guest Santa Rosa GC San Clemente GC

Total: \$475

Membership Matters

CGCI membership (June 27, 2016):

Clubs: 273 - 17,510 members APS: 60 - 3,839 members Total: 332 - 21,349 members

Affiliates: 10

DON'T FORGET

Effective JULY 1, 2016 CGCI dues increase to \$2.75 per capita

Also

Annual Contact Information Forms are due NOW

Go to:

http://californiagardenclubs.com/Forms

<u>californiagardenclubs.com</u>



In the Garden this month...

Better Homes & Gardens Sunset Magazine

- As the weather gets warmer, schedule your gardening for early morning and late afternoon when the air is cooler and the sun not so intense.
- Keep deadheading. For the most flowers and tidiest garden, deadhead daily. Some gardeners take a few minutes each morning, making it part of their daily routine.
- Fertilize containers. Constant watering flushes out nutrients.
- Keep up with the harvest from your vegetable garden. Be sure to pick small and often. Tiny filet green beans, for example, need picking daily. And be sure to remove rotting or diseased produce from the garden. They act as disease magnets.
- Water Wisely. During dry weather, continue to keep the garden adequately watered. Remember, a weekly deep, thorough soaking is more beneficial than a daily light sprinkling.
- Deep water trees. By midsummer, the soil has long since dried out from last spring's rains. If you haven't watered your mature trees (established three to five years), they may be suffering from drought stress. Deep water citrus, fruit, and flowering trees once every week or two (every week in hot, inland climates). Water less-thirsty trees (Arbutus 'Marina', carob, Chinese pistache) about once a month or so. Water newly planted trees regularly (don't let the soil dry out); gradually reduce frequency after a year or so.
- For the birds: Keep birdbaths clean and full, especially this time of year.

Club & District Corner

Discovery Bay GC:

In May the club delivered 150 bright yellow cups of flower to the local "Meals on Wheels" organization. Drivers and staff said that the flowers brightened lives and put smiles on the faces of lots of people.





Dos Valles GC:

The "March of Tines" Drill Team participated in the annual Valley Center Days parade

South Valley Fleurs GC:

The club developed a program, EduGrow, that provides grants to schools for garden projects. Over the past 5 years the club has granted "seed money" to 10 local schools and a 4-H group. The EduGrow program mirrors CGCI President, Sue Bennett's, theme "Encouraging Future Gardeners". The club plans to use the president's seed kits for school projects and plans to build their own kits for distribution.

Hanford GC:

The club invited CGCI Financial Secretary (and gourd artist) Rebecca Ferguson to join them in visiting the garden of gourd grower/artist Cecile Garrison who is president of the American Gourd Society. The photo, from the American Gourd Magazine, shows the club members holding a 50 foot gourd vine.





Eureka Sequoia GC:

At the May meeting members participated in the second annual "Beer & Blooms Flower Show". There were 95 entries in five classes of the Horticulture Division, 15 entries in four classes of the Floral Design Division and three entries in the Special Exhibits Division. (NOTE: If you look closely at the photo you'll see the blooms are displayed in beer bottles!)



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Conventions:

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 <u>gardenclub.org</u> 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.

Uruguay Flowers and Fun! November 1-8, 2016

2016 Tour and Environmental Studies Refresher Explore Uruguay with optional visit to Iguassu Falls

Join us as we explore Uruguay, one of South America's best kept secrets! Coast-line with beautiful untouched sandy beaches as well as stunning landscapes in the interior of the country, along with Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and British influences, make Uruguay a small country with a lot to offer. NGC judges are invited by JUECES ACREDITADOS DE URUGUAY to judge flower shows in Colonia del Sacramento and Punta del Este. Price: \$2,850/person (double occupancy)

There is an optional 2 day extension to visit Iguassu Falls. Iguassu is one of the biggest wonders of nature in South America and one of the planet's most awe-inspiring sights. Located amidst a sub-tropical forest in the triangle of Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil, a gigantic row of hundreds of waterfalls nearly 3 km wide goes down into the river Iguassu. This is truly an awe-inspiring sight that will live forever in your memory. Price: \$1,200+airfare; \$350 single supplement.

Details: NGC website

The Frightened Frog, An Environmental Tale, continues to delight children from coast to coast. Educators are using the book and lesson plans to introduce children to environmental issues in a positive manner. The Monarch butterflies, bees, and other pollinators are increasing, thanks to the efforts of gardeners and public officials to plant host plants and pollinator gardens, educate the general public about the benefits of pollinators, and the economic impact if lost. Thank you for your efforts in the Million Pollinator Garden initiative and other programs working to increase awareness of this timely issue.

Frightened

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

PLEASE NOTE: NEW AWARDS DEADLINE

ALL award entries (CGCI, PR, NGC) must be submitted by December 1, 2016

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





DONATIONS 2016 Total this month: \$2,244.00 Pat York, Chairman

Total January 1 to date: \$14,734.00

BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT

Honor: CGCI President	
Sue Bennett	\$68
El Cerrito GC	
Memory: Joel Falcon	\$68
Memory: Richard Spellman	\$68
Memory: Clara Roth	\$68
Memory: Sylvia McLaughlin	
Honor: Joanna Perlman	\$68
Honor: Sylvia Falcon	\$68
Honor: Plant Table Workers	\$68
BUTTES DISTRICT	
Lake Oroville Area GC	
Honor: Sandy Rutini	\$68
Honor: Pat Forcino	\$68
COSTA VERDE DISTRICT	
San Pedro GC	
Honor: Rich Sanford	\$68
Honor: Sarah Sanford	\$68
Honor: Barbara Velez	\$68

Starting up the "hill"

DIABLO FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

PALOMAR DISTRICT

Ramona GC	
Memory: Joan Patton	\$68
Honor: Tama Wray	\$68
Honor: Ramona Valencia.	\$68
Honor: Ramona Library	\$68
SACRAMENTO RIVER VA	ALLEY
DISTRICT	
Geranium City GC	\$136
Geranium City GCSAN FERNANDO VALLEY	
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY	DISTRICT
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY Burbank-Valley GC	DISTRICT \$68
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY Burbank-Valley GC Honor: Joyce Davis	DISTRICT \$68 \$136
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Scenes from the recent tour of the Mission Blue Project at Milagro Ridge. Volunteers plant the lupine, cover to protect, mark with blue flags and hand water! YES, they carry the water up the hills in large containers and tend to each new plant.

New plantings

Lupine in bloom

Three of the many volunteers

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