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From the President's desk...

Hello everyone,

What do an *E-ticket ride*, *Weaving and Braiding* and a *sponge* have in common? If you said the 2016 Winter Board Meeting, good for you.

When you joined the garden club and/or design guild did you ever think of taking a bus tour to go on an *E-ticket ride*? While driving the Palos Verdes Coast with its incredible views we took such a ride. We learned about the area (educational) and as the ocean receded and the continent shifted, the seafloor became the land where the bentonite clays now exist between layers of sedimentary rock that make up the California coast. In areas such as Palos Verdes where the layers are dipping toward the ocean, these bentonite clays are like the icing on a wedding cake getting chipped away from beneath--creating an E-ticket "hands in the air" size dip in the road.

Designers are familiar with the terms *Weaving and Braiding*. Before gardening, to me the term meant doing something with hair. I heard the workshops were standing room only. I should have known they would be with Ken Ueda doing *Rare Fruit in Our Garden* and Shane Looper as the instructor for *Fun with Weaving & Braiding Plant Material*. When we came back from the tour, Shane and Gudy were still in the room *Weaving and Braiding*. Perhaps a future workshop???

And finally, a sponge. As President, I hope everyone **absorbed** all that was available to them and brought it back to their Districts/Clubs. Remember we are all VOLUNTEERS.

I look forward to seeing you all as I travel throughout California. THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve as your CGCI President.

SueB



President's Travel Schedule-2016

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
June 15:	Naples Islands GC
June 19-23:	San Fernando Valley District & Southern California GC
September 20-24:	NGC Fall Board Meeting, Portland ME

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **May 19-22: 85th Annual CGCI Convention.** Hotel Irvine, Irvine.
Host: Orange County District
Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche
- **September 7-9: CGCI Fall Board Meeting.** Host: Humboldt District. Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin



**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

- **March 5-6: Gardening Study School,** Series 25, Course 2.
Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman:
Myrtle Findley
- **March 21-23: Flower Show School,** Course 2. San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas. Sponsor: 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
- **May 14-15: Gardening Study School,** Series 25, Course 3.
Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman:
Myrtle Findley
- **September 17-18: Gardening Study School,** Series 25, Course 4. Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley

Highlights from 2016 Winter Board

- No further clubs or districts will be added to the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program until after June 30, 2016 (fiscal year-end).
- A policy was established that any club or district who uses CGCI's EIN will have to reimburse CGCI up to \$2000 for any fees incurred to address the problem.
- Native Plant Chairman, Bernie Hendrix is working on a discounted membership in the California Native Plant Society for CGCI members.
- Ratifications:
 - ♦ Five garden clubs (two former associate plant societies became clubs), five associate plant societies, one affiliate, and four youth groups.
 - ♦ Gardening Study School dates for March, May and September 2016
 - ♦ Bi-refresher date for August 2016
 - ♦ Appointments:
 - ♦ Claudia Marsh, Stamps Chairman
 - ♦ Jane McKee, Facebook Administrator
 - ♦ Elaine Smith, Treasurer 2016 CGCI Convention
 - ♦ Greg Pokorski and Launa Gould. 2016 CGCI Convention Credentials Chairmen
 - ♦ CGCI Convention, May 18 – 22: Registration fee - \$45 postmarked by April 27, 2016; \$75 - after this date.
 - ♦ Fall Board Meeting September 7-9: Bear River Casino & Hotel, Loleta. Registration fee - \$40 postmarked by August 1, 2016; \$65 - after this date.
 - ♦ Accept the invitation of Montano de Oro district to host the 2017 CGCI Convention

President's Project update

By President's Project Committee

Encouraging Future Gardeners

The President's Project has hit its stride. Almost 1,000 kits have been distributed since the project started. The program is designed to dispense a minimum of 14,000 kits throughout the state by end of June 2017. Due to the demand, **effective March 1, 2016**, we have put in place the following:

- ♥ The goal for the allocation of free kits around the state is determined by the size of the district.
- ♥ Each organization/school (organization can be a club, master gardener, etc.) can request **up to 35 FREE kits**.
- ♥ After that we would appreciate a donation of \$1 per kit to help us underwrite the cost --shipping cost donations are ALWAYS appreciated! (The number "35" was reached by determining the average size of CGCI youth garden groups.)
- ♥ If more kits are needed, and if there is sufficient funding, exceptions can be made. Exceptions will be made based on how the kits will be used and at the discretion of the President's Project Committee. We are trying to reach as many children as possible. Please remember only one kit per child per year.

There are five different types of kits. Each kit comes with instructions. Ideas for distributing kits.

1. Find out if your local library or book store has a reading hour with kids. See how the kits can be integrated into the reading hour; such as a discussion on good bugs in the garden and then request the appropriate number of Pollinator Paradise kits.
2. Check out your local Community or Public Gardens to see if they can integrate the kits into a workshop or open house program. A good kit here would be Plant a Rainbow Kit; where kids plant carrots, broccoli and beets.
3. Work with your local day care centers explaining *Educating Future Gardeners* and let them know you would be excited to work with them. Leave an order form/donation form in case the owner would like to place an order.
4. Work with your local church with Sunday School. Ask them to integrate the kit into their program. Bring one of each kit for a "show and tell" along with an order form/donation form in case the teacher would like to place an order.
5. Same goes for after school programs.

The kits are not intended to be a mass hand-out at schools. We have found that handing out "FREE" kits has not proven to be the best way to make the kits useful. Things obtained for free, (especially "handed out" at schools) are perceived to have little value and end up sitting around in back packs and then thrown away. We find it much better to make the kits "special" --- by making them special rewards for kids who might, for example, work hard at a garden that day.... make a great observation or participate well in some activity. Otherwise, the kits need to be introduced by a garden club member.

The kits are appropriate for different ages and abilities. For example, the "Watch Us Grow" kit is only appropriate for kids in pre-school and up to about age 5. We prefer that one kit be given per child so we know how many children we reach. It is not meant to give five kits to one child. If you know someone in Girl/Boy Scouts, 4H, or other youth group...give them one. Better yet, ask for the name of their leader and talk with them about the kits to see which one can be incorporated into an activity.

Kits are being requested by non-CGCI groups, so the word is getting out. However, priority is given to those who make a donation! Don't hesitate to contact President SueB or Marianne if you have any questions. Three of the five kits are shown in the picture. Wherever you take a kit, make sure your garden club and CGCI gets credit for this effort. Order Form and Donation Forms can be found at the CGCI Website <http://californiagardenclubs.com/presidentsproject>.



**Total donations to date: \$3,911.00
WAHOO!**

President's Project Donors July 1-to date:

Anonymous
Arboretum District
Arden Park Garden Club
Buttes District
Carolands Garden Club
Carolyn Hoyum
Carolyn S. Flynn
Carolyn Villi
Caruthers Garden Club
Charlene Looper
Chia Pet Challenge & Phone
Colfax Garden Club
Costa Verde District

Diablo Foothills District
Donner Garden Club
Fallbrook Garden Club
Golden Foothills District
Green Thumb Garden Club of Milpitas
Hermosa Garden Club
Humboldt District
Joan J. Craig
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Kathleen Argabright
Lake Oroville Area Garden Club
Long Beach Garden Club
Rebecca J. Giel Ferguson

Riviera Garden Club
Rosa Radicchi
Roseville Better Gardens C
San Fernando Valley District
San Pedro Garden Club
San Jose Garden Club
Sequoia Foothills District
Sequoia Garden Club
Southern California Garden Club
The Gardeneers
Westlake Village Garden Club



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

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

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

CGCI members are invited to come and see if YOU can catch a glimpse of the first butterfly to ever be put on the endangered species list, the Mission blue butterfly. Milagra Ridge is the miracle of Pacifica, CA and is one of the homes to CGCI's Project: Mission Blue. You will see lupines and other native plants blooming and hear from national park experts about the restoration CGCI is sponsoring at Milagra Ridge. See your donations in action!



The tour size is limited so please **RSVP to Price Sheppy at 1-415-561-3073 or email psheppy@parksconservancy.org**. Please join us for this private tour arranged for CGCI members only and celebrate CGCI's Project Mission Blue!

Directions: Get onto I-280 on the San Francisco peninsula between the towns of Daly City and San Bruno. Take the Westborough Boulevard exit west, (about 4.5 miles south of the Daly City BART station and 1.5 miles north of the I-380 junction). Go west on Westborough 1 mile to Skyline Blvd. Cross Skyline Blvd. going straight (Westborough becomes Sharp Park Blvd.) Go west 0.6 miles on Sharp Park Blvd. to its intersection with College Drive. Look for a National Parks Service sign (brown and tan color) to Milagra Ridge. Turn right and follow the road into the Spyglass Hill subdivision to a dead end where there is a gate. Your tour guide will meet you at the gate.

Having a flower show in 2016?

If so, don't forget to register your show with the CGCI **FLOWER SHOW AWARDS CHAIRMAN** (NOT the general Awards Chairman). It's so easy to do. Just find the guidelines on the Awards page of the CGCI website (right sidebar "Awards-General") <http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards>

Follow the guidelines and send the information to

- ◆ CGCI Flower Show Awards Chairman Pat Claves
- ◆ Email: patclaves@aol.com or
- ◆ Mail: P.O. Box 757, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352.

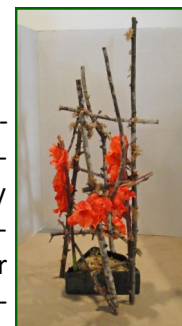


Floral Design

Armature Design

By Patricia Claves, Southwestern Judges Council

According to NGC's current *Handbook for Flower Shows*, an Armature Design is a "creative design featuring an armature (a skeleton and/or grid-like structure). The Armature Form is created by the exhibitor and supports plant material and other optional components. The Armature is imaginative and made from plant or man-made material, or may be a combination of both. It is greater in proportion than the combined other components. The armature is self-supported or may rely on a container/s or other devices. Water tubes or other means of water supply for fresh plant material may be used. The design may be a floor design, staged on a pedestal, table, or be suspended." (Designer: Pauline Sechi)



Awards, Honors & Recognition

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

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

[Californiagardenclubs.com/forms](http://californiagardenclubs.com/forms)

♥ **Angels**

Chairman: Jane McKee
1276 Palomares Court
Fallbrook 92028-4480

♥ **Awards Program**

Check the website for updated
forms and instructions

♥ **Business Commendations**

Chairman: Launa Gould
New online request form

♥ **California Consultants Council**

Landscape Design (various) &
Outstanding Private Garden
Chairman: Julie West
850 Grandview Road
Sebastopol 95472-2930

♥ **Honor Book**

Chairman: Deedee Speer
30861 Saddleback Road
Valley Center 92082-3848

♥ **Life Memberships**

Chairman: Carlotta Wixon
14216 Karry's Place
Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ **Long-Term Certificates**

Chairman: Mike Gould
New online request form

♥ **Member Award of Distinction**

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

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)

April 8-10, 2016 - Flower Show Symposium

Holiday Inn, Auburn, CA

Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost

Design Instructor: Claudia Bates

Horticulture Instructor: Darleen Newell

Registration: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

Designer: Jill Coleman

**Membership Matters****Rilla Crane, Membership Chairman**

WELCOME to the five new Garden Clubs, five Associate Plant Societies and one Affiliate ratified at the 2016 Winter Board meeting in San Pedro. Each one of these groups has an interest in the goals of CGCI, Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs, Inc. Each one of their members has some interest and talent to share to reach the goals of our leaders: "Leap into Action" (NGC President, Sandra Robinson), "Look to the garden through the eyes of a child" (Pacific Region Director, Kristie Livreri), and "Growing Minds, Planting Seeds" (CGCI President, Sue Bennett).

Becoming a CLUB FOUNDER is another goal for our members to pursue, so I want to mention the new Affiliate just ratified - the California Bluebird Recover Program, CBRP. They presently have 200-300 members and their FOUNDER was Don Yoder. Don is deceased now, but he saw a need for action and pursued it. Their mission is to help bring back the Bluebird population by concentrating on their vanishing habitats and building and placing Bluebird boxes along the trails for nesting and breeding. Some other birds requiring this type of nesting may also use the boxes. This past year 175 monitors inspected 4,000 boxes along their trails and observed 17,000 eggs, of which 14,000 hatched. Dick Blaine is the Affiliate President. You can go online to <http://cbrp.org> and learn more about CBRP.

**A note from Helen Gates:**

Many thanks to all of you for the many cards I received on my 100th birthday. It was so heart-warming to know that I had so many friends. I still have them and look at them often. CGCI friends are the best. May God bless you!

Thanks again, Helen



What does a scientist plant in his or her garden?
A chemisTREE



In the Garden this month...

(Sunset Magazine)

- Plant to attract good bugs...nectar plants like aster, chamomile, coreopsis, cosmos, feverfew, scabiosa etc.
- Feed fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs (except camellias), lawns, container plants and perennials.
- Use succulents for fire protection.
- Start to manage snails...hand pick, set out commercial bait or attach copper bands on trees and raised beds.
- As soon as the danger of frost is past: outdoors: plant culinary herbs, sow or transplant summer-maturing vegetables; indoors: start tomatoes, eggplant and peppers.
- It's the last month to transplant artichokes, asparagus, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, and rhubarb; also strawberry, blackberry, and raspberry roots so they'll bear fruit well this year.
- Plants that thrive under conditions of drought and neglect:
 - ◊ Flowering annuals: alyssum, cosmos, gazania, geranium, helichrysum, marigold, morning glory, phlox, portulaca, thunbergia, verbena, vinca, and zinnia.
 - ◊ Shrubs: Australian fuchsias, ceanothus, coffee berries, cotoneasters, pineapple guavas, manzanitas, rockroses, and verbenas (an especially good ground cover).
 - ◊ Perennials: achillea, anaphalis, artemisia, asclepias, coreopsis, daylily, dianthus, echinopsis, eryngium, gaillardia, lavandula, potentilla, salvia, santolina, sedum sempervivum, stachys, thyme, and veronica.



Horticulture Happenings

Arbor Day - Linda Smith, Trees/Shrubs Chairman

National Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday in April and in California on March 7th, in honor of Luther Burbank's birthday. Do you have plans for 2016? If there isn't room for a tree, how about one of these new shrubs:



Bloomerang-reblooming Lilac Syringa: fragrant, small/compact, deer resistant.



Gatsby Pink-Oakleaf hydrangea: showy blooms that quickly transform from pure white to a glorious pink

New Cultivars - Judy Powers, Chairman

Cosmos bipinnatus 'Xanthos': Unique soft-yellow blooms are produced in profusion on compact dwarf plants, bringing real impact to patio containers, beds and borders.



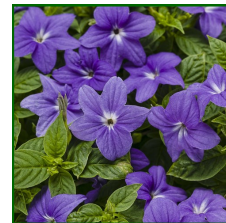
Helleborus Winter Jewels Rose Quartz: Sparkling white petals seem to be airbrushed with pleasing rose-pink around the edges. The large cup shaped flowers bloom on bushy mounds of deep green leathery leaves. A garden treasure. Easy to grow and low maintenance. Charming and welcome first flowering perennials of spring.

Browallias (from Proven Winners):

Continuous blooming annuals

Endless Illumination: lavender blue

Endless Flirtation: white



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

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

♥ Are we on your newsletter mailing list?

♥ Send to: goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org

⇒ Newsletters ONLY please...do NOT send announcements, reminders or general information (who's bringing refreshments etc.)

♥ Photos are also welcome (in jpeg format)

⇒ Please identify the people and/or describe the scene

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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

Are you receiving *WACONIAH*, the newsletter of the Pacific Region?
 If not, you can subscribe here (it's FREE):

californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletters

National Garden Clubs, Inc.**Monarch Watch**

In July of 2015, the group Monarchs in Eastern Iowa handed out seed balls with Milkweed seed (*Asclepias*) in them to 2,000 bicyclists that were participating in RAGBRAI, the Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. The seed balls were tossed in the ditches along the bicycle route around the Mt. Vernon, Iowa area. This spring we should see an increase in the Monarch population with the increase of the Monarch's host plant.

**Bee A Wildlife Action Hero**

As gardeners, we can work to change the **PLIGHT of the Bumble Bee** (and assorted pollinators) to the **FLIGHT of the Bumble Bee** by creating a pollinator-friendly habitat on our property.

- ♥ Use pollinator-friendly plants in your landscape.
- ♥ Choose a mixture of plants for spring, summer, and fall with different flower colors, shapes and scents.
- ♥ Reduce or eliminate pesticide use.
- ♥ Accept some plant damage on plants providing habitat for butterfly and moth larvae.
- ♥ Provide clean water.
- ♥ Leave dead tree trunks in your landscape for wood-nesting bees and beetles.
- ♥ Support land conservation in your community to ensure that pollinators have appropriate habitat.

NGC Publications:

- ⇒ The March 2016 issue of "Keeping in Touch" is available on the CGCI website: www.californiagardenclubs.com (under "Hot Off the Press")
- ⇒ **Pollinator Power**, an educational publication of the NGC Environmental Concerns and Conservation Committee, will be available for free download on the NGC website in May.

Pacific Region Convention 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
Pacificgardenclubs.org

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.



DONATIONS 2016
Total this month: \$1,836.00
Pat York, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
 \$2,788.00

BAY OCEAN DISTRICT

Garden Study Club of the Peninsula...\$68

CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT

Pleasant Valley GC

Honor: Pat Harris, charter member \$68

DESERT EMPIRE DISTRICT

Oasis GC of Indian Wells Valley

Memory: Richard Baker.....\$68

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Chicago Park GC

Honor: Gloria Mason\$68

GREATER LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

Los Angeles GC

Memory: Martha Ann Walter\$68

MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT

Fort Bragg GC

Memory: Carl Juenke\$68

MONTANA DE ORO DISTRICT

Paso Robles Multiflora GC

Memory: Isabella Seale\$68

Honor: Carole & Dan Dulitz\$68

Honor: Paso Robles Community Church.....\$68

ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT

Del Norte GC

Memory: Jean Wolf \$68

PALOMAR DISTRICT

La Jolla GC

Memory: Laura Scheinbein \$68

Memory: Tonni Tammey \$68

Poway Valley GC

Honor: Rosemary Anderson..... \$68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT

Southern California GC

Memory: Irene Morehead \$136

VALLEY LODE DISTRICT

Knights Ferry GC

Honor: F. Richard Lutz \$68

Stockton GC

Memory: Bea Grasham..... \$68

Memory: Douglas R. Logan..... \$68

Honor: Stockton GC..... \$272

YOSEMITE GATEWAY DISTRICT

Atwater GC & Camellia Society

Honor: Jan Schaadt..... \$68

MISCELLANEOUS

Estero Bay Women's Club

Honor: Irene Toomey.....\$68

GFWC Peninsula Hills Women's Club

Honor: Victims of Butte &

Lake fires.....\$204



NGC Schools**Gardening Study School, Series 25, Course II****Chairman: Myrtle Findley****Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club****March 5-6, 2016 - Shady Glen Recreation Hall, 450 Gladys Road, Colfax, CA****TOPICS:** Plant Diseases/Garden Pests; Irrigation/Water; Birds/Butterflies; Growing Fruit; Lawn Alternatives; Growing Vegetables**INSTRUCTORS:** Ingrid Else, Rob Littlepage, Lyn Muth and Eltha Hannum**Flower Show School, Course II****Chairman: Emily Troxell****Sponsor: Southwestern Judges Council****March 21-23, 2016 - San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas, CA****INSTRUCTORS:** David Robson and Penny Decker

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