



**CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**FALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

September 7-8, 2012

Marriott Hotel, San Mateo, CA

**PRESIDENT: JULIE A. WEST**

Host: CGCI Executive Committee

President Julie A. West called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan was present.

Jeff Higday, Sacramento River Valley District Director led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Josie Goodenow, Golden Foothills District Director gave the Inspiration.

President Julie A. West gave a Welcome to the Fall Board Meeting and thanked the members of the Executive Committee, Robin Pokorski, Registrar and Nancy McDougal District Director of Bay Ocean District. President West recognized the district volunteers.

President West introduced CGCI Officers, former CGCI Presidents Mary Lou Goodwin, Robin Pokorski and Maryanne Lucas.

President West recognized those serving with her on the boards of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Pacific Region.

President West introduced the President's Pages, Ellen Bateman on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Grace Hardy on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>.

President West appointed, without objection, Victoria Lucido and Robin Pokorski as timekeepers.

Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan called the roll.

Excused: Win Archibald, Sue Bennett, Jane Berger, Evelyn Broaddus, Bev Brune, Joan Craig, Dann Dunst, Laura Crenshaw, Rob Crenshaw, Denise Davis, Kris Ethington, Bob Gordon, Helen Gregory, Wanda Hewitt, Rosalie Hooper, Nancy Johnson, Judy Laird, Dana Lozano, Carole Lung, Angela Michaels, Kathy Moren, Gertrude Paul, Kathy Pifari, Loraine Ramshaw, Joyce Reid, Linda Riddle, Deanna Ridolfi, Dorothy Roton, Hoberley Schuler, Robert Schuler, Pauline Sechi, Linda Simonds, Linda Smith, Shirley Stewart, Marcia Townsend, Elisabeth Tufo, Martha Ann Walter.

President West declared a quorum.

Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian announced that the Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting in May 2012 for this entire term.

Pat Clayes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President moved the adoption of the Fall Board Meeting Program as corrected. **PASSED.**

Robin Pokorski, Registrar, gave the registration report indicating a total of 102 registered.

Without objection the minutes of the Pre-Convention Board Meeting in Sacramento were approved as distributed on July 17 2012, and without objection the minutes of the Organizational Meeting in Sacramento were approved as distributed on July 19, 2012.

Without objection, President West appointed the committee to approve the minutes of this board meeting: Lorraine Ornelas, Chairman; Rita Desilets, President-Elect and Jane McKee, CGCI 2013 Convention Chairman.

## **Financial Reports**

Treasurer Joan Patten reported. (See Attachment A).

Financial Secretary Charlene Looper deferred her report to the Budget and Finance Workshop.

## **Officer Reports**

Corresponding Secretary Joelle Holford reported.

Three letters received:

- From the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, thanking CGCI for the \$2000 donation to Project Mission Blue.
- From Mrs. Hoberley Schuler, thanking CGCI for naming her and Robert to the Circle of Poppies.
- From Helen Gates, thanking CGCI for giving her the honor of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2012 Convention.

Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan reported. (See Attachment B).

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Pat Clayes reported. (See Attachment B).

President-Elect Rita Desilets reported for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president Sue Bennett. (See Attachment B).

Number paid as of September 1, 2012: 13,056 paid members

Number of unpaid: 85 clubs 19 APS 5 Affiliates

Rita Desilets moved to ratify:

### **1 CLUB**

Sunshine Garden club, San Fernando Valley District 20 members. **RATIFIED**

### **1 AFFILIATE**

U.C. Davis Arboretum, Davis **RATIFIED**

President-Elect Rita Desilets reported. (See Attachment B).

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported. (See Attachment B).

President Julie A. West reported. (See Attachment B).

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, CGCI Awards Chairman Pat Clayes presented Pacific Region Awards. (see Attachment B).

President West announced the "Tally Ho" Pacific Region project with the CGCI deadline to CGCI President: October 15, 2012.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RATIFICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan presented the following recommendations.

### **RATIFICATIONS:**

#### **Chairman Ratifications**

1. The resignation of Robert Gordon, CGCI Tour Chairman.
2. The resignation of Maryanne Lucas, 2014 Convention Co-Chairman.

**1 THROUGH 2 ACCEPTED WITH REGRET**

#### **Appointments**

1. Janet Eyre, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Project Chairman.

2. George Perko, Golden Legacy Society Chairman.  
**1 THROUGH 2 RATIFIED.**

#### **Payments**

3. In accordance with Miscellaneous Procedures in Policy, CGCI Board Designated Honor Book Fund shall pay meal expenses for CGCI guests and speakers invited by the Executive Committee. Weston Cook, Christine Cook and Lynette Stavros from San Francisco Flower and Garden Show are special CGCI guests invited for dinner at the 2012 Fall Board. \$126 to be paid from the Honor Book Fund to the Fall Board Account for 3 dinners. **RATIFIED**
4. Divide the net profits from the three-year calendar sales equally between Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Project Mission Blue. **RATIFIED**

#### **Calendar**

April 22-24, 2013	Pacific Region Convention, Hilton Sonoma Wine Country, Santa Rosa, Host: California
July 27-28, 2013	Gardening Study School, Colfax Garden Club, Nevada City Course I, Chairman Myrtle Findley
Feb 5-7, 2014	Flower Show School, Course II, Diablo Foothills District Co-Chairmen: Victoria Lucido and Dolores Moffat
Feb 13-16, 2014	CGCI Winter Board, Glendale Hilton, Host: Arboretum District Chairman, Shirley Stewart
July 9-11, 2014	Flower Show School, Course III, Diablo Foothills District Co-Chairmen: Victoria Lucido and Dolores Moffat
Feb 2-5, 2015	CGCI Winter Board, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Fresno Host: Sequoia Foothills District, Co-Chairmen, Diane Lane and Carley Metcalf
Feb 11-13, 2015	Flower Show School, Course IV, Diablo Foothills District Co-Chairmen: Victoria Lucido and Dolores Moffat.

#### **ALL CALENDAR DATES RATIFIED**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. New Checking Account approved at 2012 Winter Board and opened at Bank of America be used for "CGCI Events". Signers on the account are to be the CGCI Treasurer, (currently Joan Patten and on the account); Financial Secretary (currently Charlene Loooper and on the account). Add J. David West, 2013 Pacific Region Convention Chairman. **ADOPTED**
2. 2013 Winter Board Registration fee of \$30; registration fee after deadline of \$45. **ADOPTED**
3. CPA Financial Statement prepared by Carolyn Mayes for 2011-2012 be approved as required by the Bylaws, Article XII, Sec. 11. **ADOPTED**
4. 2013 Convention Registration fee of \$40; registration fee after deadline May 13, 2013 of \$50. Single Day Registration fee of \$15; single day registration fee after deadline May 13, 2013 of \$20. **ADOPTED**
5. That CGCI sponsor an insect tile at UC Davis Arboretum at Nature's Gallery Court, for \$500 inscribed *Members of California Garden Clubs, Inc.* Monies to come from the general fund. **ADOPTED**
6. That CGCI purchase 200 life membership pins with a pin back for an amount up to \$600. Monies to come from the general fund. **ADOPTED**
7. Judges Council and The Board of Trustees recommend use of up to \$500 for the design banquet at the Pacific Region Convention that CGCI is hosting April 23, 2013 with the same guidelines as a local Judges Council that hosts the design banquet at CGCI's conventions involving the Symposium Restricted Fund. **ADOPTED**

President West recessed the meeting at 5:29 p.m. on Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>.

President West reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Board of Trustees/Endowments Chairman Robin Pokorski reported.

Budget and Finance Chairman Charlene Looper reported: Letter received from National Garden Clubs, Inc. giving credit for CGCI members until 2013.

Bylaws and Policy Chairman Rita Desilets reported:

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Rita Desilets, Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman, presented the following standing rule amendments, and moved their adoption by the voting membership.

(1) **SR 1** (Page 143)

**Now Reads:** Articles of Incorporation shall be printed before the bylaws. Standing rules shall be printed immediately following the last article of the bylaws. Amendments to standing rules may be made at any convention or board meeting by a majority vote with notice or a two-thirds vote without notice. Amendments to standing rules shall be submitted to the bylaws committee chairman.

**Amend by** deleting and inserting new SR 1.

**To Read:** Articles of Incorporation shall be printed before the bylaws. Standing rules shall be printed immediately following the last article of the bylaws. Policy shall be printed immediately following the last standing rule. Amendments to standing rules and policy may be made at any convention or board meeting by a majority vote with notice or a two-thirds vote without notice. Amendments to standing rules and policy shall be submitted to the bylaws committee chairman.

**Rationale:** Clarifies location and process of amending Policy. **PASSED**

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(2) **SR 4** (Page 144)

**Now Reads:** Bylaws committee shall total five (5) members including the First Vice President, Policy Chairman and others appointed by president.

**Amend by** inserting “/President-Elect” after “First Vice President.”

**To Read:** Bylaws committee shall total five (5) members including the First Vice President/President-Elect, Policy Chairman and others appointed by president.

**Rationale:** Allows for continuity. **PASSED**

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(3) **SR 70** (Page 147)

**Now Reads:** Membership chairman shall send, by July 1, a list of all clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates with names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of the presidents, treasurers and youth gardener leaders to the CGCI President, Vice Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Yearbook Chairman, *Golden Gardens* Circulation Chairman, Liability Insurance Chairman, IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption Chairman, Website Chairman, Zip Code Club Finder Service Chairman, eNewsletter Chairman and Youth Activities Chairman. The list should follow the format of the state roster.

**Amend by** deleting “IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption” and replacing with “CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program.”  
Replace “eNewsletter” with “*Golden Gardens eNews*”

**To Read:** Membership chairman shall send, by July 1, a list of all clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates with names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of the presidents, treasurers and youth gardener leaders

to the CGCI President, Vice Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Yearbook Chairman, *Golden Gardens* Circulation Chairman, Liability Insurance Chairman, CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman, Website Chairman, Zip Code Club Finder Service Chairman, *Golden Gardens eNews* Chairman and Youth Activities Chairman. The list should follow the format of the state roster.

**Rationale:** Updates “eNewsletter” and “IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption” to current wording. **PASSED**

Legislation/Government Chairman Chuck Goodwin moved that the Chairman suspend the reading in full of the proposed standing rules. **PASSED**

(4) **SR 73 (5)** (Page 147)

**Now Reads:** (5) not be eligible for liability insurance, awards program and 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption. In addition, affiliates may also belong to a District.

**Amend by** deleting “501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption” and inserting “CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program.”

**To Read:** (5) not be eligible for liability insurance, awards program and CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program. In addition, affiliates may also belong to a District.

**Rationale:** Updates to program’s current title. **PASSED**

(5) **SR 74 (5)** (Page 147)

**Now Reads:** (5) not be eligible to apply for 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption Program. In addition, associate plant society may belong to a district.

**Amend by** deleting “501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption” and inserting “CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program.” Insert “an” before “associate plant society.”

**To Read:** (5) not be eligible to apply for CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program. In addition, an associate plant society may belong to a district.

**Rationale:** Updates to program’s current title. **PASSED**

(6) **SR 76** (Page 147)

**Now Reads:** A club shall pay CGCI annual per capita dues, belong to a district and be eligible to apply for CGCI liability insurance and 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption Program.

**Amend by** deleting “501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption Program” and inserting “CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program.”

**To Read:** A club shall pay CGCI annual per capita dues, belong to a district and be eligible to apply for CGCI liability insurance and CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program.

**Rationale:** Updates to program’s current title. **PASSED**

(7) **SR 77** (Page 147)

**Now Reads:** A club may be designated a club-at-large by the Board of Directors because it is geographically located in an inactive district. It shall pay annual per capita dues and be eligible to apply for liability insurance, awards program and 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption. It shall be informed about CGCI activities and functions of special interest by a designated chairman.

**Amend by** deleting “501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption” and inserting “CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program.”

**To Read:** A club may be designated a club-at-large by the Board of Directors because it is geographically located in an inactive district. It shall pay annual per capita dues and be eligible to apply for liability insurance, awards program and CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program. It shall be informed about CGCI activities and functions of special interest by a designated chairman.

**Rationale:** Updates to program's current title. **PASSED**

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(8) **SR 93** (Page 148)

**Now Reads:** CGCI will not accept advertising for the "*Yearbook, Manual and Roster*."

**Amend by** deleting "will not" and inserting "shall not."

**To Read:** CGCI shall not accept advertising for the "*Yearbook, Manual and Roster*."

**Rationale:** Changes to current wording. **PASSED**

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*Golden Gardens* Chairman Julie A. West introduced the *Golden Gardens* committee and reported. (see Attachment C).

*Golden Gardens* Circulation Chairman Robin Pokorski reported (See Attachment C).

Life Memberships Chairman Carlotta Wixon reported (see Attachment C).

Carlotta Wixon moved to ratify the following Life Members:

**CGCI:**

Marti Silva	Livermore-Amador Valley GC	Diablo Foothills District
Betty Nordstrand	Livermore-Amador Valley GC	Diablo Foothills District
Martha Hunt	Los Angeles GC	Greater Los Angeles District
Ann Rivenes	Livermore-Amador GC	Diablo Foothills District
Kiran Samuels	Gardeneers GC	Costa Verde District
Maggie Crane	Conejo Valley GC	Channel Islands District

**National:**

Kiran Samuels	Gardeneers GC	Costa Verde District
Martha Hunt	Los Angeles GC	Greater Los Angeles District

**All of the above RATIFIED.**

Nominating Committee Chairman Kathy Bramhall reported.

CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman Mary-Jo Noth reported. (See Attachment C)

Mary-Jo Noth moved that the following two clubs be removed from the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program because the IRS revoked their tax-exempt status

Monrovia Garden Club of Arboretum District.

Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society of Orange County District **PASSED**

Mary-Jo Noth moved to approve the addition of the following club to the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program:

Gardeners92130 of Palomar District. **PASSED.**

President's Project Chairman Ruth Browning reported. (See Attachment C).

Yearbook Team Coordinator Carmen Black reported and Introduced the Yearbook Team.

2012 Convention Chairman Ron Byrd reported (See Attachment C).

President Julie A. West recessed the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

President West reconvened the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Financial Secretary Charlene Looper presented a Budget and Finance Workshop.

Ed Dempsey, Website Chairman on behalf of CGCI Winter Board Meeting Co-Chairman Myrtle Findley, gave an Invitation to the 2013 Winter Board Meeting, February 5-8, 2013, in Auburn at the Holiday Inn.

President Julie A. West reported on the 2013 Fundraising Cruise. (see Attachment D).

President Julie A. West gave Presidential Citations to Charlene Looper, Merrilee Ray, Wanda Hewitt and Donna Thomas.

Chairmen Coordinator Robin Pokorski, introduced the chairmen who reported. (See Attachment D).

President Julie A. West recessed the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

President West reconvened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

President West read an amended Executive Committee Recommendation, #7, to read:

Judges Council recommends use of up to \$500 for the design banquet at the Pacific Region Convention that CGCI is hosting April 23, 2013 with the same guidelines as a local Judges Council that hosts the design banquet at CGCI's conventions involving the Symposium Restricted Fund. **PASSED**

Chairmen reports continued.

Pat Claves, Landscape Design Council Awards Chairman presented Landscape Design Commendations to Mary Lou Goodwin, Master Landscape Design Consultant and Anne Van Zandt, Landscape Design Consultant from the Eureka Sequoia Garden Club for "The Dozen Jewels on "H" Street Contest.

President Julie A. West read the Courtesy Resolution on behalf of Joan Craig, Courtesy Resolutions Chairman. (See Attachment E).

Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian, moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. **PASSED.**

There being no further business and no objection, President West adjourned the Fall Board Meeting of California Garden Clubs, Inc. at 3:43 p.m. on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Submitted

10/19/2012

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Margaret Strachan, Interim Recording Secretary

Date



# CGCI Fall Board Meeting, 2012—Attachment A

12:13 PM  
09/03/12  
Cash Basis

## California Garden Clubs, Inc Balance Sheet As of August 29, 2012

	Aug 29, 12
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10100 · Cash in Checking Accounts	
10101 · BofA Business MMA 4096 .20%	42,580.82
10102 · BofA CGCI Checking 12962	29,927.59
10103 · G Gardens BofA Checking 06688	27,801.08
10105 · Symposium BofA Checking 17584	5,122.57
10106 · Events BofA Checking 75519	10,239.00
Total 10100 · Cash in Checking Accounts	115,671.06
10300 · Certificates of Deposit	
10302 · L Burbank CD899-2 5/25/13 .98%	61,493.32
10303 · L Burbank CD075-3 3/27/13 1.03%	30,459.02
Total 10300 · Certificates of Deposit	91,952.34
Total Checking/Savings	207,623.40
Total Current Assets	207,623.40
Other Assets	
18000 · Prepaid Deposits	1,700.00
18500 · US Bank CD7664 4/8/14 4.00%	90,288.50
19000 · CGCI Endowment	
19010 · Principal Endowment-CGCI	34,400.00
19050 · Allowance for Change in FMV	494.82
Total 19000 · CGCI Endowment	34,894.82
19500 · Scholarship Endowment	
19510 · Principal Endowment-Scholarship	67,830.00
19550 · Allowance for Change in FMV	2,535.05
Total 19500 · Scholarship Endowment	70,365.05
Total Other Assets	197,248.37
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>404,871.77</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
30500 · Unrestricted Net Assets	
30700 · General Activities	
30701 · Available General Activities	72,968.28
Total 30700 · General Activities	72,968.28
31000 · Board Designated Net Assets	
31001 · Blue Star Memorial	3,300.15
31002 · Educational Schools	13,099.66
31003 · F.A.S.T.	1,000.00
31006 · Golden Gardens	27,801.08
31007 · Honor Book	8,460.99
31009 · Liability Insurance	58,404.08
31010 · Reforestation Fund	5,630.00
31011 · Symposium	
31011-1 · Symposium Reserve	14,515.62
31011-2 · Symposium Checking	5,122.57
Total 31011 · Symposium	19,638.19
31012 · Wildflower Conference	
31012-1 · Wildflower Conf Reserve	12,108.29
Total 31012 · Wildflower Conference	12,108.29
31013 · Youth Fund	2,142.48
Total 31000 · Board Designated Net Assets	151,584.92
Total 30500 · Unrestricted Net Assets	224,553.20



12:13 PM  
09/03/12  
Cash Basis

California Garden Clubs, Inc  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of August 29, 2012

	Aug 29, 12
31500 · Temp Restricted Net Assets	
31501 · Awards	8,684.97
31503 · E. Miller Memorial Fund	3,250.00
31504 · H. Minor Memorial Fund	3,213.65
31505 · V. Bennetts Memorial Fund	475.00
31508 · Gardening Consultants Council	1,021.55
31509 · Judges Council	1,169.47
31510 · Landscape Design Council	1,439.41
31511 · President's Project	8,325.30
31512 · Project Mission Blue	2,675.00
31513 · Scholarship Donations Life Mbr	8,125.00
31517 · Scholarship Endowment Income	2,534.64
31514 · Endowment Marketing & Publicity	841.91
31515 · DFGC Memorial for the Fallen	6,450.00
31516 · Anza-Borrego Desert Project	200.00
Total 31500 · Temp Restricted Net Assets	48,405.90
31800 · Perm Restricted Net Assets	
31801 · Copeland Fund	12,238.01
31805 · Endowment - CGCI	34,400.00
31810 · Endowment -Scholarship	67,830.00
Total 31800 · Perm Restricted Net Assets	114,468.01
Net Income	17,444.66
Total Equity	404,871.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	404,871.77

## **CGCI Fall Board Meeting, 2012 –Attachment B**

### **CGCI Officer Reports**

#### **Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan**

Following review and approval by the Review Committee, Chairman Lorraine Ornelas, the minutes of the CGCI 2012 convention were distributed to board members. Pre-Convention minutes were sent on 7/17/2012, Business Meeting minutes on 7/18/2012 and Organizational minutes on 7/19/2012. This is in accordance with the bylaws, Article V, Sec. 4 (a). Most were sent by e-mail but members without email received theirs by regular mail.

Thank you to Ed Dempsey for his prompt posting of the minutes on the CGCI website.

Reports of 100 words or less may be submitted to me by Thursday September 20 using email if possible.

#### **Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski**

Since convention, this officer assisted in the review of draft convention minutes and draft FBM agendas.

Convention meetings actions were recapped for *Golden Gardens* and the website.

Board members should note that bylaws amendments adopted at convention are now reflected in the new CGCI Yearbook.

Parliamentary articles were written for the summer issue of *Golden Gardens* and for the pre-FBM issue of *All A-Board*.

Board members should be familiar with information about the board of directors which begins on page 36 of the new CGCI Yearbook, distributed at this meeting. This and the specific guidelines for district directors and for state chairmen explain our roles on the board and the bylaws-based requirements for our attendance at and participation at state meetings.

A new edition of the National Association of Parliamentarians' 300 Membership Examination questions, effective this month, and based on the new 11<sup>th</sup> edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is now posted on the NAP website. These questions cover the gamut of parliamentary issues encountered in the operation of our garden club organizations and are a meaningful parliamentary study tool, and the predecessor version was the foundation for parliamentary workshops conducted at six 2007-2009 CGCI state meetings. You are encouraged to read and review these.

#### **Third Vice President Pat Clayes**

##### **Awards Committee Chairman.**

##### **eMail Address for CGCI**

This officer receives all emails which are sent to CGCI and forwards the emails to the appropriate chairmen to answer. Most emails have to do with membership, the 501(c)(3) Group Tax Exemption Program and the CGCI Liability Insurance Plan.

#### **eNewsletter Chairman**

The *Golden Gardens eNews* now has 1,644 subscribers; the Consultants eNewsletter now has 283 subscribers – 1,927 total subscribers! THE SUBSCRIBER LIST IS GROWING! Please encourage all of your fellow club members to subscribe. Both eNewsletters are filled with important information. As there are only 3 printed issues of *Golden Gardens* left, all garden club presidents are encouraged to submit the email addresses of their members to receive the free *Golden Gardens eNews*. Just a simple email to this chairman, giving the email address and first name, is all that is needed (and an email sent to your club members informing them about this would also be appreciated).

#### **Facebook Administrator**

149 people now "like" CGCI's Facebook page. CGCI currently gets approximately 600 visits on its Facebook page each week. Clubs and districts – Do you have a Facebook page? If so, why don't you "like" CGCI's page and CGCI

will in turn “like” your page. Please remember to send your blurbs to the Facebook Administrator, and she will post your photos, blurbs, advice, etc. If you are not a Facebook member, you can still view CGCI's page – just go to the home page of the CGCI website, lower left corner and click. Some very interesting photos, links and blurbs were posted during the summer! Thanks to all for contributing!

#### **Vonage Account – the 1-888 Number**

Voice mail continues to come to the 1-888 number – some important. This Officer has been weeding through the voice mail and redirecting the important ones to the appropriate chairmen/district directors to handle.

#### **Awards Committee Chairman**

First of all, the members of the Awards Committee are Win Archibald (Awards Finance); Joelle Holford; Shane Looper; Dolores Moffat; Linda Riddle (Youth Awards); Deanna Ridolfi (Photography); Susan Coolidge (Flower Show Awards); Joyce Reid (Youth Poetry/Essay); Denise Davis (Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest); with CGCI President Julie West.

All award descriptions and evaluation forms have been updated for the 2012 awards year which runs from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The Youth Awards Year now runs from June 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 – please note this change.

New Award: At Convention last June, the Awards Committee approved of a new award: C-11 Unique Backyard Enhancement Award – for a club member's backyard that includes unique items such as a greenhouse, bird aviary, chicken coop, waterfall, koi pond, fish pond, etc. Sponsor: Meadow Vista Garden Club. First Place \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10.

New Sponsors: Nancy Lee & Art Loesch for the G-11 Achievement for a Single Event (to clubs). The monetary amount for this award was changed to 1<sup>st</sup> \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25.

New Sponsor Needed: PR-2, Section 3, Article by an Individual. New monetary award will be \$20 for first place in the three sections. If anyone would like to sponsor this award for the 2012 awards year, please see me. Total amount due would be \$60 for the award to be given at Convention 2013. I am prepared to take your check or cash!

Award Change: FS-6 Flower Show Schedule Award. The sponsor wanted the requirement to send the schedule to CGCI three weeks prior to the flower show removed. Applicants now have until January 10 to submit their schedules to enter for this award.

Award Sponsor Reminder: Eight award sponsors have not submitted their payments, which were due in August, to Win Archibald, Awards Finance Chairman. If you owe, this chairman will try to find you this weekend to remind you. Otherwise, Shane Looper (a/k/a the financial attack dog) will see you at Winter Board!

Youth Awards: Please note that many youth awards were not applied for last term. Please encourage all of your youth groups to apply for these awards – with the new, simple application form, it should be much easier now to apply. Please see Linda Riddle, Youth Awards Chairman, for more information. Also, the Awards Committee made a change to the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest requirements. The Awards Manual now states, in bold and all caps, that “parents/teachers must verify that the art is the work of the child.”

There is a lot of money to be gained by the first place winner in some instances, so please look through your new 2012-2013 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* on pages 95 through 129 and see the Awards Manual and evaluation forms which are online on the CGCI website. Four sample three-page application forms are online, under the “Awards/Forms” section so you can see the new format for most awards.

**Pacific Region Award Winners:** In August, this Chairman received a large box in the mail from President Julie with the California award entries from the Pacific Region Convention which was held in Alaska last July. This chairman is pleased to call the following district directors or district representatives forward:

**Buttes District**

- 1B - Publications - by individuals - Carolyn Melf – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20

**Cascade District**

- 4A- Standard Flower Show Schedule - Red Bluff Garden Club – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Costa Verde District**

- 3E – Yearbook - Riviera Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20
- 10C - Civic Beautification - Naples Islands Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20

**Diablo Foothills District**

- 2B - Newsletter or Official Publications - Diablo Foothills District – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Golden Foothills District**

- 3C – Yearbook - Chicago Park Garden Club – HM
- 17 - Small Standard Flower Show - Colfax Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20

**Luther Burbank District**

- 5B - Any Other Publications published during the awards year - Luther Burbank District - (Membership Brochure) – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20

**Mendo-Lake District**

- 44Ai - Publicity Press Book - North Lake Garden Club -- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 44Aii - Publicity Press Book - Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Montana de Oro District**

- 3A – Yearbook - Floral Design Study Club – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 4B - Standard Flower Show Schedule - Montana De Oro District – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Orange County District**

- 2A - Newsletter or Official Publications - San Clemente Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20
- 12A - Garden Therapy Project - Huntington View Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20

**Palms to Pines District**

- 3H – Yearbook – Palms to Pines District – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20

**Palomar District**

- 1C - Publications - by individuals - Pauline Sechi – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3G – Yearbook - The Village Garden Club of La Jolla – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20

**Sacramento River Valley District**

- 1A - Publications - by individuals - Mary Arakelian - moved to 1B – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 11A - Fundraising Project or Event - River Valley Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20
- 13B - Club Membership Campaign - River Valley Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20
- 44Aiii - Publicity Press Book - River Valley Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20

**San Fernando Valley District**

- 3D – Yearbook - West Valley Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20
- 3F – Yearbook - Southern California Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20
- 5A - Any Other Publications -- Southern California Garden Club (Membership Brochure) – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Sequoia Foothills District**

- 3B – Yearbook - Sequoia Garden Club – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Valley Lode District**

- Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Abby Rollins, Manteca Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup>

**Judges Council of Southern California**

- 3J – Yearbook - Judges Council of Southern California – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20

**CGCI**

- 6B- State Newsletter or Official Publication - *Golden Gardens* – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20 – Julie West, Editor
- 7C – State Yearbook – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carmen Black, Yearbook Chairman
- 8B -- State Convention Program Booklet - California Garden Clubs, Inc. – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carmen Black
- 9B -- Any Other state publication published during the awards year (Penny Pines Brochure) – 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20 – Pat York

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sue Bennett**

As of September 1, 2012, **194 clubs** with **11,154** members; 34 **associate plant societies** with **1902** members and **13 affiliates** have paid their 2012-2013 dues. A total of **\$28,460** was received. This leaves 85 clubs, 19 associate plant

societies and 5 affiliates in danger of being delinquent if dues are not paid by October 1. Each District Director received a list of clubs and affiliates in their district whose dues are not paid as of September 1. Directors, please contact these clubs and remind them of the approaching deadline.

Congratulations to the following six Districts for having 100% of their dues paid by September 1: Cascade, Desert Empire, Golden Foothills, Humboldt, Roadrunner and Top O' The State. Palomar District has 100 % as well as of September 4. Luther Burbank, Montana De Oro and Yosemite Gateway need to be recognized for having just one unpaid club each. That's 10 out of 26. Thank you!

20,000 membership cards designed by Julie West were printed thanks to the *Nursery at Emerisa Gardens* of Santa Rosa who underwrote the expense of providing membership cards to every CGCI garden club member. Cards for paid clubs are packaged and were given to District Directors at this board meeting. Clubs paying their dues after Fall Board will receive their cards by mail. Additional cards will be mailed as clubs submit quarterly dues statements. Associate Plant Societies and Affiliates will receive one card for their records.

Membership cards are good for discounts at businesses on the Participating Sponsors list which is available on the CGCI Website.

CGCI promotional materials such as the bookmarks, rack cards and brochures have been counted bundled and are available for pick up. Be sure to remind those who take these materials to put their club information in the space provide before using.

### **President-Elect Rita Desilets**

#### **Personnel Chairman – Rita Desilets**

One of the responsibilities on the President-Elect is to fill the 100 or so positions on the board of directors with committed chairmen capable of keeping CGCI running smoothly and efficiently. To that end, a Planning Questionnaire was distributed at the Organizational meeting after 2012 Convention. Those not in attendance were sent a copy by U.S. mail. The efforts of those who completed the form in a timely manner are appreciated. For those chairmen who have not yet communicated their plans for 2013-2015, please do so as soon as possible. This will enable generating a list of positions needing to be filled. If you know of someone in your district or club who could/should be part of the board of directors, please include their contact information.

#### **Convention and Board Meeting Chairman Report – Rita Desilets**

Another responsibility of the President-Elect is to secure locations for future board meeting and conventions. Three of six hotel contracts for 2013-15 have been finalized. Following this board meeting, your President-Elect will be visiting two hotels in Redding (Cascade District) and Granlibakken in Tahoe City (Golden Foothills District). Orange County District is working on their plans.

Visiting districts and clubs and attending special events this past year has been very enjoyable. Thank you for your invitations and making me feel so welcomed.

#### **Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman -- Rita Desilets**

Three members of the Bylaws and Policy Committee, Rita Desilets, Mary-Jo Noth and Greg Pokorski met on Thursday to discuss proposed Standing Rule and Bylaw changes. The other members, Beverly Brune and Sue Bennett were excused.

We welcome your input, but to be considered this year proposed changes must be submitted by November 1, 2012 as stated in Bylaws, Article XIX, Sec. 2.

#### **Official Calendar Chairman – Rita Desilets**

This chairman welcomes additions to the Official Calendar at anytime. Before choosing dates for your event, please check with the Official Calendar Chairman to avoid unnecessary scheduling conflicts.

### **Banner Order Chairman -- Rita Desilets**

You can have a professionally designed (2ft by 6ft) banner to attract attention to your club or district. Use at plant sales, monthly meetings, flower shows or schools.

A simple PVC stand can be ordered, or make your own using the free instructions on the CGCI website. Stands will be delivered at any board meeting or convention or they can be shipped.

A FREE banner bag will be provided with orders of both the banner and stand.

District Directors, if your district is hosting a board meeting or convention, ask each of your clubs to bring their banner to make an impressive display, hotel space permitting.

Clubs have ordered multiple banners to mark homes on their garden tours.

Being easy to transport and assemble, a banner should be on every club's must-have list. The Banner Team, Rita Desilets, Launa Gould and Mike Gould, is looking forward to your order!

### **Permanent Files Chairman**

The permanent files are kept safely in a designated closet in this chairman's home

### **CGCI President Julie A. West**

#### **Highlights of the Summer of 2012**

The most recent highlight was the honor representing CGCI at Pacific Region of National Garden Club's Convention July 26-28, 2012 in Anchorage, AK. It was a shortened format similar to CGCI's convention in Sacramento and NGC's convention in Buffalo. Attendees included the 8 state presidents of Washington, Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska and Hawaii. NGC President Shirley Nicolai was a special guest of the convention and casually mentioned NGC is considering increasing their dues from \$.50 to \$1.00. The financial report indicated Pacific Region spent \$2,000 more in expenses than revenue generated. A lengthy discussion was held on increasing Pacific Region dues but no action was taken. Subscription rates for *WACONIAH* were increased from \$10 to \$15 and Boosters are now \$30 to generate approximately \$500 additional revenue. Ways and Means is challenged to find additional revenue needed.

Additional highlights of the summer included visits to one club and three districts in June. October 4 through November 9 will find this president visiting six districts in five weeks. Five (5) districts remain to be scheduled before this term ends in June 2013. Each visit is unique and makes serving as CGCI's president both pleasurable and fun. I am honored to hear about the activities and projects both clubs and districts support all over California! 'Thank you' seems inadequate for the magnitude of hospitality and generosity experienced with each visit.

CGCI found a new sponsor to underwrite the 2012-2013 membership cards in June. *The Nursery at Emerisa Gardens* agreed to pay the expense of printing 20,000 cards. Emerisa also sponsored the membership cards for CGCI's Diamond Jubilee, 2006-2007 as well as the following year, 2007-2008. CGCI appreciates their generosity and welcomes the return of their membership card sponsorship. In addition, Emerisa is a CGCI Participating Sponsor that offers a 10% discount upon presentation of the CGCI membership card.

Pursuing CGCI's objectives is our primary focus. Good examples of that is the support received for the CGCI President's Project - permanent signage at Sonoma State University's Native Plant Garden; Project Mission Blue to help save the federally endangered mission blue butterfly by increasing lupine diversity and helping Anza-Borrego Desert State Park replace the irrigation system and specimen plants in the visitor's center garden. You have an opportunity to support these three projects today and tomorrow as follows:

- White and Light Pink *Watsonia* bulbs from my garden - 15 bulbs for a \$5 donation will help purchase the second sign that will describe the Wetlands/Fresh Water Marsh at Sonoma State University's Native Plant Garden. A draft of the Riparian sign is here for you to see your generosity at work.
- Proceeds from the raffle being conducted at this meeting by volunteers of Bay Ocean District will benefit Project Mission Blue. Look for people wearing the orange raffle aprons to buy your raffle tickets.

- The proceeds of a silent auction of silver items donated by Lorraine Ornelas will benefit CGCI's newest project for Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

In addition, you will have an opportunity to participate and support a Gently Used Book Sale at the 2013 Winter Board. Proceeds will benefit the President's Project at Sonoma State University. It will give each of us a chance to go through our current library of garden-related books, cull those books that are dusty and no longer used as well as find new additions. Flyers have been placed in the Mailbox Distribution system and the dates are February 5-8, 2013. Similar to the Gently Used Jewelry sale held at the 2012 Winter Board, it should be lots of fun!

In conclusion, I believe CGCI presents possibility and hope when working together pursuing similar goals and objectives as well as for CGCI as an organization. Just look at what CGCI accomplished this past year because you helped make it happen! I am humbled to be a part of this team effort and great organization. Exploring the possibilities in conservation, gardening, creativity and inspiration together is how we do make the difference! Thank you for your trust and the honor bestowed upon me to serve as your representative.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie A. West

### **CGCI Fall Board Meeting—Attachment C**

#### **CGCI Standing Committee Reports**

##### ***Golden Gardens* Editor Report, Julie A. West**

This is the last year of *Golden Gardens* in its current format with the bylaw change that passed at convention. The subscription list has dropped so we have also reduced the number of printed copies of each issue from 4,000 to 3,200. President-Elect, Rita Desilets, handled the layout of the summer issue that was mailed in July. Due to this president's travel schedule visiting six districts in five weeks including the October 15 deadline for *Golden Gardens*, Rita has kindly agreed to serve as Assistant Editor for the Fall issue and Pat Clayes will handle the layout.

Presidents of clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates who have an email address are receiving the *Golden Gardens eNews*. The first issue of *Golden Gardens eNews* was in June following convention. It includes the majority of articles from the printed magazine plus more timely information that you may easily read more about with a simple click of a button.

Season's Greetings are due to this Editor October 15, 2012. Every one attending Fall Board received a form in their registration packet and copies will be placed in the Mailbox Distribution System. We are researching how to also including them in *Golden Gardens eNews*. I have a manila envelope here to turn in your season's greeting with payment for your convenience.

CGCI hopes you are taking advantage of this educational opportunity presenting itself for computer-savvy members within each club to mentor other club members. It may also open a whole new world to members who do not know what is available when they learn to use their computer. Often times this training session can be accomplished over the telephone.

At this time, I would like to introduce members of the *Golden Gardens* Committee who are present: Layout editors - President-Elect, Rita Desilets; 2nd Vice President, Sue Bennett; 3rd Vice President, Pat Clayes; *Golden Gardens* Circulation, Robin Pokorski; *Golden Gardens* Angels, Carol Mayo and Donna Thomas, Conservation Feature Editor. Their generous contributions of time and talent is what makes *Golden Gardens* the award-winning publication it is today. Breaking news from NGC is that they have changed their publication award guidelines to include electronic publications so *Golden Gardens eNews* will be eligible for competition now, just like the printed *Golden Gardens* magazine has.

Deadlines for the remaining three printed magazine issues are as follows:

October 15, 2012	Fall Issue including Season's Greetings deadline
January 15, 2013	Winter Issue
March 15, 2013	Spring Issue



### **Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman Rita Desilets**

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### **Golden Gardens Circulation Chairman Robin Pokorski**

As of September 2, 2012, 3,318 names receive *Golden Gardens* of which 2,500 are in 100% club members and 234 are individual subscribers, and 584 or more than 17% are complimentary subscriptions to Life Members, club, APS, affiliate presidents and directors. Billing notices are sent 6-8 weeks prior to subscription expiration with most clubs responding in a timely fashion. With only three print editions remaining, clubs pay only \$1.25 per issue per person. Clubs are encouraged to promote and urge club members to subscribe to *Golden Gardens eNews*.

### **Life Memberships Chairman Carlotta Wixon**

This chairman is pleased to report that we acquired six (6) new CGCI members and two (2) National members. Now is the time to start thinking of those people in your club or district you would like to honor with this special gift for the Holidays. There are three Life Membership awards given out each year. The G-12 Award is a \$50.00 cash award, and the G-13 Award is in two sections. The section A award is given to the district with the most CGCI Life memberships per year. The section B is based on the district's per capita percentage.

District directors and club presidents, please check the Life Members list in the back of the yearbook and please send any corrections or notifications of death to this chairman, the yearbook chairman or our president so we can update the list.

Applications are available from this chairman or go to our CGCI website. All district directors were given updated forms at the Convention.

#### **Names to be Ratified, September 7-9 2012**

##### **CGCI:**

Marti Silva	Livermore-Amador Valley GC	Diablo Foothills District
Betty Nordstrand	Livermore-Amador Valley GC	Diablo Foothills District
Martha Hunt	Los Angeles GC	Greater Los Angeles District
Ann Rivenes	Livermore-Amador GC	Diablo Foothills District
Kiran Samuels	Gardeneers GC	Costa Verde District
Maggie Crane	Conejo Valley GC	Channel Islands District

##### **National:**

Kiran Samuels	Gardeneers GC	Costa Verde District
Martha Hunt	Los Angeles GC	Greater Los Angeles District

### **CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman Mary-Jo Noth**

Since Convention 2012: requested changes in CGCI Yearbook and Website to reflect Program's new title; responded to garden clubs' problems in complying with CA Registry of Charitable Trusts notices, filing IRS Form 990-N. Prepared and mailed Annual Letter to CA Franchise Tax Board for Group Exemption (due August 15). Notified two more garden clubs that they were no longer eligible to be included in CGCI Group Exemption after the IRS revoked their tax exempt status. Removed clubs from the list of Subordinates on the CGCI website. Processed application to join CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program from Gardeners92130.

### **President's Project, Linda Simonds Coordinator, Chairman Ruth Browning**

The CGCI president's educational sign project at Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden at Sonoma State University has raised \$9,941 towards the goal of installing three signs.

The first goal—the Riparian Habitat sign—has been ordered and is being designed for autumn installation. Writing text and identifying the photographs to use of riparian life at seasonal Copeland Creek has been completed. This project is clearly educational—we rejected a fabulous lesser goldfinch photo because of the noxious star thistle it perched on! Fundraising for the second sign goal—Fresh Water Marsh/Wetlands—is underway.

Donations received during June and July 2012 have brought our total income to \$11,227.05

Julie West is meeting with the design on 9-14-2012 to review the first draft of the Riparian Sign. Linda Simonds is concentrating her effort to our outreach to the business community to raise funds for the Fresh/Water/Wetland sign. A gently used book sale is planned for the Winter Board meeting. Today we have books, "Rene's Bouquets" -\$20.00 boxed notecards \$15.00, watsonia bulbs -\$5.00 for sale.

The Native Plant garden at SSU presents a great opportunity for CGCI to validate its commitment to education.

### **CGCI Convention 2012 Chairman Ron Byrd**

The 81<sup>st</sup> Convention was held June 4-7 in Sacramento at the Double Tree Hotel. It was a non-election year convention and it was shortened from four days to three days. The registration cost was also reduced from \$40 to \$30. The Sacramento River Valley was the host and I felt they did a terrific job in putting on a successful Convention.

There were 301 paid registrations. There were also an additional 84 members of the District who worked as volunteers, in addition to those District members who are on the State Board.

The Convention made a profit of \$5,877.55. This was split 50-50 and CGCI received \$2,938.77.

On behalf of the Sacramento River valley District I thank CGCI and the State Board for the opportunity to have worked together with some wonderful garden club friends on the 81<sup>st</sup> Convention. We appreciated your support and encouragement through the entire process.

## **CGCI Fall Board Meeting---Attachment D**

### **Chairman Reports**

#### **2013 Fundraising Cruise, President Julie A. West**

RE: 2013 CGCI FUNDRAISING CRUISE UPDATE

CGCI has eight cabins booked at this time and secured at the convention price of \$1,325 per person. Because the ship is filling up and this is a very popular cruise, Princess Cruises adjusted the pricing over Labor Day weekend. A balcony cabin is now \$1,369 per person, an increase of \$44 (+ taxes and fees). A mid ship balcony cabin is now \$1,409 per person (+ taxes and fees). The balcony cabins reserved were recalled by Princess Cruises because of the popularity of this sailing. All agents are now booking off the same pricing. There are many agents out there booking this cruise so there is lots of competition. There is still group space available for ocean view and inside cabins. There are no mini-suites or suites available at this time.

Inquiries have been received from club presidents as well as individuals. The good news is that another Princess sale starts September 10<sup>th</sup> so the deposit is \$100 per person for two weeks. Be sure to take advantage of the sale and get your reservations in before the price goes up again. Knowing that the price is going up and not down should encourage people to **book as soon as possible for best availability.**

Remember, this is a fundraising cruise for CGCI. If we can book 20 cabins, \$1,000 will be donated to CGCI in addition to the \$50 per person. Please contact Chris Merkel, 800-258-8880 or email her at CMerkel@CruiseShipCenters.com. We are looking forward to this cruise and the fun to be had for CGCI members, family and friends. Don't miss your opportunity to join us! Best garden club wishes, Julie A. West CGCI President.

#### **Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Chairman Janet Eyre**

October 27 & 28 is Borrego Days at Borrego Desert State Park. This Chairman is inviting all of you to the presentation of the \$1000.00 check from CGCI. This is the first donation for the replacement of the worn out watering system for the cacti garden at the Visitor Center that was a CGCI project for a lot of years. The presentation will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Visitor Center on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> 2012. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **Awards Finance Chairman Win Archibald**

Awards Sponsor Statements for 2012 awards were updated for activity during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Sponsor

statements totaling \$3755.00 were mailed on July 31, 2012. Payment deadline was August 20, 2012. \$3025.00 in payment has been received. Notice will be given to 9 sponsors for non-payment. Awards Finance records show a balance for the Awards Restricted Fund of \$8674.41 including a carryover of \$4775.20. Efforts continue to keep the balances of Awards Finance and the Treasurer and Financial Secretary in agreement.

### **Backyard Habitat Chairman Carolyn Villi**

We as gardeners strive to protect, nourish and appreciate the wildlife in our gardens. Fall is the best time for us to plant trees, lawns and shrubs that will provide shelter and food for wildlife. Fall is also time for us to protect wildlife by covering chimneys with screens and holes that can become traps. Remember plant with an ulterior motive; make sure plants contribute more than flowers and color. Choose plants for food sources, nectar, nesting sites or shelter.

### **Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman George Unrine.**

Byway markers are now \$450 and large markers are \$1400, including shipping. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, El Cerrito GC dedicated a byway marker at the Richmond History Museum. Bay Bridges will dedicate a byway marker in Castro Valley this summer. Meadow Vista GC will dedicate a byway marker on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Colfax GC must relocate a marker and is coordinating with Meadow Vista to hold a rededication the same day. CALTRANS is moving a highway marker from storage to the 5<sup>th</sup> street end of the Bay Bridge and purchased two replacement highway markers for rest areas on Highway 99 near Tipton.

### **CGCI Convention 2013 Chairman Jane McKee**

The following have been confirmed:

- General Tour (Tuesday morning):
    - A behind the scenes look at the gardens of Balboa Park
    - Docent led tour of 3—4 of the gardens
    - Box lunch and presentation by San Diego Floral Association
  - Wednesday lunch: Birdie Lenard Fountain from Proven Winners will introduce "What's New for 2014"
  - Thursday lunch: Nancy Conney, Raptor Rehabilitation Center, Alpine, CA will discuss the Center's work and introduce you to two or three of her feathered friends (possibly owl, kestrel and red hawk)
- Workshops and other details are being finalized.

### **California Natives Chairman Margaret Strachan**

Do native plants grow well in containers? According to a four-page article on the California Native Plant Society website it seems that the answer is that many native plants *can* be grown in containers. People without large yards and who want to be involved in the trend these days of growing some native plants can try this method, although it may take some experimentation.

In general if you want to put a native plant in a container place it in a slightly more protected or cooler location than it would want if planted in the ground. Use larger pots than you might use for a non-native plant and native plants in containers will likely need some fertilizer, until their growth hardens off.

The website author's final advice is to experiment with what you like and enjoy your potted natives without fussing over them too much.

### **Flower Show Awards Chairman Susan Coolidge**

So far during 2012, 12 standard flower shows have been registered and evaluated. Four are eligible to apply for NGC Flower Show Awards, and five may apply for CGCI Awards. Five of these clubs also registered shows in 2011 and are to be commended. This chairman asked a variety of judges to evaluate, giving as many as possible an opportunity. As always, clubs are reminded to register their shows to make them count toward judges' accreditation.

### **Garden Therapy Chairman Bonnie Wagner**

This report includes an article from The Scientific American journal, March 19, 2012 titled "How Hospital Gardens Help Patients Heal" by Deborah Franklin. It details studies that have been done to prove that interacting with nature is a well-designed garden or just looking at a picture of a garden scene, helps the healing process. As chairman I am asking for at least ten Books of Evidence to be submitted this year for the Garden Therapy award of \$50.00 sponsored by Orange County District. This doubles last year's entries. Lastly, I am asking for examples of projects to be used for the demonstration table at the State convention in San Diego in 2013.

### **Gardening Study Schools Chairman Greg Pokorski**

Annual Consultant updates appear on pages 86-88 of the 2012-2013 Yearbook. Southern California GC's Series 22 successfully held Courses I in July (42 tested & 3 refreshed) and II in August (38 tested & 2 refreshed) – producing 36 Provisional Gardening Consultants, a 39% increase – for a total of 128 Consultants. Courses III and IV will be in January and March of 2013. Course I of Humboldt District's Series 23 begins October 12. Remaining courses will be in January, April and July, 2013. Course I of Series 24, sponsored by Colfax GC, beginning in Nevada City July 27, 2013, was ratified at this meeting. Additional course dates TBA.

### **Golden Gardens Angels Chairman Carol Mayo**

Traditionally, the Angel Fund supports the Golden Gardens Publication. In past years the support from garden club members has been meaningful. This year the support has been rather lean. Certainly we realize that you have been "nickel and dimed" not to mention "dollar" to the extreme. But we remind you that there are many people who deserve to be honored by making a \$25.00 contribution in naming an angel in our midst.

### **Home Grown Chairman Myrtle Findley**

A new book is on the market.....from research done over the last 40-odd years, and most of it done in China with China picking up the financial tab....the book is called "The China Study" and written by Dr. T. Colin Campbell. This book contains more evidence supporting our home grown produce....  
repeat: THE CHINA STUDY, by Dr. T. Colin Campbell.

### **Honor Book Chairman Joelle Holford**

In the past three months I have received three donations to California Garden Clubs Inc. Honor Book. Chicago Park Garden Club honored two members of the club. Jane Powell for 30 years as a contributing member and Betty Ramey for 50 years as a contributing member of the club. Joelle and Dwight Holford contributed to the Honor Book in honor of Jane Ford. The donation form is available on CGCI's website to download or can be requested from this Chairman.

### **Landscape Design Council Chairman Pat Clayes**

The Council currently has 91 members! Remarkable! All receive the Consultants eNewsletter via formatted email; those without email capabilities receive it via the US Postal Service. Remember that anyone can subscribe to the Consultants eNewsletter. You can find a link to the subscription form for the *Golden Gardens eNews* and *Consultants eNewsletter* on the home page of the CGCI website/upper right. One Council award was awarded since Convention 2012 – A Landscape Design Commendation was awarded to Annie Hall Bosche of Orange County District in recognition of good land use at the Gardens at Crystal Cove State Park, Laguna Beach, CA.

The Council awards Landscape Design Commendations, Awards of Merit in Landscape Architecture and Certificates of Appreciation. The council needs all of you, consultants or not, to apply for the Council awards. All forms are on the CGCI Website under "Additional CGCI Programs & Project" and then under "Landscape Design Council." Please submit your applications to this chairman. Surely you must know of a worthy Landscape Architect, project, landscape site that is worthy of recognition in your area.

Please remind your club members to apply for the B-3 Civic Landscape Award.

At this time, I would like to present Landscape Design Commendations to Mary Lou Goodwin, Master Landscape Design Consultant, and Anne Van Zandt, Landscape Design Consultant, from the Eureka Sequoia Garden Club for "The Dozen Jewels on 'H' Street Contest." The unannounced event included judging the front yards of every landscaped property located on "H" Street for a total of 39 blocks. Mary Lou and Anne were the judges.

Dave West is the Council's representative on the Special Committee to draft Bylaws and Standing Rule for the new California Consultants Council. The other members are: Shane Looper for Environmental Consultants and Greg Pokorski for the Gardening Consultants. A special joint council meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2012 from 9:00 am until 11:30. The draft Bylaws and Standing Rules will be presented during this meeting. All are invited to this meeting, but please remember that if you are not a member of the Gardening Consultants Council (which also includes Environmental consultants who paid to be a member) and Landscape Design Council, you will not have a voice or vote.

### **Landscape Design Schools Chairman Alexis Slafer**

CGCI has over 125 Landscape Design Consultants (including Master and Provisional Consultants) –representing 20 districts. Landscape Design courses provide an opportunity to gain knowledge, promote awareness & understanding of the principles & theories of landscape design, site planning & landscaping; as well as good land use & development regulated by government agencies. I'd love to work with you so there would be a school conveniently located close to you.

### **Legislation/Government Chairman Chuck Goodwin**

**Important Election November 6, 2012.** This Chairman reported on the November 6, 2012, statewide election. Offices to be filled include President and Vice President, one U.S. Senator, all 52 U.S. Representatives, all 80 California State Assembly members and 20 State Senators in odd numbered districts. Additionally there are eleven statewide ballot measures and, depending on the district, many local candidates and issues.

### **National Garden Week Chairman Helen Gregory**

NGC materials related to National Garden Week, June 2 – 8, 2013 have been distributed to the district directors for this board meeting. The materials are mostly the same as were distributed to them at the winter board meeting as they were prepared for a two year period. I was contacted by two clubs for additional posters and I was interested in hearing about any activities related to this project. District Directors are encouraged to promote National Garden Week to their clubs and their awards chairmen.

### **Natural Resources Chairman Dwight Holford**

Drought. Yes or No. Drought is as much about impact on users as it is about the snow or rain that falls in your community. California is large and diverse, so this answer can be very different depending on your location. Statewide hydrologic conditions at the end of June showed 80 percent of average precipitation to date; runoff, 65 percent of average to date' and reservoir storage, 100 percent of average for the date. Some regions of California may be experiencing a national trend toward drought. Over half the contiguous US is experiencing drought conditions, the largest percentage of the nation experiencing drought conditions in the 12 year record of the US Drought Monitor.

### **Operation Wildflower Co-Chairman Merrilee Ray**

What is a wildflower???? A wildflower is a flower that grows naturally without any help. Most will do well in poor soil and have adapted to thrive in their environment. They require no pollinating, fertilizing, weeding, or interference from man, although many have been domesticated and encouraged to grow in home gardens and can be desirable because of a hardy nature and low maintenance. If the flower always grew in a certain area and was not brought in from another place it is called indigenous or native. In some case a wildflower was brought by man from a different country or continent, then planted. If conditions are right, seeds of the plant are spread by birds, animals or the elements, and the flower could take root and begin growing without interference. These wildflowers are called naturalized. A quick note: On April 12<sup>th</sup> thru 14 there will be a Wildflower Festival in Ridgecrest, CA. On the agenda will be tours, a wildflower show, vendors, artists, presentations and lectures, and lunch.....

### **Pacific Region Convention—2013 Chairman J. David West**

CGCI will be hosting the Pacific Regional Convention April 22—24, 2013. We will be meeting in Santa Rosa at the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country Hotel. There will be a program and tour of Quarryhill Botanical Garden, a pre-eminent Asian botanical garden globally. Design programs include Nancy Colvin who has been featured in the NGC Vision of Beauty Calendar for the past 10 years. The final night will be the installation of Elaine Gunderson of Arizona as the new Pacific Region director.

### **Reforestation and Restoration Chairman Judy Unrine**

At the present time, \$5,130 has been donated to the Reforestation and Restoration fund. Recent donations have come from Petaluma Garden Club, Santa Rosa Garden Club, Costa Verde District, Hanford Garden Club, Luther Burbank District, and Hermosa Garden Club. Because the last project was located in southern California, the next project will be located in Northern California. Mendocino National Forest is currently under consideration.

### **Scholarships Co-Chairman Albert Chang**

Evelyn Broaddus and I would like every club and every district to complete the survey that was distributed to each District Director's mailbox. Bonnie Borne, The NGC Scholarship Chairman, would like to know how much scholarship money is raised by CGCI in a club year. This includes money donated for club special programs in schools. All clubs, districts and affiliates must complete the survey, even if they do not offer a penny of scholarship money.

We will continue to visit colleges and universities to publicize our scholarship programs. Each visit we make brings our scholarships to the fore with professors and administrators. A direct result of our visit to Cal poly San Luis Abispo during Winter Board brought us an applicant who was awarded one of the two NGC Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee will also publicize our scholarships by email and by the CGCI website. Consider listing your scholarship on Facebook, which reaches over 90% of all college students. Remember, the scholarship money your club or district provides can be one of the best investments you can make for the future. Your scholarship is a golden seed that will produce a bountiful crop for California.

### **Sempervirens Fund Chairman Rosa Radicchi**

At 2012 CGCI Convention it was determined that changes were needed to how we treat donations to the Fund. Please make donations directly to CGCI and note "Sempervirens Fund" on memo line; mail to: CGCI, c/o Rosa Radicchi, 730 Modesto Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060-6209. Funds will be held by CGCI in a special account and donated at regular intervals. SAVE THE DATE ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. dedication of 2000 ~ 2010 CGCI Past Presidents Tree, Honoring CGCI Past Presidents: Roton, Bennetts, Gordon, Tufo, Pokorski & Lucas, to be held at Big Basin State Park, Santa Cruz, CA.

### **Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chairman Denise Davis**

For the past 68 years the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. have given students the opportunity to demonstrate through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles.

Last year more than 500 students in California alone participated.

Information regarding the contest, along with a letter encouraging clubs to participate was distributed to the district directors at the fall board meeting in San Mateo. It is this chairman's hope that more students will participate in 2013.

### **Website Webmaster Ed Dempsey**

#### **CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program**

**When?** The e-Postcard is due every year by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month after the close of your tax year. The tax year for CGCI and the members of its Group Exemption is **July 1 – June 30**. For the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, the filing is due by **November 15, 2012**.

**How?** Click on CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program. That will bring you to information about the program. On the menu on the left of the page is a sub menu of CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program. Click on the sub menu IRS e-Postcard Form 990-N. This will bring up the page with instructions on 990-N. There is also a link to the IRS site where you can file your 990-N.

Hope this helps. Please let me know if you want some help in finding something or want something posted on the site.

## **CGCI Fall Board Meeting-----Attachment E**

### **CGCI COURTESY RESOLUTIONS** **California Garden Clubs, Inc. Fall Board Meeting** **The Marriott Hotel, San Mateo, California**

#### **WHEREAS,**

The members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. attending the 2012 Fall Board Meeting at the Marriott Hotel in San Mateo, California September 6-9, 2012 have benefited from information learned at the Fall Board Meeting and will disseminate this information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates; and

#### **WHEREAS,**

California Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Julie West, the officers, chairmen and members have served this organization with distinction, now therefore be it

#### **RESOLVED,**

That CGCI President Julie West, through her gracious presiding, and the members, chairmen and officers, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this meeting, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and

#### **RESOLVED,**

That sincere thanks be given to the Bay Ocean District volunteers; Nancy McDougal, District Director; Shane Looper, Chairman of the Fall Board Meeting, as well as all the members of the CGCI Executive Committee who planned and participated in the success of the meeting and assured its success by their many courtesies extended; and

#### **RESOLVED,**

That appreciation be extended to our own Board of Director members, George Speer, Robin Pokorski, George Perko, Pat Clayes, Susan Coolidge, Greg Pokorski, Shane Looper, Dolores Moffat and Alexis Slafer for their special ways of sharing special information with us, and

#### **RESOLVED,**

That appreciation be given to the following workshop presenters: George Perko, CPA,MBA "IRS in your Garden"; "Susan Coolidge, "Floral Art Workshop for Beginners"; Greg Pokorski, Shane Looper, Dolores Moffat and Alexis Slafer, "Hosting an NGC School - Questions & Answers"; Pat Clayes, "Simplified CGCI Award Requirement"; Nicholas Staddon, "Not Just for Show, an Intro to Some of the Best New Plants" and Price Sheppy, "Looking at the Future of Conservation in California", and

#### **RESOLVED,**

That appreciation also be extended to special guests: Lynette Stavros, Weston and Christine Cook of the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show, and

#### **RESOLVED,**

That thanks be given to our speakers Nicholas Staddon, "Sustainable Trends in the Nursery Industry, from a Global Perspective"; Elise Hinman, "Project Mission Blue" and Katsuko Thielke, "Creativity in Unusual Sogetsu Ways" and to the staff of the Marriott Hotel, and

#### **RESOLVED,**

That this resolution be incorporated into the minutes and that copies be sent to CGCI President Julie West, Fall Board Chairmen Shane Looper, Secretary Margaret Strachan and Lorena Ochoa of the Marriott Hotel.

Joan Craig  
Courtesy Resolutions Chairman

(Adopted September 8, 2012)