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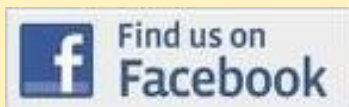
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Happy Spring everyone!

Even for those of us who live in Southern California (normally a fairly uneventful climate), seeing new buds and green growth provides a joyful and much anticipated sign of renewal and hope for the future. This must be especially true for members in Northern California with their seasonal weather variations!



I want to reiterate my gratitude for the generous donations to my President’s Project from individuals, clubs, affiliates and districts. Since I had to adjust my budget upwards to cover the increased costs of plants due to Covid supply disruptions, I still need additional funds to complete the Gardens at Grant Park. Please consider making a donation (or an additional donation) to support this project which will be enjoyed by visitors to and residents of San Diego and will provide valuable visibility and publicity for CGCI. Thanks to the generosity of the Vanderhorsts, for a \$300 donation (including delivery) you will receive a hand-made bench/table conversion for use at your home or to donate to a public space for your community to enjoy. Don’t wait to order!

We have three exciting conventions in the next few months: Pacific Region on April 17-20 in Lynnwood, Washington; National Garden Clubs on May 2-4 in White Sulphur Springs, W Virginia; and CGCI on June 5-9 in Thousand Oaks. The Call will be distributed with details of our convention (guaranteed to be enjoyable and educational) by April 21. Details of the other conventions are on their respective websites.

CGCI will sponsor a Flower Show Symposium following OFAD in San Francisco on August 7-8. This is not only for judges but for anyone who wants to learn more about horticulture and floral design.

It was a privilege to attend the Costa Verde District meeting and to meet so many members. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the revitalizing and reimagining efforts and to Alexis Slafer who was elected as District Director. If I have not visited your club or district, I would love to, so please invite me (in person or via Zoom).

Sending wishes for a blessed Easter your way,

Lynne



**CGCI Calendar**

[californiagardenclubs.com/calendar](http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar)

- **CGCI Convention**  
June 5-9, 2023  
Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks  
Contact: Rita Desilets  
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- **Flower Show School**  
Course 3 April 14-16, 2023  
Course 4 September 23-25, 2023  
Modesto—Contact: Judi Picinini,  
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- **Flower Show Symposium**  
August 7-8, 2023  
South San Francisco  
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**Black Point Historic Gardens Project**

By Julie A West, Interim Black Point Historic Gardens Chairman

With the passing of Chairman Shane Looper on February 3, 2023, CGCI has received \$3,240.95 in Shane's memory from the following generous donors:

Suzanne Andregio	Channel Islands District
Al & Pat Claves	Eureka Sequoia Garden Club
Cathy Felton	Furyu Floral Designers
Garden & Floral Arrangers Guild	Janice Hamlin
Hesperia Garden Club	Maria Krenek
Jane McKee & Dan Recia	Paradise Garden Club
Judi Picinini	Greg & Robin Pokorski
Adora Pullinger	Joyce Richardson
David Robson	Elisabeth Tufo
Turlock Garden Club	Carol Vallens
Lina Woo	

If you would like to remember Shane with a donation to the project near and dear to her heart or donate in general, click on this link: [Black Point Garden Project](#)

CGCI's partnership with Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy on this project continues through June 30, 2026. Donations of any amount are welcome and we appreciate your support!

**Convention venue has changed from the Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys, to The Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks.**  
**The CALL will come out mid-April**

Blue Star Memorial Marker Co-Chair email update:  
Shirley Lipa: [fortunagal.shirley@gmail.com](mailto:fortunagal.shirley@gmail.com).

**COVID-19 and all other viruses...Suggested protocols for meetings**  
If you are **not feeling well** on the day of the meeting, **please stay home**

A friendly reminder for the few remaining club/APSs who are not current with your **2022-2023** CGCI Membership dues. You will be dropped for Non Payment and will not be included in the next CGCI Directory.

Contact Marlene Kinney, [marlenekinney@comcast.net](mailto:marlenekinney@comcast.net), if your check is in the mail or you are not renewing your CGCI Membership.

## CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to [californiagardenclubs.com](http://californiagardenclubs.com)  
for details

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- **Membership**

**Chairman: Marlene Kinney**  
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**Chairman: Sue Bennett**  
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- **Penny Pines**

**Chairman: Nina Blonski**  
Checks to US Forest Service  
Online form [Penny Pines](#)

- **President's Project 2021-2023**

**Chairman: Robin Pokorski**  
[President's Project](#)

- **Scholarship Applications**

**Chairman: Martha Smyser**  
[CGCI Scholarship Fund](#)

- **Black Point Garden**

**Interim Chairman: Julie West**  
[Black Point Garden](#)

- **Donations** to the following projects can be made online or mailed to:

California Garden Clubs  
P.O. Box 823

San Fernando, CA 91341-0823  
[Anza-Borrego Desert State Park](#)  
[Black Point Garden](#)  
[Blue Star & Gold Star Memorials](#)  
[CGCI Endowment Funds](#)  
[CGCI Scholarship Fund](#)  
[Conejo Valley Botanic Garden](#)  
[Sempervirens/Big Basin Funds](#)

## Costa Verde District Elects Officers



(L to R) Karen Czap, Lynne Batchelor, Ellyn Meikle, Alexis Slafer, Cindy Kovacs and Marilyn Ruben.

Costa Verde District has not been meeting because of the Covid-19 epidemic. I suspect there are other districts who have been struggling also. Not wanting the situation to drag on into next year, club presidents and members of the garden clubs in the district held a meeting. Strategies were laid out and members were enthusiastic about meeting again.

Alexis Slafer was elected District Director for the 2023-2025 term. Others elected to office were Ellyn Meikle, First Assistant DD; Marilyn Ruben, Second Assistant DD; Cindy Kovacs, Treasurer; and Karen Czap, Secretary.

Lynne Batchelor, CGCI President, was invited. She shared with us reasons why district meetings are so important. Looking around the room at smiling faces it was obvious to see shared interests and friendship are the elements that keep garden club members coming back.

Lynne also shared a little about her President's Project. Land donated along the San Diego River near downtown San Diego is being developed. A series of trails, gardens, and activities are being planned for the Mission Valley Park Project. CGCI has pledged funds for gardens. The President's Project is one example of how being a part of CGCI brings depth to garden clubs and districts across the state.

It will take cooperation and planning but Costa Verde District is up and running again.

Judy Unrine, Costa Verde District



**Awards, Honors & Recognition**

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

- **Awards Program**  
Chairman: Pat Clayes  
• [californiagardenclubs.com/awards](http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards)
- **Business Commendations,**
- **Long-Term Certificates, and**
- **Member Award of Distinction**  
Chairman: Judy Bates  
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Online request forms
- **California Consultants Council**  
Chairman: Sue Bennett  
Sue\_c\_bennett@att.net
- **Life Memberships**  
Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker  
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Online request form



**National Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**President 2021-2023**  
**Mary Warshauer**

**Theme:** "Plant America-Play Outdoors"

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**Publication:** *The National Gardener*

**Website:** [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org)

**NGC Convention** May 2-5, 2023

White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia



**Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**Director: 2021-2023**  
**Lana Finegold**

**Theme:** "One Green World"

**Email:** [lanafinegold@msn.com](mailto:lanafinegold@msn.com)

**Publication:** **WACONIAH**

**Website:** [PacificRegionGardenClubs.org](http://PacificRegionGardenClubs.org)

**PRGC Convention** April 17-20, 2023

Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA

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[californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletters](http://californiagardenclubs.com/cgcnewsletters)

**Redwoods for Arbor Day**

By Judy Unrine and Kathy Taylor de Murillo, Co-Chairmen



While some may be growing tired of the waves of rain we are having, those of us who care for plants, trees, and flowers are excited with the prospect that this year our water reserves will begin to be replenished and little plants waiting for the right conditions will bloom. As fragile as the tiniest wildflower, the majestic Redwoods were also waiting for this very special, unpredicted gift.

Soon, we will be celebrating Arbor Day. Because of the rain and unpredictable weather, you, your club, or your district may not be planning an outdoor tree planting this year. If so, please consider a donation to Sempervirens or Big Basin Recovery Fund. It is easy, just check the CGCI website for the donation form and indicate you want to honor Arbor Day with your donations. You and your club will be singing the song, "Raindrops keep falling on my head..." But no, wait, they won't be falling on your head because you will be standing under the canopy of a Redwood Tree.

We want to thank all who have donated to Sempervirens and Big Basin Recovery Fund. You can be proud of all you have done to protect the Redwood forests.

**Sempervirens/Big Basin Funds**

Recent Donations: Westlake Village Garden Club  
Linden Community Garden Club  
Peter Zimmerman

**National Garden Week: June 4-10, 2023**

**Celebrate National Garden Week in Your Community!**

Join NGC clubs across the country and celebrate National Garden Week, June 4-10, 2023. This week is an opportunity to encourage pride in your community, interest new members, and work with other groups to be part of those efforts.

**Ideas to Consider:**

- Plan an educational program and/or workshop at your local library, public garden or garden center.
- Sponsor a hands-on "How Do You Select Flowers/Shrubs for Your Garden" workshop at an area nursery.
- Plan a garden tour. This is a great time to share your knowledge of growing while sharing ideas.
- Beautify a manageable blighted area or enhance an existing garden. This would be a good opportunity to work with other groups.
- Plan an activity with a youth group or school students.
- Place a plant or flower arrangement at public facilities, along with one of the beautiful National Garden Week posters.

NGC Resources: <https://gardenclub.org/national-garden-week>



Nina Blonski, Chairman  
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[Penny Pines](http://PennyPines.com)

District	Club / Donor	Honor or Memory / To Whom	Amount
Arboretum	Sierra Madre GC	Honor Patti Krok	\$68.00
Arboretum	Sierra Madre GC	Memory Linda Thunes	\$68.00
Bay Bridges	Hillside Gardeners of Montclair	Memory Susan Veit, Sharon Sanchez	\$136.00
Bay Bridges	San Leandro GC	Honor Vivian Vittoria, Shirley Rocha	\$136.00
Desert Empire	Desert Empire District	Honor Oasis Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley	\$68.00
Diablo Foothills	Diablo Foothills District, Inc	Memory Jean Tavonatti, Dolores Moffat, Shane Looper	\$204.00
Diablo Foothills	Livermore Amador Valley GC	Honor Walnut Grove Elementary, Donlon Elementary School	\$136.00
Greater Los Angeles	Naples Islands GC	Memory Audrey Grifall, Carol Mehler, Judy Powell	\$204.00
Greater Los Angeles	Naples Islands GC	Memory Margaret Russell, Sally Schmidt	\$136.00
Greater Los Angeles	Los Angeles GC	Honor Celebrating 90th Anniversary of Los Angeles Garden Club	\$68.00
Luther Burbank	Petaluma GC		\$68.00
Mendo-Lake	Potter Valley GC	Memory Karen Sandvick	\$68.00
Mendo-Lake	Fort Bragg GC	H/M Honor: Peggy Martin Memory: Ruth Sparks	\$136.00
Montana de Oro	Cayucos GC	Honor Donna Clark	\$68.00
Palomar	Carlsbad CG - Patty Baihaghy	Memory Patrick Mahon	\$68.00
Palomar	Paradise Gardeners	Honor Paradise Gardeners	\$68.00
Palomar	San Dieguito GC	Honor Jane Wilkerson, Donna Golich	\$136.00
Palomar	Vista GC - Stephanie Robbins	Honor Marcia Hart	\$68.00
Roadrunner	Cactus Wren GC	Memory Sandra Rodish	\$68.00
Sacramento River Valley	Fairfield GC	Honor Charlene Ping, Carmen Foston, Harry Matte	\$204.00
San Fernando Valley	Toluca Lake GC	Memory Pat Lobinger	\$204.00
San Fernando Valley	Southern California GC	Honor Carlos Cardona	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Tuolumne County GC	Honor Solomon's Garden and Nurseries, Gretchen Olsen	\$136.00
Valley Lode	Tuolumne County GC	Honor Linda King, Sharon Marovich, Joyce Wojtyszyn	\$204.00
Valley Lode	Tuolumne County GC	Memory Shane Looper	\$204.00
Valley Lode	Tuolumne County GC	Honor Molly Day, Jeanette Lambert	\$136.00
Valley Lode	River Valley GC	Honor Nicole Sullins	\$68.00
Valley Lode	The Lodi Garden Club, Inc.	Honor Judy King, Shirley Bowers-Baker, Sue Nakamura, Janice Orro	\$272.00
Valley Lode	The Lodi Garden Club, Inc.	Honor Rose Hayles, Betty Pfeifle, Toni Bambas, Susanne Benbrook	\$272.00
Valley Lode	The Lodi Garden Club, Inc.	Honor Diane Buirkett, Martha Lind, Claudette Gaydon	\$204.00
Valley Lode	The Lodi Garden Club, Inc.	Honor Bill Watson, Dave Kirsten	\$136.00

### ***Herbie the Herbalist***

#### **ANGELICA**

A tall tropical looking plant once known as the "holy ghost" herb in medieval times. The stems and roots were often boiled in sugar water or honey to become a tasty cordial. The seeds add a wonderful flavor to soups and stews. White flowers. Biennial

#### **ANISE**

Anise is one of the ancient herbs grown for the tasty seed. It was common in ancient courts to carry a purse of Anise seed for use as a breath freshener.

The feathery leaves are used to flavor salads, fish, and poultry. An excellent aphid and mite repellent companion plant. White flowers. Biennial

*Carolyn A. Mayes, CPA*  
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of  
California Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Graton, California

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2022, and the related statement of activities, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

**Accountant's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the America Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

**Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Carolyn A Mayes CPA*

Santa Rosa, California  
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