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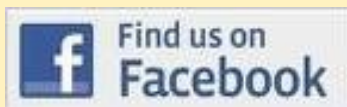
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Happy Cinco de Mayo!

We are all looking forward to enjoying the beauty nature brings (with our help) this time of year! Hopefully we have seen the end of torrential rain, snow, destructive winds, mud slides, etc.

I have just returned from the Pacific Region Convention in Lynnwood, Washington (Seattle area). Other than the host state, we had the most attendees with 15 members present.

Our new Pacific Region Director is Carol Norquist from Alaska. Her theme is "Unleash the Wild: Bring Nature Home". In her opening remarks she stressed that of the 4000 species of native bees, 50% are in decline and other pollinators (butterflies, moths, bats, birds, beetles, insects) are also under threat. She reminded us that we must learn to live in the midst of nature for the future good of the earth and that even small steps (such as planting containers with wild flowers) have a huge cumulative effect. Her objective is for us to educate ourselves and others and to do something to help the natural world. Her project chairman, Debbie Hinchey, would like to track our progress by keeping a state tally of members incorporating measures to entice nature into our yards, submitting photos and descriptions to the newsletter and participating in state projects. She is encouraging our participation in Home-grown National Park.

I have been appointed as the new Awards Chairman for the region. This year at the Awards Banquet I accepted 38 certificates for your great work. The region has a separate Foto Fundraiser contest and the Southern California Garden Club won \$100 for their entry. Congratulations to everyone!

The June Golden Gardens will be available mid-month to allow me to report on the 2021-23 term and on NGC and CGCI Conventions. I hope you have registered and contacted the hotel to attend our exciting CGCI Convention in Thousand Oaks on June 5-9. Thank you so much to the Southern California Garden Club for hosting and to Rita Desilets for Chairing. Prepare to be entertained and educated "In the Garden". See you there in your finery for the Installation Banquet as we transition to Carol Vallens and her team.

You may still purchase a fabulous table/bench for a \$300 donation to the President's Project, courtesy of the Vanderhorsts. May 15 is the deadline; don't miss out! All contributions are greatly appreciated and will bring two great gardens to life!

Lynne



CGCI Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- CGCI Convention**
 June 5-9, 2023
 Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks
 Contact: Rita Desilets
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- Flower Show School**
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2023 CGCI Annual Convention

Southern California Garden Club invites you to the **2023 CGCI Annual Convention** at The Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks, California
 June 5 – June 9, 2023

Room rate: \$129 or \$159 with breakfast included. Free parking.

- Monday, June 5** **Bus tour** to Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
Dinner - Game Night Fun
- Tuesday, June 6** **Luncheon** - Jorge Ochoa, *A Passion for Passion Vines*
Awards Banquet - Pat Claves, *Honoring CGCI Stars*
- Wednesday, June 7** **Luncheon** - Amy Darvish, *Tips of the Floral Trade*
CCC Banquet - Shelley Sparks, *Bring the Magic of a Chinese Garden Home*
- Thursday, June 8** **Luncheon** - Jane McKee, *Website Accessibility*
Installation Banquet - incoming CGCI President, Carol Vallens
- Friday, June 9** **Post-Convention Board Meeting and Organizational Meeting**
 The workshops scheduled include: Parliamentary Procedure, Kokedama Balls, Mini Succulent Gardens, GTEP, Insurance, and Leadership.

There will be a great raffle with lots of gift cards and a fabulous boutique with items at reasonable prices. Club presidents and all CGCI members should make plans to join us for this educational, fun-filled event. See you at the 2023 Convention!
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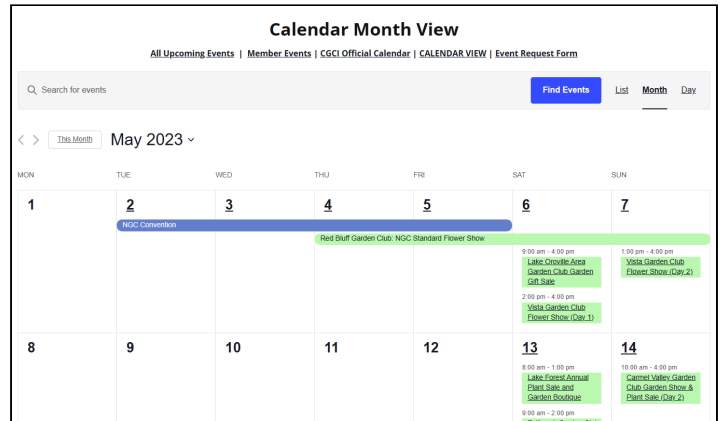
A CGCI Award Needs a Sponsor

Here is your opportunity to sponsor a CGCI Award! The District Yearbook Award (#55) needs a sponsor for the 2023 Awards Year. Every year, \$50 is awarded to the highest scoring district yearbook entry. If interested, please contact Awards Chairman Pat Claves at patclaves@aol.com.

NEW Online Calendar

By: Jane McKee, CGCI Webmaster

The CGCI website has a NEW online calendar effective May 1, 2023. The new Calendar format will include an actual “calendar view.” You can toggle back and forth through the months, search for a specific event, and/or view by list, month or day. The list views are of Member Events, CGCI Official Calendar (which includes NGC Schools), and All Upcoming Events. To see details of an event you can place the cursor on the calendar listing or click on the event to open the full page. Here’s a quick peek at the Calendar view:



Each category is color-coded (green-member events; orange-CGCI events; blue-NGC/PRGC events) Check it out (click [HERE](#) or the Calendar menu item on the Home Page) and enjoy the new calendar.

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- **Membership**

Chairman: Marlene Kinney
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- **Insurance**

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- **Group Tax Exemption Program**

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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](#)

Black Point Historic Gardens Project

By Natalie Korengold, Program Manager: Black Point & Alcatraz Historic Gardens



We were so saddened to hear of Shane's passing in February. Her passion for gardens as a site for community, learning, and art has been an inspiration. We are so grateful to have known Shane as a partner and a friend. Thank you to those who have donated to the gardens in her honor. May her memory follow us down trails of flowers.

I imagine many are curious about the progress of the Black Point historic gardens. Though we are in the midst of the season of weeds, it is also the season of native wildflowers! We have also been cultivating our perennial gardens with the help of the California Garden Club's funding. Over the last season, we were able to plant out the upper walkway of the gardens with some pollinator favorites. With the help of community groups, we have begun installing drip irrigation across the site, and hope to continue that work in the coming season.

By Julie A West, Interim Black Point Historic Gardens Chairman

Since the passing of Chairman Shane Looper on February 3, 2023, CGCI has received **\$6,065.95** in Shane's memory from the following generous donors:

Suzanne Andrego, Cactus & Succulent Society of San Jose, Suzanne Carder, Carolands Garden Club, Caruthers Garden Club, Channel Islands District, Al & Pat Clayes, Eureka Sequoia Garden Club, Cathy Felton, Floral Design of San Luis Obispo, Furyu Floral Designers, Garden & Floral Arrangers Guild, Garden Club of St. Francis Wood, Garden Study Club of the Peninsula, Janice Hamlin, Hanford Garden Club, Hesperia Garden Club, Mary Huntoon, Adele Kelly, Maria Krenek, Manteca Garden Club, Jane McKee & Dan Recia, Organic Garden Club of Sacramento County, Paradise Garden Club, Patterson Garden Club, Judi Picinini, Greg & Robin Pokorski, Adora Pullinger, Joyce Richardson, David Robson, San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society, Santa Rosa Garden Club, Hetty Shurtleff, Elisabeth Tufo, Turlock Garden Club, Carol Vallens, Barbara Weiler, Dave & Julie West and Lina Woo.

In addition, donations in memory of Dolores Moffat were received from Diablo Foothills District and Hetty Shurtleff as well as a general project donation from Mission Viejo Garden Club.

\$6,265.95 is the grand total of all donations received as of March 20, 2023.

If you would like to make a donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" or support the project in general, click on this link: [Black Point](#)

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

Walnut Creek Garden Club: "Baking Soda Is a Gardener's Best Friend"

Folsom Garden Club's Book Club recommendations for spring and summer:

The Samurai's Garden by Gail Tsukiyama

Pharmacopoeia/Dungeness Notebook by Derek Jarman

The Signature of All Things, by Elizabeth Gilbert

Mum's The Word, by Kate Collins

The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart, by Holly Ringland

Awards, Honors & Recognition

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

- **Awards Program**
Chairman: Pat Clayes
• 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



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NGC Convention May 2-5, 2023

White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia



Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

Director: 2021-2023

Carol Norquist

Theme: "Unleash the Wild:

Bring Nature Home"

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Publication: *WACONIAH*

Website: PacificRegionGardenClubs.org

Aug 2024 Alaska

April 2025 Arizona

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Clubs, Who are Your Official Convention Representatives?

By Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian

Every CGCI garden club and associate plant society is entitled to representation at the CGCI annual meeting (convention). This is your opportunity to see how your organization is being run and to participate in its administration, and an opportunity to network with fellow members from all over California, learn from the workshops and programs provided, and get ideas from other clubs.

Member organizations are entitled to representation by their presidents (or the president's alternate) **and** by delegates (the number of official delegates is based on the size of the membership of each club as specified in CGCI's bylaws). Delegates should be elected by each club – or at the least, be appointed (usually by the president). Club members cannot just fill out registration forms designating themselves as delegates. For every registration form that indicates the attendee is a president, alternate or delegate there needs to be a credentials form from that club verifying this information. See instructions that were included with the Call to Convention (distributed by email on April 17 and posted on the CGCI website). One credentials form is submitted online (**by May 19**), usually by the president, by each club that is sending representatives. Delegates should be those who plan to attend convention business sessions where they have the opportunity to vote on behalf of their club.

Be involved in your parent organization. Attend the CGCI convention and take information and ideas back to your club. And let us know you are coming by being sure that your club has submitted its credentials form.

Districts, Who Will Represent You on the 2023-2025 Nominating Committee?

By Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian

Every two years CGCI elects new officers and a new Nominating Committee to identify candidates for the administration that will begin two years later. All Districts are entitled to be represented on this committee.

The manner in which representatives are elected this year depends on the outcome of a proposed bylaws amendment that would make some changes to this process. See the Nominating Committee information that was sent with the Call to Convention

[Nominating Committee](#) and see Bylaws Proposal #3 [Bylaw Proposals](#)

Under either method, this is each club's and district's opportunity to have a voice in the selection of our future leaders. Members of the CGCI Nominating Committee will be members of the CGCI Board of Directors and will be expected to attend the four board meetings and two conventions of the 2023-2025 term (especially all Nominating Committee meetings). Who from your club or district is willing to serve? Nominees must have served on the CGCI board of directors and be present at the convention when they are nominated. Those who have served report that this is great learning experience. Prepare for your club or district to be represented in determining CGCI's future. Identify candidates to serve on this most important committee. If you have questions about the Nominating Committee, ask questions and/or review the CGCI bylaws now. **Be ready to nominate and elect members of our Nominating Committee at the upcoming convention.**

New Fillable On-Line Form for Proposed Amendments to CGCI's Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policy

The Bylaws & Policy Committee is pleased to announce a new fillable on-line form for proposed amendments to CGCI's Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policy. The new form will make amendment submissions quick and easy. All submissions will be delivered electronically to the Bylaws & Policy Committee Chairman. All submissions for Bylaws must be received by the Bylaws & Policy Committee Chairman by November 1 of the current year for consideration at the CGCI winter board meeting during the following year. Standing Rules and Policy amendments may be submitted at any time. [Click here](#) to view the new form.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Tree Planting Ceremony

by Berni Hendrix

Arbor Day in the Golden State of California is celebrated in the month of March. On March 28, California Garden Clubs, Inc. celebrated with the donation of a water thrifty tree planted at the Ceres Community Center near the Ceres Garden Club *Blue Star Memorial Marker*. CGCI Arbor Day Chair, Chuck Goodwin, initiated the tree donation.

The Arbor Day Proclamation was presented by Javier Lopez, Mayor City of Ceres and the care and acceptance was received by the Public Works Director, Ken Vaughn, who promised to do all within the scope of his position to nurture the growth of the donated tree.

The Tree Planting Ceremony opened with Berni Hendrix, Valley Lode District Director, offering an appreciation to California Garden Clubs, Inc. for the donation of the funds for the tree, for the participation of officials of the City of Ceres and to the members of the Ceres Garden Club, the district and the community who enjoyed the ceremony.

Gregg Pino, Ceres Garden Club Parliamentarian, began the ceremony by declaring the day to be a holiday to celebrate trees. A poem on trees was read by Ceres School Principal, Reid

Vaulk. Bob Taylor, former Valley Lode District Director, presented the history of Arbor Day with the first planting initiated in 1872 by J Sterling Morton. Ted Hawkins, Ceres Garden Club, followed with offering the history of Arbor Day in California being



Above left to right: Berni Hendrix, Valley Lode District Director; Javier Lopez, Ceres Mayor; Manjeet Dasanjh, Ceres Garden Club VP; Bob Taylor, former Valley Lode District Director; Reid Vaulk, School Principal; and Ken Vaughn, Director Public Works City of Ceres. Mayor Lopez graciously accepts the donation of tree from California Garden Clubs, Inc.

celebrated to honor Luther Burbank, the father of modern horticulture hybridization. Accepting the care of the tree followed with Ken Vaughn, Ceres Public Works Director. The value of trees in a community statistic was presented by City Planner, Ted Hernandez. Finally, the Arbor Day Proclamation was presented by City of Ceres Mayor, Javier Lopez. Mayor Lopez very graciously thanked and accepted the donation of the tree from CGCI and for the presence and participation of all involved. It was noted that a second tree was planted nearby making the City of Ceres a TREE CITY USA.



Left to right: Gregg Pino, Stephanie Pino, Manjeet Dasanjh, Berni Hendrix, Barbara Hawkins, Ken Vaughn, Bob Taylor, Reid Vaulk watch as city worker places the tree in the ground.



Nina Blonski, Chairman
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[Penny Pines](http://www.pennypines.org)
 Year to date \$11,222

District	Club / Donor	Honor or Memory / To Whom	Amount
Arboretum	Davis Flower Arrangers	Memory Janet Collins	\$68.00
Bay Bridges	Eden GC	Honor Elizabeth Hartman	\$68.00
Bay Bridges	Pinole GC	Honor Ruth Jurney	\$68.00
Buttes	Lake Oroville Area GC	Honor Julie Mosquini	\$68.00
Cascade	Lake California GC	Honor Anna Mae Benz	\$68.00
Channel Islands	Pleasant Vally GC		\$136.00
Costa Verde	Long Beach GC	Honor Jane Kaylor, Judy McGinley	\$136.00
Diablo Foothills	Discovery Bay GC	Memory Sharon Leedham, Rick Snyder, Sam Stephenson	\$204.00
Diablo Foothills	Clayton Valley GC	Honor Lynda Smith	\$68.00
Golden Foothills	Placeville GC		\$272.00
Golden Foothills	Divide GC	Honor Victims of the Mosquito Fire, Town of Grizzly Flat	\$136.00
Golden Foothills	Divide GC	Honor Arbor Day	\$68.00
Golden Foothills	Chicago Park GC	Loretta Stanley Memory Joyce Brown	\$68.00
Golden Foothills	Roseville Better GC	Honor Bruce Thompson, Barbara Patman, Betsy Kritzon	\$204.00
Golden Foothills	Roseville Better GC	Memory Patricia Williams	\$68.00
Orange County	Del Norte GC	Hardy Windows Honor To Commemorate Arbor Day	\$136.00
Orange County	Lake Forest GC	Donna Hood Memory George Hood	\$68.00
Orange County	San Juan Cap. GC	Honor San Juan Capistrano GC	\$204.00
Orange County	Newport Hills GC	Honor Earth Day and Arbor Day 2023	\$136.00
Orange County	Newport Hills GC	Honor Kimberly Litt, Launa Gould	\$136.00
Palomar	La Jolla GC	Memory Norm Tangedal, Tom Hand, Charles Saunders	\$204.00
Palomar	Fallbrook GC	Honor Fallbrook Garden Club's 92 Birthday	\$136.00
Sacramento River Valley	Folsom GC	Honor Debra Real, Cecelia Cutler, Nina Sanders	\$204.00
Sacramento River Valley	Folsom GC	Memory Joy Greene, Steve Austin	\$136.00
San Fernando Valley	Southern California GC	Rita Lorenz Honor Southern California Garden Club	\$68.00
Santa Clara Valley	Green Thumb GC of Milpitas	Honor Judie Cordy	\$136.00
Sequoia Foothills	Valley Oak GC	Memory Marlene Ann Nunes	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Manteca GC	Memory William Francis Stoner	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Oakdale GC	Vicki Godkin Memory Elisabeth Bogdanos Charles	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Oakdale GC	Memory Glen Burghardt	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC	Mary Jo Malone Memory Frank D Malone	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Ripon GC	Honor Deb Travaille President RGC	\$68.00
Valley Lode	River Valley GC	Memory Bill Gengler	\$68.00
Valley Lode	Newman GC	Honor Beverly Truxel	\$68.00

Once things slow down a bit in Garden Club, start planning to write your PLANT AMERICA Grant!

Get your team together and brainstorm.

Application Procedure Timeline:

Plant America Community Project Grant applications are open to NGC member clubs from April 1 through October 15 of the calendar year to fund new or continuing projects carried out during the following year.

Committee member review applications and notify grant recipients in December.

Funds are released in January or February for projects to be implemented during that year. Project completion must be within approximately one year, but no later than February 28th of the year after funds are received. Final reports are due by April 1 of that year.

<https://gardenclub.org/plant-america-community-project...#PLANTAMERICA>

