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## "Plant America - Plant Trees"

### From the Director’s Desk...



Hello Everyone and welcome to another year of gardening, learning and friendship! Members of Bernardo Gardeners, including me, have been touring gardens this summer every two weeks. It's always fun to see how someone else gardens, but even more fun is seeing all your friends during the summer months when clubs usually don't meet. I would encourage all our clubs to plan something during the summer months to keep members in touch.

I have decided not to change my theme as I believe planting a tree is the best thing we can do for our planet. Followed by shrubs, flowers, vines, succulents, cactus etc. And, let's face it - gardening is the best thing we can do for ourselves.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our three district meetings hosted by Bernardo Gardeners, Poway Valley and Vista. Next year I look forward to district meetings in the southern part of our county, so please step up and volunteer to host in 24/25. We will give the clubs the option of hosting a breakfast only meeting, or lunch if the cost is reasonable.

The upcoming California Garden Clubs board meeting in September has also been re-vamped to save time and money.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I will see you on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Rancho Bernardo.

-Sharon Tooley

“The best time to plant a tree  
is twenty years ago.  
The second best time  
is now.”





### CGCI Official Calendar

[CGCI Official Calendar - California Garden](#)

#### September 18-20, 2023

CGCI Fall Board Meeting  
Harris Ranch, Coalinga, CA

#### January 29-31, 2024

CGCI Virtual Winter Board Meeting

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#### Don't Be Late!

Submissions for the  
next Pruner are due  
Friday, December 22 2023

## Palomar District Calendar

[www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict)

### Fall Membership Meeting

**Tuesday October 17, 2023**

**Where:** Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club,  
16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, 92128

**Host:** Bernardo Gardeners

**Time:** 9:30 am - Doors Open/Registration/Shopping/Raffle **cash only**  
& Breakfast (*no lunch*)

10:00 a.m. - Board-General Meeting/Program

**Program:** 'Mary Macie, will present Fall/Holiday Tablesapes

**Cost: \$20.00**

*See page 3 for additional information*

### Winter Membership Meeting

**Monday February 19, 2024**

**Host:** Poway Valley Garden Club

### Summer Membership Meeting

**Monday June 17, 2024**

**Host:** Vista Garden Club



## Treasurer's Toolbox

This is a valuable resource CGCI has created for your club.

Go to [CGCI Treasurer's Toolbox](#) which includes important dates, sample of monthly checklists, IRS requirements, sample forms and more...

## CGCI Awards Information

CGCI, Pacific Region and NGC awards are given in recognition of outstanding accomplishments, meritorious achievements, creativity and ingenuity in a variety of activities. Descriptions of awards and application procedures may be found in the

[CGCI Awards Manual \(Revised 2023\)](#)

*Tip:* Be sure you know your due dates for each award.



## Palomar District Fall Membership Meeting

Tuesday October 17, 2023

*Autumn is in the Air*

Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club,  
16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, 92128

*Additional parking at the Rancho Bernardo Community Church lower level, 17010 Pomerado Road  
There is a short walk from the parking to Swim & Tennis Club back entrance. Follow instructions at gate.*

**Host: Bernardo Gardeners**

**Note: Reservations Required by October 3, 2023**

**9:00 am** Doors Open/Registration/Club & Chair Mailboxes/Shopping/Raffle (*cash only*)

**9:30 am** Coffee/Tea/ Refreshments & Pastries will be available

**10:00 am** General Meeting, after the meeting fresh breakfast items will be available

**Program: TBA**

Fall/Holiday Tablescape

**Cost: \$20.00** (Includes a free raffle ticket for Fall/Holiday Tablescape)

For any questions, contact Judy Fizzard [judyfizzard@gmail.com](mailto:judyfizzard@gmail.com)

### Reservation Form

✂.....

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

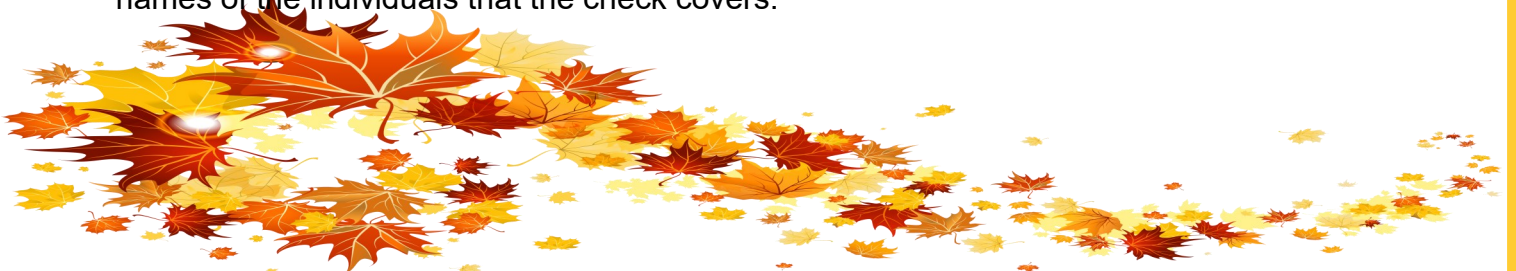
Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to: Bernardo Gardeners

Mail by October 3rd to: Judy Fizzard, 8736 Herrington Way, San Diego, 92127

Note: If several individuals are coming from one club, please send one check for all and list the names of the individuals that the check covers.





## CGCI Life Membership Award

Honor a long time member of your club with a CGCI Life Membership. Life Memberships to CGCI cost \$100 and all proceeds go to the CGCI scholarship fund. The honored member receives a certificate and pin. Go to California Garden Clubs website and hit "Membership & Dues" tab and then hit "Life Membership" for more information or [click here](#).

## CGCI President's Project 2023-2025

CGCI President Carol Vallens has announced her President's Project:  
**"Building the CGCI Scholarship Fund"**

The purpose of the project is to raise funds to increase the scholarship dollar amount awarded per recipient and/or to increase the number of scholarships awarded. Costs for a four year college education have increased yearly since 1978. CGCI has more scholarship applications from well qualified and worthy students than funding available. The project will add to the Scholarship Donation/Life Membership Fund and correct the imbalance between the growing need and CGCI's ability to meet the need

Donations can be made online or via mail. The forms to donate can be found the [CGCI website](#).

## Palomar's Floral Design Forum

Palomar's Floral Design Forum begins again in October 2, 2023 at the

***Rancho Penasquitos Library 13330 Salmon River Rd, San Diego, CA***

The program for the 2023-24 season is available [here](#). Please note we will be starting off with Robert Gordon AIFD with a demonstration a quick break to our opportunity drawing and then a hands-on workshop for the first twenty that reply to participate and make a donation to the cost of material. This will be the only workshop this year.

[The Floral Design Forum can be found here on our District Website.](#)

Hoping to see you all in October,

-George Speer, *Palomar Floral Design Forum Chair*



## Palomar District & CGCI Membership Renewal



A friendly reminder CGCI and Palomar District Dues were due by July 31, 2023.

For the few remaining clubs or Affiliate or Associate Plant Societies who are not current with your 2023-2024 CGCI Membership dues, please note will be dropped for Non Payment and will not be included in the next CGCI Directory if you do not pay your dues immediately.

[For CGCI Membership Dues and Benefit information click here.](#)

[Palomar District Dues Forms](#) and [Dues Payments for Additional Members](#) are located on our Palomar District Page.

Make checks payable to: Palomar District and send to our Treasurer:

Lisa Mercier: 2504 Montclair Street, San Diego, CA 92104  
[palomardisttreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:palomardisttreasurer@gmail.com)

## 2023 - 2024 Local Flower Shows

For more information check out our District Website...

**October 14, 2023**  
[Point Loma Garden Club](#)

**April 13, 2024**  
Poway Valley Garden Club

**April 20 & 21, 2024**  
Coronado Garden Club

**May 5, 2024**  
Vista Garden Club

**May 11, 2024**  
Temecula Valley Garden Club

Would your Club like to share a special event, project, or other noteworthy item with the Palomar District members, then send it to [palomardirector@gmail.com](mailto:palomardirector@gmail.com). Deadline: December 22, 2023



## Palomar District & CGCI News...



Sharon Tooley awarded:  
2022 CGCI Person of the Year



Janice Schock awarded:  
2023-24 Palomar District Woman of the Year



George Speer, our Floral Design Forum Chair,  
displaying information at our last June meeting.



Silent Auction bidders at our last June meeting. Adele Kelly, Dyanna Madro & Barbara Weiler



# Palomar District at the Del Mar Fair...



George Speer presenting a Floral Demonstration



Bonita Valley Garden Club sharing their Club information and smiles



Sharon Tooley presenting a Dahlia Demonstration



CGCI represented by Sharon Tooley (District Director), Adele Kelly (CGCI 1st VP), Carol Vallens (CGCI President) & Lynne Batchelor (CGCI Past President)



Adele Kelly presenting Floral Demonstrations



CGCI Pollinator Chair, Donna Payton (pictured on right) with Leslie Uke from Poway Valley Garden Club