

California Garden Clubs, Inc. 92nd Annual Convention
May 20-23, 2024, Sacramento, CA
Hosted by: Golden Foothills District
Bloom and Grow



THE Call to Convention:

I would like to invite all our CGCI board members, Club/APS presidents/treasurers to join me in attending CGCI's 92nd Annual Convention. This is my first convention as your president, and I am very excited to welcome all board members, club presidents, club members and APS members. In 2017 when I attended my first convention in San Louis Obispo, I attended as a delegate from my club and became the new CGCI Penny Pines chairman and the rest is history. I promise we will have a great time together, learning, and expanding our knowledge in many areas while having fun with friends and making new friends too. This is a time for you to obtain knowledge to ***Bloom and Grow*** and take that knowledge home and share it with your own club and district.

Registration for the 2024 Annual Convention is now Open:

The early bird package price when postmarked by ***April 26 is only \$315*** and includes your registration fee, plus, one lunch and three dinners.

When postmarked between April 27 and May 3, the price for the same package is \$355.

No registrations or refunds will be accepted after May 10, 2024.

SAVE when you register early. Register NOW. Do not risk the chance of getting busy and forgetting.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 28

The negotiated rate is \$135 per night (King or Two Doubles) plus taxes. This rate is available for two days pre-and post-convention dates, based on room type and group rate availability. After the April 28 hotel reservation deadline, any rooms that have not been reserved in our room block will be released. Room reservations made after April 28 will be on a space available basis and are subject to the current rates at that time. For the best selection and to guarantee the best rate, make your room reservation ASAP. Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card and cancellation must be 24 hours prior to 4:00 p.m. of your arrival day to avoid a 1-night charge plus taxes.

Hotel reservations can be made online, and the hotel has already set up a special link for us to do that.

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/sacramento-california/wyndham-sacramento/rooms-rates?&checkInDate=05/19/2024&checkOutDate=05/24/2024&groupCode=982204>

Click on the above link and you will go directly to the page that Wyndham Sacramento has set-up for us.

If you choose to call for reservations, please call 916-338-5800; identify yourself that you are with California Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Convention and the room rate is \$135 per night, plus taxes.

Wyndham Hotel Sacramento

5321 Date Avenue

Sacramento CA 95841

916-246-6791

Check in – 3:00 p.m. Check out – 11:00 a.m.

The Wyndham Sacramento is a 100% Smoke-Free Hotel

The hotel has a restaurant and bar, a fitness center, pool,

business center, free WIFI and free parking and other amenities.

Traveling by Plane

If you are traveling by plane my suggestion is to fly into Sacramento International Airport, please be aware there is no shuttle service to or from the hotel. It is about 17 miles to the hotel from the airport and you can take either a taxi, Lyft, or Uber to the hotel. Maybe you know someone who could pick you up or try arriving when other friends are arriving at the airport, so you can share a ride and the cost.

Area Eateries and Other Things

There is a Starbucks 0.2 miles, a 4-minute walk (just across the street), from the hotel. A Chick-fill-A and an In-N-Out are also close by. Across the freeway is Brookfields Family Restaurant. Also close by is a Target, I-Hop, and Jack in the Box just to mention a few. A more detailed list will be available upon check-in. Since we all enjoyed having some meal choices on our own, at Harris Ranch we have given you **two lunches, Monday, and Wednesday**, when you can decide where to eat. Invite someone new to join you for lunch and enjoy!

Getting Ready for Convention

The weather could be in the low 80's in the daytime and the night could be in the mid to high 50's. The meeting rooms inside the hotel are usually colder so bring a sweater or jacket. Attire for the Convention is business casual with evening attire dressier. Tote bags will be available for purchase to carry your materials and items purchased in the vendor or meeting room. All funds from the purchase of the tote bags will benefit the 2023-2025 President's Project. Please bring your own water bottle, if possible, as only water will be available in the meeting rooms, coffee can be purchased at the restaurant in the hotel or at Starbucks. Together, we can become more environmentally friendly and **go green**.

Programs

Monday Evening: The program is a Fashion Show, 100 Years of Garden Clubbing, 1920s-2020s. Please dress up for the fashion show and wear a hat or fascinator that you made at the 2:00-3:00 p.m. workshop on Monday. The presenter for the fashion show is, **Cherie Oliver, owner of the Yesteryear Sierra, and VP of Chicago Park Garden Club.** Cherie will narrate us through the garden years with nine authentic Vintage Outfits worn by her models. This is a fantastic program and I know everyone will enjoy it.

Tuesday Lunch: Our lunch program is highlighting one of our CGCI State Projects and updating us on **Black Point Historic Gardens.** This is a great opportunity for us to catch up on how the garden is doing and their future. Our speaker will be, **Natalie Korengold, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.**

Tuesday Evening: Is The **Awards Banquet** and it's time to celebrate all our districts, clubs and members who have won awards from many different categories. Please join me and Pat Clayes as we celebrate **CGCI Awards Night and all the winners.**

Wednesday Evening: Calling all Floral Designers and anyone who loves flowers. Wednesday night is design night, and we have a very special program for everyone, presented by our new board member and the webmaster and photographer for OFAD (Organization of Floral Art Designers). If you have ever been to OFAD, you would know how lucky we are to have **Brad Welles presenting Eye Catching Designs: A Passion for the Unusual.** Even if you are not a floral designer, I promise you won't want to miss this program. It promises to be a magical night for all and our last night together as we bring a close to California Garden Clubs, Inc. 92 Convention .

Thursday Morning Tour: Four American Rose Society Members' yards.

Just a Few More Important Notes

This convention has been shortened to two and half days, don't forget to shop in the **Vendor Room**, where vendors and local Golden Foothills District club members will have items for sale. Meetings, lunch and dinners, **Educational Displays, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction Items,** and the **President's Project Items** will be in the **Sequoia Room.** Make sure you make time to look at all the CGCI Chairmans' educational displays.

I look forward to seeing everyone at convention.

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CGCI President 2023-2025