

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Minutes of the Virtual Winter Board Meeting
January 30-31, 2024
Host: CGCI Executive Committee
President: Carol Vallens

Business Meeting #1

President Carol Vallens called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. on January 30. The Recording Secretary was present.

Immediate Past President Lynne Batchelor gave the Inspiration.

President Carol Vallens presented the 2023-2025 Executive Committee and former presidents in attendance: Robin Pokorski (2007-2009), Rita Desilets (2013-2015), Sue Bennett (2015-2017), and Lynne Batchelor (2021-2023).

President Carol Vallens recognized those members of the Circle of Poppies in attendance: Joan Craig, Chuck Goodwin, Charlotte Tucker, Judy Unrine and Carolyn Villi.

President Carol Vallens recognized member Sue Bennett serving with her on the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors and those serving with her on the Pacific Region Garden Clubs Board of Directors: Lynne Batchelor, Sue Bennett, Joan Craig, Chuck Goodwin, Sherry Molinari, Greg Pokorski, Robin Pokorski, Alexis Slafer, Martha Smyser, Charlotte Tucker, Judy Unrine and Gail Vanderhorst,

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst called the roll and the chair declared a quorum present (quorum = 30; 40 present at roll call).

Excused: Kathy Bramhall, Beverly Brune, Myrtle Findley, Bob Gordon, Diane Hill, Rosalie Hooper, Carol Jauregui, Gudy Kimmel, Jane McKee, Krystal Migliore, Rosa Radicchi, Frankie Raymond, Phil Stanley, Jeri Stark, Beverly Switzer, Hank Vanderhorst, Julie A. West, Carlotta Wixon-Welker and Pat York.

Registrar Robin Pokorski reported a total registration of 101 (including 66 board members).

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported that the Rules of Order, adopted at the Organizational Meeting on June 9, 2023, are found on the last page of the 2023 Convention Minutes on the CGCI website and reviewed those rules especially applicable to virtual meetings.

President Carol Vallens welcomed attendees and thanked the CGCI Executive Committee for hosting the 2024 Winter Board Meeting and Registrar Robin Pokorski.

Without objection the Chair appointed the following committee to review the minutes of this meeting: Greg Pokorski, Chairman, 2nd Vice-President Marlene Kinney and Bylaws and Policy Committee member Chuck Goodwin.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported the Minutes from the 2023 Fall Board Meeting at Harris Ranch in Coalinga on September 19-20, 2023 were reviewed and distributed through the CGCI MailChimp system on October 24, 2023. Without objection they were approved as distributed.

Financial Secretary Rita Desilets reported that the 2023 Fall Board Meeting made a profit of \$4,384.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer George Perko reported:

As of December 31, 2023

Net worth:

Total cash in checking/savings accounts	\$146,393	
Total other assets	\$533,090	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$679,483
of which liabilities and restricted funds are		\$421,608
Cash Balance Available	<u>\$257,875</u>	

Treasurer George Perko read the Independent Accountant’s Annual Review report dated January 22, 2024 and moved that the CGCI board accept the report as prepared and submitted by Carolyn Mayes. **Motion Passed.** See Attachment A.

Officers’ Reports

Financial Secretary Rita Desilets reported. See Attachment B.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported the deadline for emailed reports is Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

Corresponding Secretary Shirley Lipa reported. See Attachment B.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported. See Attachment B.

3rd Vice-President Nina Blonski reported. See Attachment B.

Membership:

Clubs	235	13,442 members
APS’s	49	4, 005 members
Affiliates	1	
Total	285	17,447 members

3rd Vice-President Nina Blonski moved to ratify the following club and plant society:

Manzanita Garden Club of Oakhurst, Yosemite Gateway District

President: Holly Houston, 11 members

Northern California Cactus and Succulent Association

President: Annie Wolf, 50 members

Motion Passed.

2nd Vice-President Marlene Kinney reported. See Attachment D (Chairmen Coordinator).

1st Vice-President Adele Kelly reported. See Attachment D (District Director Coordinator).

President Carol Vallens reported.

Executive Committee Recommendations

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst moved to adopt or ratify the following recommendations:

1. That the updated 2023-2025 Restricted Fund Guidelines received from and recommended by the Board of Trustees be approved.
Motion Passed. See Attachment E.
2. To accept, with regret, the resignation of Jill Cruz as Cascade District Director.
Motion Passed.
3. To approve the appointment of Diane Cerrutti as Mendo-Lake District Liaison.
Motion Passed.
4. To ratify the registration fee of \$10 for the 2024 Virtual Winter Board Meeting, with a late registration fee of \$25 after January 15, 2024.
Motion Passed.
5. To accept the invitation from San Clemente Garden Club to host the 2025 Convention. Dates and place to be determined.
Motion Passed.
6. To approve the registration fee of \$100.00 and a late registration fee of \$140.00 (if postmarked after April 26, 2024) for the 2024 CGCI Convention in Sacramento.
Motion Passed.
7. To approve a part-time registration fee of \$50.00 and a late part-time registration fee of \$75.00 (if postmarked after April 26, 2024) for the 2024 CGCI Convention in Sacramento.
Motion Passed.
8. To ratify the appointment of Erin Angulo as 2024 Convention Treasurer.
Motion Passed.
9. To ratify the appointment of Nina Blonski as Symposium Treasurer and approve adding Nina Blonski as a signer on the Bank of America Symposium account.
Motion Passed.
10. To ratify a date change for Environmental School Series 7 Course 3 in Modesto from February 3 & 4 to April 6 & 7, 2024.
Motion Passed.
11. To purchase a National Garden Clubs Path of Success paver for \$500, line code 4014s.
Motion Passed.
12. To accept, with regret, the withdrawal of Humboldt District's offer to host the 2024 Fall Board Meeting.
Motion Passed.
13. To approve that the 2024 Fall Board Meeting will be held September 8-11, 2024 at Harris Ranch, Coalinga.
Motion Passed.

The meeting was scheduled to recess at 4:00 p.m. Executive Committee Recommendations were still being processed at that time. Without objection, the assembly agreed to continue the meeting until the conclusion of the Recommendations.

The meeting recessed at 4:19 p.m.

Business Meeting #2

The meeting reconvened at 9:13 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski moved to elect the following members as delegates to the June 2-5, 2024 NGC Convention in Westminster, Colorado: Nina Blonski, Joan Craig, Cher Habriel, Ward Habriel,

Adele Kelly, Donna Payton, Greg Pokorski, Robin Pokorski, Alexis Slafer and Shelley Sparks. **Motion Passed.**

Committee Reports

Advisory Committee Chairman Lynne Batchelor reported.

Awards Committee Chairman Pat Claves reported. See Attachment D.

Board of Trustees Secretary Sue Bennett reported for Chairman Julie A. West and for Scholarship Chairman Martha Smyser. See Attachment D.

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Rita Desilets reported. See Attachment D.

Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman Greg Pokorski reported. See Attachment D. He moved on behalf of the Bylaws and Policy Committee that the following proposed amendments to the bylaws be recommended to the voting membership at the 2024 convention and that the proposed amendments to the standing rules be adopted:

Proposal #1

Golden Gardens ~~eNews~~

ARTICLE VI NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, Sec. 2 Nominating Committee, D. Duties, 4

ARTICLE XII – FINANCES, Sec. 3 and Sec. 10 (c)

ARTICLE XIII – *GOLDEN GARDENS ~~eNews~~*, heading and Sec. 1, and Sec. 3 First Sentence and (a) and (b)

Standing Rule 17

Names and email addresses for members of the nominating committee shall be published in *Golden Gardens ~~eNews~~*.

PROVISO – This Standing Rule change becomes effective only upon adoption of the above Bylaws changes at the 2024 Convention.

Would Read After Amendments

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Proposal #2

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~~Former presidents shall comprise the advisory council, which shall meet at the call of the chairman or two members of the advisory council for the purpose of discussing policies and procedures. The immediate past president shall act as chairman.~~

- A. The Advisory Committee shall consist of the former presidents of CGCI. The committee shall consider topics affecting CGCI and submit recommendations to the appropriate committee.
- B. The chairman shall be the immediate past president. In the absence of the chairman, a pro tem shall be elected from those present.
- C. A member of the Advisory Committee is not counted in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present at a meeting unless they also hold another position on the board of directors.

Article V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Sec. 2 (c) – advisory ~~council~~ committee

Article VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1 (e) members of the advisory ~~council~~ committee; and paragraph at the end of this section (All board members except members of the advisory ~~council~~ committee...)

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Proposal #3

Standing Rule 104

Permission shall be required from the executive committee to use the CGCI logo in the design of any merchandise to be used for fundraising ~~merchandise sponsored~~ by a member club, APS, affiliate, district, flower show judges council, or the California Consultants Council ~~or any combination thereof.~~

Would Read After Amendment

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Motion Passed.

Proposal #4

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Section 3 a) Garden clubs and associate plant societies shall pay annual dues of two dollars seventy-five cents ~~(\$2.75)~~ per capita, which shall include per capita dues to NGC. All categories of youth gardeners shall pay no dues.

~~f) All categories of youth gardeners shall pay no dues to CGCI. Membership dues to NGC, including dues for youth gardeners, and dues to PRGC shall be paid by CGCI annually from the general fund.~~

New Section g) The NGC dues or fee for youth gardeners shall be paid by CGCI annually.

Renumber current Section g) to Section h).

Would Read After Amendment

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Motion Passed.

Proposal #5

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Sec. 8. The parliamentarian shall:

(c) serve as advisor to the ~~bylaws~~ governance committee;

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1 Composition of the board of directors shall be:

(a) officers;

(b) district directors;

(c) members of the nominating committee;

(d) members of the board of trustees;

(e) members of the advisory ~~council~~ committee;

~~(f) members of the bylaws committee;~~

~~(g)~~ (f) members of the Circle of Poppies (ex officio)

~~(h)~~ (g) all officially appointed committee chairmen and members.

All board members except members of the advisory ~~council~~ committee and the Circle of Poppies shall hold membership in a member garden club. One-third shall constitute a quorum. No member shall be entitled to more than one vote.

Sec. 2. The board of directors shall be the governing body of this corporation and shall:

(a) transact routine business;

~~(b) adopt standing rules;~~

(b) act on recommendations from committees including but not limited to the advisory committee, executive committee, governance committee (which reviews and proposes changes to bylaws, standing rules and policy), budget and finance committee and board of trustees;

(c) ratify all classes of membership; ~~and~~ (d) adopt amendments to endowment charters.

Bylaws Article XX, Section 2;

Standing Rules 3, 4, 5:

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Delete “Bylaws and Policy”; Delete “Bylaws.”

Insert “Governance.”

Would Read After Amendments

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Governance Committee

Motion Passed.

Proposal #6

New ARTICLE XVIII GROUP TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM (GTEP)

Renumber current Articles XVIII, XIX and XX

Sec. 1. The Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP) allows CGCI to grant qualified clubs and districts full tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) and shall be maintained for clubs and districts who

a) choose to apply for the program and:

b) agree to follow the guidelines required by the IRS, FTB and CGCI; and

c) successfully complete the application along with appropriate paperwork and submit it to the GTEP Chairman.

Sec. 2. The GTEP is administered under the supervision of the GTEP Chairman and the Financial Advisor.

Sec. 3. GTEP status is renewed each year. Reminders are emailed to all active members. A late fee is added for those club/districts who do not meet the CGCI deadline.

Sec 4. The GTEP updates of subordinates (clubs and districts) are filed annually and are submitted by the GTEP Chairman to the IRS and FTB prior to their deadlines.

Sec. 5 When a club disbands, its participation in the Program is discontinued and the IRS and FTB will be notified.

Sec. 6. A copy of CGCI's authorization from the IRS (dated November 15, 2006) to include subordinates (clubs and districts) which have met all requirements set forth by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in the CGCI Group Tax Exemption and the FTB authorization retroactive to November 15, 2006 is filed with the GTEP Chairman.

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Motion Passed.

Proposal #7

ARTICLE IX – DISTRICTS & DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Sec. 6. Board meeting chairmen may be appointed by the president upon recommendation from the host district or club following selection of the board meeting locale.

ARTICLE XI – ANNUAL MEETINGS

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Motion Passed.

Proposal #8

ARTICLE XII – FINANCES

New Sec. 6 (c). At the close of the fiscal year, the balance of unexpended funds for the CGCI President and President-elect shall be placed in the budget for the following year under the allocations "CGCI President's Expenses for Prior Year" and "CGCI President-elect's Expenses for Prior Year."
Renumber current Sections (c) and (d).

Would Read After Amendment

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Renumber current Sections (c) and (d).

GTEP Chairman Sue Bennett moved to refer this back to committee. The motion to refer passed.

Proposal #9

Standing Rule 53

The president is responsible for the agenda and plans the program with the host district or club chairman for board meetings or conventions. If the meeting is held virtually, the president may appoint chairmen as needed and coordinate the agenda and program with them.

Would Read After Amendment

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The president is responsible for the agenda and plans the program with the host district or club chairmen for board meetings or conventions. If the meeting is held virtually, the president may appoint chairmen as needed and coordinate the agenda and program with them.

Motion Passed as amended.

Proposal #10

ARTICLE XI – ANNUAL MEETINGS

Sec. 3. Written notice of time and place of the convention shall be mailed (electronic or postal) to club, associate plant society and affiliate presidents and members of the board of directors at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of such meeting unless the convention is to be held virtually, when thirty days' notice shall be given. The nominating committee ticket of candidates for elective office (in an election year), a list of districts ineligible for representation on the nominating committee, and any proposed bylaws revisions with rationale, shall be included.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 4. (a) Regular meetings shall be the organizational (at the beginning of each term), fall, winter and preconvention meetings. Permission for nonattendance at any regular meeting must be obtained from the president. Forty-five days' notice of fall and winter board meetings shall be given unless the meeting is to be held virtually, when thirty days' notice shall be given.

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Motion Passed.

The meeting was scheduled to recess at 11:00 a.m. Without objection, the meeting continued to the completion of consideration of bylaws and standing rules.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m.

Business Meeting #3

The meeting reconvened at 2:32 p.m.

Committee Reports Continued

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP) Chairman Sue Bennett reported and moved to ratify the removal of Del Mar Garden Club from GTEP. **Motion Passed.** See Attachment D.

California Consultants Council Chairman Sue Bennett reported. See Attachment D.

2024 Convention Chairman extended an invitation to the Convention, hosted by Golden Foothills District at the Wyndham Hotel in Sacramento, May 20-22. See Attachment D.

Flower Show Committee Chairman Jennifer Waite reported.

Nominating Committee Chairman Lynne Batchelor reported.

Procedures Committee Chairman Robin Pokorski reported. See Attachment D.

Strategic Planning Committee Member Robin Pokorski reported for Chairman George Speer.

President Carol Vallens explained that the Chairmen Coordinator and District Director Coordinator would keep track of the three minute time limit for those reporting.

Chairmen Reports

Chairmen Coordinator Marlene Kinney introduced those chairmen who reported. See Attachment D.

Life Membership Chairman Linda Travis moved to ratify three new CGCI Life Members:

Pat Askew Ceres GC/Valley Lode District

Ruth Brooker San Pedro GC/Costa Verde District

Joyce Webster Long Beach GC/ Costa Verde District

And one new NGC Life Member:

Nina Blonski Auburn Arrangers/Divide GC/Golden Foothills District

Motion passed.

District Director Reports

District Director Coordinator Adele Kelly introduced those directors who reported. See Attachment C.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Gail Vanderhorst_____Date_____

Recording Secretary

Attachment A
Independent Accountant's Review Report

Carolyn A. Mayes, CPA
Auditing and Consulting Services

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
California Garden Clubs, Inc.
San Fernando, 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, 2023, 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.

I am required to be independent of California Garden Clubs, Inc. and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my review.

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
January 22, 2024

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Attachment B

Officers' Reports

Financial Secretary, Rita Desilets

Chairmen collecting money need to send a copy of the Cash Receipts Report to me as well as a copy with the checks you send to George or the P.O. Box. Cash receipt forms are available on the website form.

Your Request for Payment forms will be processed quickly, but use the correct line code, stay within the budget and include your receipts.

Please complete the Word Document found on the website and send it as a Word Document, not a PDF. Your receipts can be scanned and sent as a separate PDF or you can snail mail them. Help is a phone call or email away, so please ask for assistance.

Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Lipa

Since the Fall Board meeting, this secretary has sent:

2 cards of Condolence. Using Mail Chimp, the Fall Board meeting minutes, the Call to Winter Board meeting, the Proposed Bylaws and Policy amendments, and a GTEP reminder have been distributed. Just recently this Corresponding Secretary found out that the Official CGCI Calendar is part of my duties, which I know nothing about. I want to again thank Jane McKee for all the help and guidance she has provided this officer.

Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski

Welcome, not only to fellow board members, but also to all of our guests. As President Carol said in the invitation to this meeting, it is hoped that this will help you understand what is done at the state level of garden club and will interest some of you in being a part of the board. Per our Standing Rule 58, members of CGCI garden clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates are always welcome to attend board of directors meetings, but without voice or vote. So, a reminder that this is a board meeting and when voting takes place only board members may vote.

What is the CGCI board of directors? We went over this at our last meeting, which was the beginning of a new two-year term. But since we have many guests registered today this bears repeating. According to our bylaws, the board of directors is the governing body of this organization and according to the standing rules, members of the board of directors shall attend regular and special meetings and conventions. By the way, the bylaws state that permission for non-attendance at any regular meeting must be obtained from the president. So if we board members do not request to be excused if we are not coming to a meeting we are in violation of our bylaws. Far too often non-attending board members do not request to be excused.

The CGCI board of directors is made up of:

Nine Officers = Executive Committee (not Executive Board)

District Directors

All committee chairmen

Members of the Nominating Committee

Members of the Board of Trustees

Members of the Advisory Council (former CGCI presidents – lifetime board members)

Members of the Bylaws Committee

Members of the Circle of Poppies (lifetime board members)

Many board members have multiple jobs, but all have one vote per person.

What does this board do (aside from individual projects and outreach)?

It is the governing body for the organization.

It transacts routine business.

It adopts standing rules.

It ratifies all classes of membership.

It adopts amendments to endowment charters.

And as illustrated at this meeting, once a year it recommends which proposed bylaws amendments will be forwarded for consideration of the membership at the annual convention.

Where do you find this information?

In the bylaws and standing rules.

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In the *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* and on the website. Both have been updated to include changes that were made over the course of the last year. This information is on pages 53 to 82 of the yearbook.

Congratulations to our board members. You have turned out for this meeting in greater numbers than you have for recent meetings (at least you registered in higher numbers – I’m sorry that only 40 of you were here for roll call at the beginning of this meeting). There is also greater District representation than we have seen recently. The work and success of our organization depends on the participation of its members.

This officer has continued to review meeting agendas and minutes, assists in preparation for these meetings, participates in monthly Executive Committee meetings and responds to inquiries from board members and from clubs and districts. That’s the basics of this position. Additionally this officer serves as Chairman of the Bylaws and Policy Committee, which has monthly meetings. You’ll hear more about that in the report from that committee, during which we will consider proposed amendments to bylaws and standing rules. As required by our bylaws these proposals were distributed through our mailchimp system to board members prior to this meeting – on January 19. These proposals are also posted on our website with the Call to this meeting. Please have this material available tomorrow when we consider these proposals.

Our next meeting is convention. All member clubs and associate plant societies are entitled to representation by their president or the official alternate of the president, and by delegates, based on the number of club members. District Directors, please encourage your clubs to attend and participate and learn about their organization. Ideally, every member club should be represented at every convention. Watch for instructions in the Call about the credentialing process. Individuals cannot merely designate themselves as club delegates – they must be elected or appointed by their clubs. Those who serve as delegates have a vote and should be attending the convention business meetings, not just attending workshops or meal programs.

By coming together at conventions and learning together and working together we can all do more to benefit our garden clubs.

Because parliamentary procedure is a continuous learning experience this officer attends parliamentary workshops, now frequently offered on Zoom, and monthly meetings of the Zoom parliamentary unit that I belong to. You are all invited to attend tomorrow’s Workshop #2 which will

offer information on parliamentary procedure and NGC Schools. If you have specific parliamentary questions or issues email them to me so we can be sure to address them in the workshop. There is a link to my email on the website under Board of Directors.

Madame President, thanks for the opportunity to serve CGCI and you in this position.

3rd Vice-President, Membership Chairman, Nina Blonski

Current Membership

Number Paid as of January 28, 2024

Total of Clubs (total of members)

Clubs 235 (13,442)

APs 49 (4,005)

Affiliates 1

Total 285 (17,447)

For this Club Year 2023-2024 Total Membership dollars paid is \$47,831.10

CGCI has one new Associate Plant Society.

Madam President, I move to ratify the Northern California Cactus and Succulent Association
President: Annie Wolf, 50 members

And.... CGCI has one new Club

The Manzanita Garden Club of Oakhurst, Yosemite Gateway District

President: Holly Houston, 11 members

Attachment C

District Director Reports

Bay Ocean District Director, Nancy McDougal

Bay Ocean holds three meetings per year, scheduled on the third Thursday of the month, always following the CGCI meeting to bring the member clubs current with statewide issues and share what was learned. Coffee & pastries are available for those arriving before the meeting and also during socializing after the business meeting & program. Several years ago, members chose to raise our dues to \$2.00 per member (\$200 cap for largest clubs) in preference to doing extensive fundraising. With frugal management, it has been enough to cover room rental, program speakers and basic expenses for CGCI meetings, so far. We have also sold plants and vases at local events, when available. Clubs rotate in supplying the morning treats. Since our District covers a small footprint with good transportation access, representatives have stated a preference for short, efficient meetings, interesting speakers & the ability to go on to other commitments in early afternoon. We do try to engage speakers who are new to the area or unlikely to be engaged by smaller clubs. Even with such a minimum commitment, our turnout remains low, but loyal. An emailed newsletter with notice of the coming meeting & speaker announcement sent out beforehand also covers reminders of important due dates. As our District includes a mix of small traditional clubs, interest societies and community groups meeting monthly, yearly or not at all, we respect that each will understand their own needs & member profiles, supporting & learning from each other as we share the world of plants & the people who appreciate them.

Cascade District Director, Judith Paul

Since volunteering to fill our District Director vacancy and quickly being elected January 2, I have been busy getting to know my duties!

I have reached out to our district club presidents and received positive feedback.

Blue Ribbon check sheets have been mostly completed. I will submit the list of appropriate club names to Pat Claves by the deadline. My hope is to use the sheets as a learning tool, so that clubs can see areas where a bit of improvement and participation could easily raise their score.

I am seeking more direction from our clubs as to what they think will be most helpful to them. My guess is it will be membership, and getting people to fill officer positions with confidence so that they can continue in their garden club's activities and projects.

Cottonwood Garden Club will be hosting our District Winter Meeting on February 29, 2024.

Red Bluff Garden Club will be hosting a NGC Flower Show School, Course I, March 6-8. Our Club also sponsors an NGC Flower Show at our Tehama District Fair May 2-5. Since I am personally very involved in both of these events, we will be BUSY! Several of our clubs have plant sales scheduled for April and May. Redding Wonderland Garden Club has a Spring luncheon and silent auction March 23. Redding has had to make some adjustments/changes in their leadership due to serious health concerns of a couple of key officers.

In conclusion, we have a lot going on up here in Cascade District, and I will be doing my very best to help balance everything for all of us involved in our gardening endeavors.

Costa Verde District Director, Alexis Slafer

Costa Verde is taking advantage of each and every opportunity to enhance and enrich our District.

This District Director is reporting with pleasure that the *Leadership Workshop*, led by Robin Pokorski, was a great success. In addition to the 6 District clubs, there were several attendees from other Districts

and a few not connected to garden clubs. Besides the knowledge gained, the networking and excitement in the room was incredible.

One activity that is a new experience is *Welcoming the San Fernando Valley District* members to our "home" at the South Coast Botanic Garden, while on their bus trip. Costa Verde will welcome them and provide lunch. A docent from the garden will speak on the history (going from a quarry to a landfill to a botanic garden and highlight some of the plants in the garden.) What a wonderful chance to meet and get to know other garden club members in such an outstanding environment.

Orchids will be the topic of the February program. Followed by a trip to the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden at California State University, Long Beach...in May.

Our theme says Costa Verde District is A Great Place To Grow...and we're doing just that.

Golden Foothills District Director, Annette Choate

Hello Madame President and members at large,

I'm Annette Choate from the Golden Foothills district. We are hosts for this year's 2024 CGCI state convention so I'm working with Sue Bennett and the committee to lock in plans and prices for a nice event. Sue has done all the leg work at the Wyndham so I really hope the DDs encourage their members to attend.

We have 10 clubs in our district. Some are busier than others. Auburn Arrangers guild is planning a workshop in April. As a small floral design club it's the only way our little club of 14 makes money.

Auburn Garden Club is having a large plant and garden/art opportunity sale in April also. It's their main large fundraiser. From last year's sales they gave out 6 grants totaling \$5,000 to Acres of Hope, a safe women and children's shelter, The Forgotten Soldier Garden program, UC Regents of Placer County Master Gardeners for their new educational demonstration garden, St. Joseph's Catholic School garden program and the Auburn Golden Gardeners community garden for new raised beds for the seniors gardeners.

The AGG club participated in the Briar Patch food co-ops Apples for Gardens program and they received a % from the Dec. apple sales of 392. A great way for a community garden to earn money.

I was fortunate to attend a beautiful Christmas party of the Roseville Better Garden club with all the tables having centerpieces with different themes using various colors, lovely china patterns, and silver too. There was little disposable waste.

The Divide Garden Club, hosted at our fall general meeting similarly brought in their plates, flatware, real coffee cups and fresh flowers. We're trying to care for Mother Earth.

Thank you

Humboldt District Director, Karen Hall,

All seven garden clubs in Humboldt District have been very active since my last report. With all working on their individual community beautification projects, getting them ready for a winter's rest. These projects range from assisting with landscaping & maintenance @ Sequoia Park Zoo, Humboldt County Fair Grounds, thirty-seven flower beds in the City of Fortuna, creating & maintaining patio planters @ Hospice of Humboldt, maintaining the grounds of the Petrolia Cemetery, Planting & watering hanging baskets in Eureka's old town and The Henderson Center District, as well as the maintenance of seven Blue Star Memorial Markers.

All seven clubs competed in the Humboldt County Fair by producing large displays in the Flower House and joining in the opening Gala Affair presented by Ferndale Garden Club.

We held the first of our three District meetings in October, with an official visit by CGCI President Carol Vallens, and will meet again in February for our second scheduled meeting.

We all enjoyed Holiday celebrations within our clubs and attending Fortuna Garden Club's Christmas Home Tour & Tea. Redwood Coast Succulent Club invited all clubs to a Christmas wreath making affair, many of us attended Ferndale Garden Club's Fall & Winter plant markets.

Plans are being made for Fortuna Garden Club's annual Daffodil Show & Sale in March and their 100th Anniversary celebration in June. Southern Humboldt Garden Club has begun planning for their annual Flower Show in May, and we all look forward to summer garden tours in June & July.

Orange County District Director, Launa Gould

Clubs in Orange County District are busy planning all of their upcoming events including boutiques, plant sales and garden tours. The District website will be posting flyers of these events and clubs are encouraged to support each other.

The San Clemente Garden Club voted to host the 2025 CGCI convention and committees are being formed.

Palms to Pines District Director, Ronald Lang

The District has had two meetings this term. We elected a new Treasurer Constance Dunn, PO Box 680782 Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. The resignation of Pat Clayes as Treasurer was accepted.

Palms to Pines District has the potential of being one of the most exciting Districts in California Garden Clubs Inc. I have called a meeting of the nominating committee which by our bylaws are the presidents of the member clubs to meet in February and nominate a person to be the Palms to Pines District Director. The person will need to be presented for vote by March 15, 2024. I will be resigning as soon as we meet that deadline. If no one is nominated the District will disband.

The potential of our district is the excitement of what we can do for and with each other as members of the district. Our major goal and purpose is to be more than the tip of the funnel that pours stuff down from above. At the same time it is recognized that being connected to a larger group many things can be accomplished that cannot be done by a small group. There is a strong feeling to remain connected to California Garden Clubs Inc.

This is a two layered approach to what it means to be The Palms to Pines District.

We lost the Palms club because their president Corky Huffsmith died and no one would step up to be president. The club disbanded.

Roadrunner District Director, Terry Sampson

We are located in the High Desert in Southern California. Our District has 3 clubs and each one offers so much to their members. We will be going on field trips, having a booth at the Home and Garden Show as well as having very interesting speakers at our meetings. We are all looking forward to our district meeting in April which will be hosted by The Hesperia Garden Club. Carol Vallens will be our guest.

As a new District Director I am looking forward to seeing our District grow.

Sacramento River Valley District, Ron Byrd

The Sacramento River Valley District has 15 garden clubs with a current total of 734 members. Clubs range in size from 13 members to 150 members. There are three district meetings a year with a lunch and guest speaker. There is a plant sale and a table with gift baskets and gardening items for sale. A collection is taken for Penny Pines at each district meeting. Clubs pay \$2.00 per member for district dues. We also have three district board meetings a year, primarily for board members and club

presidents. We also participate in a twice a year fundraiser at the location where we meet. At the last fund raiser we took in \$880, mostly from plants that were sold. The district gives two \$500 scholarships in May to college students majoring in horticulture, landscape architecture, agriculture, etc. Several clubs also give scholarships.

San Fernando Valley District Director, Dana Boyd

We kicked off the season in October with a wonderful welcome by our own CGCI President Carol Vallens who shared her vision and goals for the year ahead. Our District presented a \$500 contribution to the CGCI President's Project, Scholarships! The next District meeting will be February 12.

SFV District continues to nurture clubs by sharing success stories, building bridges to more networking between club presidents. We are testing some new activities in the district this spring, in hopes of increasing collaboration between districts and clubs.

Toluca Lake GC member Shelley Zbornak joined the Enrich LA Garden Ranger program and serves the local elementary school students. By teaching students about soil composition, how to plant, and the seasons, she is bringing a new generation into gardening. The garden was built through a local neighborhood council grant, and the garden club has actively supported this school with benches, 200 books on gardening, and hosted planting/clean up days over the years. The garden creates opportunities for community groups to support the children beyond the standard science curriculum which is now supplemented with hands-on gardening. We enjoy knowing Shelley is making an exponential difference and building bridges between the community, the garden clubs, and the children in our community.

The District Bus Tour to South Coast Botanic Garden with a lunch hosted by Costa Verde District to build inter-district connections and sharing best practices. Save the date for the tour March 13!

Southern California GC member Natalie Bloxham and CGCI Rose Chairman is renovating the Sepulveda Garden Center (SGC) rose garden this spring. Many clubs, and our district meet here so we are personally connected to the SGC rose garden. The city of LA and CD4 have agreed to repair the concrete, and several local nurseries are donating roses to support the efforts to improve the facility we all call home. The most exciting part of this project is that Natalie will host our district fundraiser "Roses and Tea" at her home in her expansive rose garden. We believe that these events create goodwill with many garden clubs and our local politicians who are looking for good projects to support in their districts. Save the date for our event April 13!

Attachment D

Committee and Chairmen Reports

Awards Committee Chairman, Pat Claves

The members of the Awards Committee are: Judy Bates (Certificates); Emily Troxell (Flower Show Awards); Elisabeth Tufo (Sponsors-Finance); Lisa Cosand (Youth Awards); Charlotte Tucker (Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest); Michele Blomberg (Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Assistant).

The Awards Committee met yesterday. We are pleased to report that 42 adult entries were sent to PRGC. 18 entries were sent to NGC. However, only 2 poetry contest, 1 sculpture contest, and 1 pollinator poster contest entries were sent to PRGC for the youth. Charlotte Tucker reported that she only received 54 entries for the Smokey Bear Poster Contest this year – from only 8 clubs. Charlotte Tucker, Lisa Cosand, and I will be working with the district directors and club presidents to bring in more youth entries in 2024.

The electronic submissions worked extremely well, except for the two photograph and the Flower Arranger of the Year awards. We have decided to go back to hard copy submissions for these awards – that would be Awards #40, #41, and #37.

Because no entries have been received in many years, we will be dropping:

- Award #5 – Landscape Design Advocate
- Award #33 – Flower Show Staging
- Award #34 – Table Setting
- Award #36 – Flower Show Designer's Choice

Finally, I would like to announce that a few new judging chairmen are needed. Please contact me if you have good computer skills (can open and save emails and attachments on a computer/laptop), have a working computer/laptop, and are interested in judging award entries.

Black Point Historic Gardens Chairman, Julie A. West

Black Point Historic Gardens is a one-acre garden encompassing the hillside overlooking Aquatic Park, strategically located near Fisherman's Wharf in the heart of San Francisco's tourist district. It was approved as a state project in 2021 in partnership with Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (GGNPC) for five years. As a historic site in a highly-visited area of San Francisco, restoration of the gardens aim to showcase pollinator-friendly, low-water plants to the public in creative and educational ways. Donations support recreating the historical strolling garden and designing crucial urban wildlife corridors. Funding is used for propagation materials, plants, planting, garden tools, compost and scientific study of the transformation of an overgrown garden monitoring the effects of a garden planted with ornamental and native plants on pollinators and wildlife in an urban setting.

Since the passing a year ago of the former Black Point Chairman and CGCI President, Shane Looper, \$8,369.95 has been received in Shane's memory from 23 individuals, 22 clubs and associate plant societies, four districts and one judges council. In addition, \$1,000 was donated from five clubs to the general project and one district donated in memory of Dolores Moffat. CGCI appreciates their generosity and support that total \$9,369.95!

CGCI's partnership with Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy on this project continues through June 30, 2026. If you would like to donate "in honor of" or "in memory of" or support the project in general, visit CGCI's website, click on Projects and Black Point Garden is the first project listed. Donations of any amount are welcome, and your support is deeply appreciated!

Board of Trustees Chairman, Julie A. West

Prior to Winter Board, the Restricted Funds Guidelines were updated for the 2023-2025 term and sent to the Executive Committee for the Board of Directors approval.

5 of 6 members of the Board of Trustees met via Zoom with George Perko, CGCI's Financial Advisor and Treasurer as guest. Year-to-date financial records from July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 were analyzed. The CPA's Financial Review Statement for 2022-2023 was discussed. *Giving Tuesday* donations were tallied, and records indicate \$1,285 was raised for the two endowments (\$935), Scholarship/Life Members Fund (\$150) and President's Project (\$200). The endowment funds with Vanguard were reviewed and the Scholarship Endowment (69% stocks/31% Bonds) will be rebalanced in accordance with parameters established by Standing Rule 45. \$17,000 was recommended by CGCI's Financial Advisor to be moved from the Total Stock Market Index Fund to the Total Bond Market Index Fund that will rebalance the Scholarship Endowment to 60% Stocks/40% Bonds. The recommendation was approved.

The Scholarship Committee met virtually with Martha Smyser to review and evaluate the applications received for CGCI Scholarships. Martha will report the winners of the two CGCI Scholarships, Alberta Thiry Memorial Scholarship and Glenn & Anne Capes Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will meet again February 15, 2024 to review and evaluate Scholarship applications received for Pacific Region and NGC consideration.

NOTE: NGC has simplified their application process including the financial aid form, two letters of recommendation instead of three, changes in full-time status allowing graduate student flexibility in credit hours and allowing doctoral students to apply. CGCI will be conforming to NGC requirements with the 2024-2025 scholarship application for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman, Rita Desilets

The members of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Rita Desilets, George Perko, Sue Bennett, Adele Kelly, Launa Gould Julie West and guest Carol Vallens attended via Zoom on January 18, 2024. Carolyn Mayes, CPA spent nearly an hour explaining the Financial Review she prepares. We reviewed the financial records, Revenue and Expense spreadsheets from July 2023 to December 2023 as well as the status of two US Bank CDs. The agenda also included: a new line code 5810 for Class Action Settlements, GTEP and discussion of possible changes to the 2024-2025 Budget.

CGCI 2024 Convention Chairman, Sue Bennett

The Golden Foothills District members invite all CGCI members, guests and friends to the 2024 CGCI Convention.

Dates: Monday, May 20 thru 22, with a tour planned for the 23rd.

Location: Wyndham Sacramento. 5321 Date Ave., Sacramento. Right off 80 at Madison.

Hotel sleeping room cost: \$139/night

THEME: *Bloom and Grow*

Based on President Carol's vision – we want our members to bloom, continuing blooming and grow – not physically but with a wealth of CGCI information.

Trying new ideas!

- 1) We encourage everyone to bring their own water bottle, coffee/tea mug. There will be no water available, except what the hotel provides.
- 2) The Presidents Project is providing the "swag bag", if you don't bring your own, well to support the Presidents Project, you can make a donation and get one (cost to be determined),
- 3) You will choose from what is available on the table for your bag.
- 4) Every state and committee chairman will have an educational/trifold on display. (contact person to be determined)
- 5) No lunches, only dinners. Still determining price on Monday night's guest, Award Tuesday and confirming a speaker for Wednesday night at the Judges Council Banquet.

Bylaws & Policy Committee Chairman, Greg Pokorski

The hard-working Bylaws & Policy Committee members are Lynne Batchelor, Nina Blonski, Chuck Goodwin, Jeanne Johnson, Marlene Kinney, George Speer and this chairman. Standing Rule 5 provides that "other vice-presidents may attend the meetings and participate." Accordingly, Adele Kelly joins us for most meetings, as does ex officio member President Carol Vallens.

The committee met by Zoom four times since Fall Board Meeting – on October 16, November 20, December 18 and January 15. In the meetings, the committee members review suggestions for amendments to bylaws, standing rules and policy.

Please use the Amendment Request webform implemented last year to submit your suggestions.

Since we cannot bring forward additional bylaws proposals for consideration after today, we will focus on Standing Rules and Policy between now and Convention.

Bylaws can only be amended once a year at convention and proposed changes must first be approved by the board of directors, so that is our exercise for today. It is required that proposed changes be sent to the board of directors at least one week prior to the Winter Board Meeting. That was done through CGCI's mailchimp system on January 19 and the proposals have also been posted on the website. Please refer to that document now – also shared on the screen (and bylaws and standing rules are on pages 53-82 of your *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*). Those proposals that you vote in favor of do not become effective now. They are sent on to be considered by the membership attending the 2024 Convention. They only become effective if approved at Convention.

Proposed Standing Rule changes require only the approval of the board of directors and will become effective today if you vote in favor of them, except for those proposals containing provisos that they not become effective unless a related bylaw proposal becomes effective at convention.

On behalf of the Bylaws & Policy Committee, I now move to recommend the following bylaws proposals for consideration by the membership at the 2024 CGCI Convention in May, and the adoption of the following standing rules proposals: (See body of the minutes. Nine of the ten proposals were passed; one was referred back to committee).

California Consultants Council Chairman, Sue Bennett

Twenty-four members attended the WB 2024 Zoom Council Meeting.

- Acknowledgement/congratulations was said to each 5-star and 4-star members.
- Time was spent on editing a new brochure that CCC wants to produce. Thank you to Pat Claves for starting the brochure.
- Two bylaws were looked at regarding Membership and Nominations & Elections. Thanks to our parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski who took the action item to update and send them out for approval.
- Nina Blonski and Alexis Slafer will decide on how to advertise the CCC and work with Pat Claves to produce whatever they come up with for the 2024 Convention.
- One bylaw update is defining Honorary Members. Last meeting, we voted Myrtle Findley and Joan Craig as Honorary Members, pay no dues.
- Golden Foothills District looks forward to hosting a Tri-refresher during this term.

Cactus and Succulents Chairman, Ellyn Meikle

Since this committee was formed last summer, two additional club members in the Costa Verde District have volunteered to participate from the San Pedro Garden Club and the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society.

This committee has had articles published in local district and club newsletters in addition to the *Golden Gardens eNews*.

As members of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America and the South Bay Cactus and Succulent Society, we continue to attend their events, seminars, and webinars in addition to reviewing their emailed newsletters and printed journals.

This chairman will be presenting a PowerPoint program on succulent plants at a local garden club in the Costa Verde District this March.

Our most recent project was to redesign an existing garden, which was mature and overgrown, with a variety of common and unique succulent plants.

This committee will continue to maintain a mature succulent garden located in El Retiro Park in Torrance.

Please look for more contributions in the *Golden Gardens eNews* and CGCI's Facebook page to share further knowledge about succulent plants from various plant families.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information to you.

Chairmen Coordinator, 2nd Vice-President, Marlene Kinney

This Chairmen is pleased to report that 33 chairmen were present at the Chairmen's Forum held on Monday, January 29, 2024. This Chairmen attended several of the preceding committee meetings held and observed. President Carol Vallens delivered her President's Message, Procedure Chairman Robin Pokorski talked briefly about Procedures, CCC Chairman Sue Bennett talked about Education, and Awards and *Golden Gardens eNews* Chairman Pat Claves talked about Awards and Articles. Open Discussion followed with sharing ideas of educating the public about CGCI and the benefits of the work we do.

The following chairmen gave oral reports at the Virtual Winter Board Meeting:

Lynne Batchelor
Rita Desilets
Sue Bennett
Pat Claves
Lisa Cosand
Launa Gould
Bernie Hendrix
Donna Payton
Greg Pokorski
Robin Pokorski
Terry Sampson
Alexis Slafer
Shelley Sparks
Terri Taylor
Linda Travis
Charlotte Tucker
George Unrine
Judy Unrine
Jennifer Waite

District Director Coordinator, 1st Vice-President, Adele Kelly

The District Directors' Forum was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Nineteen district directors and one district director liaison were present. New District Director, Judy Paul, for the Cascade District was introduced and new District Liaison, Diane Cerrutti, for the Mendo-Lake District was also introduced.

President Carol Vallens addressed the Forum and spoke about how all clubs and districts should know if they are participating in the Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP). Alexis Slafer spoke on behalf of the Nominating Committee who is seeking candidates for CGCI's next term. District Director Coordinator and District Liaison Adele Kelly stated that she would continue to work closely with the Mendo-Lake and Luther Burbank Districts who have no district directors.

During the District Directors' Forum, the following topics were discussed:

- Fundraising ideas for Districts and Clubs
- Reminders:
 - Oral Reports for Winter Board Meeting (3 min.)
 - Flower Show School in Red Bluff
 - Price increase for Blue Star/Gold Star Memorial Markers
 - CGCI/NGC Newsletter (benefits of FREE subscription)
 - Flower Show Symposium following CGCI Convention
 - Treasurer's Toolbox and GTEP Information Sheet
 - Send club and district newsletters to eNews/Facebook Chairman, Pat Claves
 - Liability Insurance Chairman, Launa Gould requested that clubs update the *Contact Information Form* on CGCI's website whenever information changes.

On Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at Business Meeting #3 the following district directors gave oral reports:

San Fernando Valley – Dana Boyd
Roadrunner – Terry Sampson

Montana de Oro – Carolyn Fergoda
Humboldt – Karen Hall
Golden Foothills – Annette Choate
Costa Verde – Alexis Slafer
Cascade – Judy Paul
Buttes – Ward Habriel (reported during Chairmen Reports)

***Golden Gardens eNews* Editor, Pat Clayes**

Members include Writers-at-Large – Nancy Compton, Cheryl Habriel, Phil Stanley, and Bette Tang.
Proofreaders: Sue Bennett, Judy Bates, and Julie West. Photographer: Brad Welles

Thank you writers-at-large, proofreaders, and our photographer for all of your help with the *Golden Gardens eNews* issues.

At our Awards Committee meeting, I asked, “How can we get more chairmen to write articles for *Golden Gardens eNews* about their chairmanships?” Discussion ensued. Please note that I informed the committee that I had personally asked several chairmen to submit articles and all sent articles. Chairmen: *Golden Gardens eNews* and Facebook are wonderful venues to tell the rest of CGCI about your chairmanship, updates, etc.

District Directors: Please ask your clubs to send their newsletters to me. I also need district newsletters. I received about 28 newsletters each month last year; now they have practically stopped coming to me. It is important that clubs and districts participate in the exchange of information and ideas – one of the elements in CGCI’s Mission Statement.

We also discussed the subject of plagiarism. When drafting articles for your club and district newsletters and *Golden Gardens eNews*, please be aware of plagiarism. Some writers supply a list of their sources at the end of their articles which is a good idea. Paraphrasing from publications helps, and there are paraphrasing tools on the Internet that work. Please note that excerpts from articles and publications should be placed in quotes. An article about this subject will be published in an upcoming issue of *Golden Gardens eNews*. Please keep writing your very informative articles for your club and district newsletters and *Golden Gardens eNews*. I can help you if you have any questions about quoting, inserting excerpts, citing sources, giving photo credits, etc.

Gardening Schools Chairman, Greg Pokorski

Clubs and/or districts are needed to sponsor and conduct NGC Gardening Schools. This chairman is happy to provide information and walk you through the process. Schools can be in the classroom or conducted by Zoom. Get Gardening Consultants to advise and help.

We have not added new Consultants since our last California school in 2020 and we have lost Consultants each year due to lapses and deaths. We now have 68 Gardening Consultants including 7 Emeritus Consultants, 8 Provisional Consultants and 53 active Consultants (38 regular and 15 Master). Another 6 Consultants may lapse if they do not refresh before the end of this year.

There continue to be Zoom opportunities for our Consultants to refresh and for students to take courses for the first time. These include a Massachusetts Course 2 (4/25 to 4/27/2024), a Georgia Course 3 (3/4 to 3/5) and Oklahoma Courses 3 and 4 (not yet posted on the NGC website). A Michigan Zoom Tri-Refresher is also scheduled for February 27-28.

The Schools Committee had a successful meeting on Monday, coming up with some short-term goals and ideas for encouraging more schools and planning for the NGC Schools Workshop to be held on Wednesday (that was held immediately prior to this business meeting) as part of this Winter Board Meeting. Overall goals include having more schools, providing more education, having more Consultants and providing opportunities for Consultants to use the information obtained in the schools. Some specific short-term goals include surveying clubs about their awareness of and interest in schools, providing information to CGCI members via a Zoom workshop, having a CGCI Zoom Tri-Refresher or school, and involving and engaging other CGCI committees to work with the schools and provide ideas for the schools and participate in the schools.

This Chairman attended and participated in the meeting of the California Consultants Council on Monday.

Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman, Sue Bennett

A big shout out to George Perko, thank you for all your help.

Since September 2023

- This Chairman has replied to numerous messages regarding GTEP.
- As of Monday's mail, 24 clubs/districts have not sent in their GTEP renewal forms. Which means 88 have been submitted. Approximately 40 have not been completed yet, with the remaining sent emails with approval and thanks for being part of CGCI GTEP.
- An email went out to all Presidents and Treasurers which has added more work to this Chairman's position. All messages were replied to with either, sorry for the confusion your club is not part of CGCI GTEP, or your club has already submitted the information, or yes your club is part of CGCI GTEP.
- This Chairman gave a workshop at the WB 2024 Board Meeting on Tues, January 30

Madame President, I move to ratify the removal of the

- Del Mar Garden Club
- from the Group Tax Exemption Program.

Insect and Pollinator Chairman, Donna Payton

- Gave talks on the value of native plants to wildlife including insects & pollinators to two garden clubs in the Palomar District
- Wrote two articles for *Golden Garden eNews* related to ways to benefit insects and local pollinators
- Published articles in local newspaper- *The Poway Chieftain* on ways to benefit insects and local pollinators
- hosted a native plant propagation workshop for club members focused on teaching attendees how to grow plants from seeds and cuttings for beneficial insects and pollinators
- hosted a workshop for club members on construction of native bee houses (for leaf cutter and mason bees) and propagation of pine trees from seeds extracted from pine cones

Landscape Design Schools Chairman, Alexis Slafer

This chair is pleased to report that Landscape Design School, Series 28, will be hosted by Southern California Garden Club, in North Hills. This school will be an in-person school and will be held during the summer.

The total number of active Landscape Design Consultants now stands at 68 -- this number includes Master and Provisional consultants. Luckily, there were only 2 consultants whose credentials lapsed at the end of last year... Please be sure to check your date of good standing and make sure to refresh before December 31st. If you are concerned about your current Consultant status, please ask this chairman.

There have been and continue to be many school and refresher opportunities across the country...it is so easy to attend a Landscape Design School or to refresh via Zoom. Just look on the NGC website for an upcoming event that fits your schedule. Or, even better, attend the school being planned by SoCal Garden Club.

The dates are:

- Course 1 -- June 21 & 22
- Course 2 -- July 12 & 13
- Course 3 -- July 26 & 27
- Course 4 -- August 9 & 10

Please encourage your club or district to sponsor a landscape design school. Our Landscape Design Consultants are the perfect people to act as local school chairs. Also, look to our Consultants with their expertise to act as speakers at your programs. And, this chair is happy to help in any way -- it will be a lot of fun...and "pain free". Just contact this Chair so we can chat about it...

Liability Insurance Chairman, Launa Gould

Make sure documents are in order before sending on to the Liability Insurance Chairman who is responsible for processing all insurance to the Insurance agent for processing.

There are two types of insurance available to our clubs.

First: The **General Liability** Policy is for clubs and is renewed February 15 every year. In 2023 about 265 clubs participated. Revised and simplified applications were emailed to all CGCI club Treasurers and Presidents in November, 2023 with a January 15, 2024 deadline. An email reminder was sent on January 4, 2024 to clubs that were insured last year but had not yet paid. Three days after that reminder I received 28 renewals in the mail.

To date, 247 clubs have renewed with 20 that have not renewed yet and will pay a late fee when they do.

Second: Obtaining an **Additional Insured** certificate is different from your General Liability policy. It is for a venue for your flower show, plant sale, garden tour or your club meeting place. Each venue has different requirements, and it is important when you start to plan an event to ask about the insurance requirements and start the insurance process early. The process can be complicated and time-consuming.

Last year we processed 178 Additional Insurance requests for meeting places and events. This is a huge increase from previous years. Litigation and liability are a big issue with event venues now.

I look forward to helping you with your insurance needs.

Life Membership Chairman, Linda Travis

The CGCI website LM e-application process seems to be working well. I've handled any questions about the form, through specific emails. One of the great new features of the process is that I receive an automatic email of the e-application for all categories (CGCI LM; PR and NGC). Although I do not specifically process the PR or NGC e-applications, the auto email helps me keep our state record up to date.

Since October, we have had **three new CGCI LM's and one NGC LM**. New names to be ratified are:

Pat Askew Ceres GC/Valley Lode District
Ruth Brooker San Pedro GC/Costa Verde District
Joyce Webster Long Beach GC/ Costa Verde District

NGC LM's: Nina Blonski Auburn Arrangers; Divide GC/Golden Foothills District

(Per the auto email, there were **no additional PR LM's** processed, during this time period.)
This brings the 2023 total to 26 CGCI Life Memberships (Total 2023 PR LM's: 2; NGC LM's: 1)

I have submitted my report to Pat Claves (Awards Chair) on the results of **Award #75: Most New CGCI LM's in a District**, to be reported at Convention.

To date, I have submitted four different articles to the *Golden Gardens eNews* letters, for publication in the July/August and September/October 2023 and January/February 2024 issues. Please continue to look for updates on the CGCI LM process and awardees, in future issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your CGCI LM Chair and for your continued support of the scholarship fund.

Penny Pines Chairman, Terry Sampson

Penny Pines is one of the California Garden Clubs state projects. Each plantation is a \$68.00 donation to the National Forest. The club sending in this donation can stipulate what Forest they would like to donate to. They will also send in the name of the person who they are "in memory of" or "in honor of". This \$68.00 dollars is used to plant seedlings or the beatification of the forest. Penny Pines is a very worthy cause to donate to.

Procedures Committee Chairman, Robin Pokorski

I have the pleasure of chairing another GREAT committee: Procedures. Back by popular demand the Procedures Team of Launa Gould and Alexis Slafer and this chairman will pour over each and every position and attempt to document "how to do this job." We have met and we have a game plan and will meet via Zoom regularly – pouring over each and every facet and aspect of procedures. We may be asking YOU to join us on one or more of these meetings. Don't be scared, we don't bite virtually!

We hope well-documented procedures will encourage more people to join our CGCI Board of Directors bringing with them their new ideas and a renewed jolt of energy to this board.

Thank you, President Carol, for the opportunity to serve you and CGCI as your Procedures Committee Chairman.

Registrar, Robin Pokorski

This registrar respectfully brings to your attention a couple of items:

1. NEVER make your checks payable to me. Check the bottom of the registration form and it will ALWAYS indicate to whom your check should be made payable.
2. Deadlines – The convention's deadline for the late fee will be strictly enforced. I was so touched that so many of you cared enough to advise me of a postal holiday to explain why your registration was going to be late but that it wouldn't include the late fee. How can we get you to register in a timely fashion?

Please consider the CALL your invitation to an event with a specific RSVP date and show your courtesy to your hosts in responding sooner than later. A firm “final date to register” is on all registration forms. When you receive the CALL, register right away. Let’s see if ANYONE can get their registration in before Marlene Kinney, who has the record for being first to be registered for the last several meetings. Thank you, Marlene!

We continue to improve this registration process and welcome your input. Thank you, President Carol for the opportunity to serve CGCI in this capacity.

Scholarship Chairman, Martha Smyser

The Scholarship Committee met virtually January 24, 2024 to review five applications received. The scholarship winners are:

\$2,000 Robert L. Gordon Scholarship goes to **Cheyenne Macagno**, a junior majoring in Environmental Management and Protection at Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo. She is evaluating how large solar fields influence soil composition and the response of native plants. Cheyanne plans to attend graduate school to deepen her knowledge and expand her impact as an Environmental Scientist after graduation in June 2025.

\$2,000 Lynne Batchelor Scholarship is awarded to **Maranda Hawkins**, a junior attending the University of San Diego majoring in Environmental and Ocean Sciences. She served as an intern with ECOLIFE Conservation as an Aquaponics Technician and volunteer at the San Diego Zoo & Safari Park. Her occupational objective after graduation in May 2025 is to pursue advocacy and outreach in environmental and conservation research.

\$2,000 Alberta Thiry Memorial Scholarship is for **Tatum Jo Gongga**, a sophomore from Lodi, CA attending the University of Nevada – Reno. Tatum is in a dual degree program through the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources. She works part-time as a florist in Reno and won the American Future Farmers of America Degree, their highest honor. Upon graduation in 2026, Tatum’s degrees in Agriculture Sciences and Economics will help her pursue a career in Agriculture Education.

\$2,000 Glenn & Anne Capes Memorial Scholarship goes to **Jordan Dino Santia**, a junior attending Cal Poly – Humboldt. Dino’s major is Rangeland Resource Science. In his spare time, he has made two successful ascents of El Capitan in Yosemite Valley. After graduation in May 2025, Dino wants to be a Rangeland Resource Specialist or Native Plant Nursery Manager.

The committee will meet February 15 to review NGC and Pacific Region applicants due March 1.

Stamps Chairman, Terry Sampson

Thank you to all of the clubs that have sent their cancelled stamps to me. Every May I sent a box of stamps over to the Postal Museum in Tucson, AZ. The stamps are sorted into different categories. These stamps are available to any school teacher as a learning aid for their students. For example, if the students are learning about Presidents the teacher will be sent stamps that have Presidents on them. The stamps are a great learning tool.

Youth Chairman, Lisa Cosand

We had a poor response with 5 youth award entries. I am still twisting the arms of my 2 older grand boys and waiting for the 3 younger grand girls to come of entry age to get more entries. I don’t want this to look like contests for my grandchildren only so please have your grandchildren or children enter also... If you know a youth teacher, please encourage them to have their students enter. We left about \$1,000 of prize money on the table.

The NGC Youth Poetry Chairman, James Pavelka, has picked the poetry theme for 2024. It is:

“My Garden has vegetables to spare that I can share”. Helping fight hunger by sharing vegetables from our gardens. This theme is like a poem in itself and hopefully will inspire the children.

The California Awards Committee will pick the 2024 essay contest theme soon.

I was very pleased with the 30 plus youth clubs that registered this year. Please be sure to renew the clubs when the time comes in May.

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Attachment E

Fund Name		Balance on 6/30/2023	Revenue	Disbursements
Net Assets w/o Donor Restrictions				
Blue Star Memorial (31001)		\$4,998.29	Donations	Grants available to assist purchasing a Blue Star Memorial Marker: \$100 Byway or \$350 Large Up to \$1200 @ \$200 each to refurbish markers (1/2003.) Chairman expenses in excess of CGCI Budgeted \$50.00 with approval of EC
Educational Schools (31002)		\$5,099.66	Combine various school funds +	Grants of up to \$250.00 for FSS, LDS, GSS, and ESS schools, refreshers and conferences. If school is profitable, grants may be returned to the fund. FSS would exclude course #1 - see Helen Minor Fund (until depleted). FSS, LDS, GSS & ESS Chairman expenses in excess of CGCI Budgeted \$50 w/approval of EC
incl. ES, FSS, GS & LDS				
Honor Book (31007)		\$5,125.67	Donations	CGCI objectives with approval of board of directors. Chairman expenses in excess of CGCI Budgeted \$50 w/approval of EC. Smokey Bear Poster Contest Awards (\$125); Redwood tree honoring CGCI Presidents in office during decade every ten (10) years.
(6/1999 includes Gold/Green Funds)				
Liability Insurance (31009)		\$69,104.94	Club Premiums Dividends (if any)	Pay Feb 15 Ins premium for clubs and APS. ALL Chairman expenses. D&O insurance premiums to be paid from Gen'l Fund & budgeted annually. Deposit Dividends, if any.
				NOTE: Keep twice the previous year's insurance premium paid as a reserve for potential rate increases
Symposium (31011-1)		\$13,208.78	Proceeds from Symposia	Chairman Expenses in excess of CGCI Budgeted \$50 w/approval of EC \$500 be allocated to each Symposium to defray expenses.
Checking (31011-2)		\$5,898.25		CGCI Operating account for Symposium. Keep Minimum balance required by B of A
Wildflower Conference (31012-1)		\$16,726.93	Conference Proceeds	\$300 #25 CGCI Wildflower Award. Chairmans expenses in excess of CGCI Budgeted \$50 w/approval of EC. Net proceeds from Wildflower Conferences
Checking (31012-2)		\$0.00		CGCI Special Events Operating Account
Youth Fund (31013)		\$1,242.48	Donations	\$100 Youth Leader of Year Award. Combined Jr. Gardeners Fund (\$1000 bequest 5/1987, Adeline Walker estate), 2004 Youth Conference proceeds, and Youth Gardener Grants (\$2500 from NGC 2000 Convention).
CGCI Endowment Line Code (31016)		\$40,000.00	\$30,000 \$10,000	from General Fund approved by BOD 02/2011 from closing of Golden Gardens Operating Account. Approved by BOD 06/2015
State Projects Line Code (31017)		\$6,283.17	\$8000 from NGC 2000 Conv	For special needs of new and/or continuing CGCI state projects (excluding President's Projects) Proposal to be reviewed by BOT with recommendation for approval to EC & approval by BOD
Scholarship Endowment Line Code (31025)		\$15,000.00	\$10,000 \$5,000	from General Fund approved by BOD 5/1990 from NGC 2000 convention net proceeds
Alberta Thiry Memorial Scholarship (31026)		\$12,000.00	Estate Bequest	\$2,000 annual scholarship for seven years in memory of Alberta R. Thiry = \$14,000. Balance of \$1,252.28 to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Project. \$15,252.28 Total Bequest Received.

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Glenn & Anne Capes Memorial Scholarship (31027)	NEW	\$10,000.00	Estate Bequest	\$2,000 annual scholarship for residents of Butte, Shasta, Humboldt or Tehama Counties attending college elsewhere OR a student from another county attending California State University at Chico or California State Polytechnic University - Humboldt following CGCI scholarship guidelines.
Total Board Designated Net Assets without Donor Restrictions		\$204,688.17		
Net Assets w/Donor Restrictions	Temporary			(Purpose Restricted)
Awards (31501)		\$5,800.25	Donations	Cash Awards
Eleanor Miller (31503) (6/2004)		\$3,250.00	\$5000 from Estate	Grant up to \$500 for course one in LDS or GSS. Budget for course one must accompany request to CGCI Educational Schools Finances Chairman.
Helen Minor (31504) (5/1998)		\$3,713.65	\$5000 memorial from Velma Cory	Grant up to \$500 for FSS course one. Budget must accompany request to CGCI Educational Schools Finances Chairman.
CGCI Judges (31509) Council		\$972.33	Council Dues	CGCI Judges Council expenses
President's Projects				
2023-2025 (31511G)	NEW	\$1,700.00	Donations	Building the CGCI Scholarship Fund (LC31513)
Scholarships (31513) Donatons/Life Mbrs		\$3,181.28	LM Fee's & Donations	Scholarship donations and Life Membership Fees to pay annual scholarships awarded
Endowment Publicity Line Code (31514)		\$629.55	Donations	Used for marketing and publicity of both Endowment Funds
Scholarship Endowment Income (31517)		\$58,394.21	Dividends	Vanguard Scholarship Endowment Dividend/Interest Income
Sempervirens Fund Line Code (31518)		\$1,359.09	Donations	CGCI State Project since 1973 on behalf of Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Santa Cruz, CA Disbursed to Sempervirens Fund annually in June
California Consultants Council (31519)		\$6,680.43	Dues/Events	Combined Gardening & Landscape Councils into one Council for all consultants including Environmental Consultants 6-7-2013
Black Point Historic Gardens (31523)		\$1,154.95	Donations	Five-year state project with GGNPC to assist restoring Black Point Historic Gardens in San Francisco. Disbursed January & June to Golden Gate Nat'l Park Conservancy. 2021-26
Conejo Valley Botanic		\$150.00	Donations	Five-year state project with CVBG for overall maintenance and development of newly acquired

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Garden (31524)				area for five Mediterranean climates in world. Disbursed January & June to CVBG. 2021-26
Total Net Assets				
w/Donor Restrictions	Temporary	\$87,485.74		
Net Assets				
w/Donor Restrictions	Permanent			(Perpetual in Nature)
Endowment - CGCI	Permanently	\$12,221.00	Donations	Permanently Restrictd Endowment Fund - only interest can be used not principal
Line Code (31805)	Restricted			NOTE: Plus CGCI Net Assets w/o Donor Restrictions \$40,000
Endowment - CGCI	Permanently	\$450.00	Donations	CGCI Endowmmnt donations received waiting to transfer annually to Vanguard
Waiting to Transfer	Restricted			
Line Code (31806)				
Endowment - Scholarsh	Permanently	\$91,289.28	LM Fee's &	Permanently Restricted Scholarship Endowment - only interest can be used not principal
Line Code (31810)	Restricted		Donations	CGCI Scholarships: Robert Gordon \$2,000 & Immediate past President \$2000
				NOTE: Plus CGCI Net Assets w/o Donor Restrictions \$15,000
Endowment-Scholarship	Permanently	\$900.00	Donations	Scholarship Endowmmnt donations received waiting to transfer annually to Vanguard
Waiting to Transfer	Restricted			
Line Code (31811)				
Total Net Assets				
w/Donor Restrictions	Permanent	\$104,860.28		
Total Net Assets				
with Donor Restrictions		\$192,346.02		
				CLOSED RESTRICTED FUNDS
Net Assets w/o Donor Restrictions				
Golden Gardens	L/C 31006	0.00	Balance	Closed Operating account for Golden Gardens Publication - last issue was Spring 2013.
				\$10,000 to Permanently Restricted CGCI Endowment Fund & balance of \$9,483.98 to
				Board Designated Scholarship from GG (line code 31015). Approved by BOD June 2015.
Rattlesnake Canyon	L/C 31014	0.00	Donations	Money moved back into Reforestation Fund Line Code 31010. Approved by BOD June 2015.
Reforestation (31010)	L/C 31010		Closed 6/30/19	\$5700 paid to Cleveland Nat'l Forest May 2009 - disbursed in \$5000 minimum amounts
				upon approval of Bd of Dir. \$500 paid Nov 2016 to Sempervirens Fund for CGCI sign repair
				\$6500 paid to Sequoia Nat'l Forest Sept 2018. Moratorium on new donations.
Scholarship from GG	L/C 31015	0.00	Golden Gardens	GG operating account closed & transferred to use for CGCI Scholarships approved by BOD.
			transfer	Closed 7-1-2017

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Fund Name		Balance on 6/30/2023	Revenue	Disbursements
Total Net Assets w/Donor Restrictions - Temporary				(Purpose Restricted)
President's Projects			Donations	
2011-13	L/C 31511A	Closed 6/30/14		Signage at Sonoma State University's Native Plant Garden
2013-15	L/C 31511B	Closed 6/30/15		Habitat for Humanity \$250 Landscaping Grants
2015-17	L/C 31511C	Closed 6/30/17		Encouraging Future Gardeners Kits
2017-19	L/C 31522D	Closed 6/30/19		Scholarships L/C 31513/Scholarship Endowment Fund L/C 31811 split 50/50.
2019-21	L/C 31511E	Closed 6/30/21		Plant America: Plant Parks. San Bruno Mtn Botanical Garden restoration
2021-23	L/C 31511F	Closed 6/30/23	\$500.00	San Diego River Park Foundation
Anza-Borrego DSP Line Code (31516)			Closed 6/30/23	State project approved June 2012 by BOD to raise \$15,000 for irrigation replacement & plants Disbursed to ABDSP Foundation annually in June
Big Basin Recovery Fund (31518-1)			Closed 6/30/23	Approved at 2021 WBM to assist recovery from August 2020 CZU Lightning Complex Wildfire at Big Basin Redwoods State Park via Sempervirens Fund.
Project Mission Blue Line Code (31512)		\$0.00	Closed 6/30/21	5 year State Project May 2011 - May 2016 with GGNPC. Phase II May 2016-May 2021 Disbursed January & June to Golden Gate National Park Conservancy.
Rare Plant Treasure Hunt (31521)	Temporarily Restricted	0.00	Closed 6/30/19	5 year CGCI State Project June 2014 - June 2019 with California Native Plant Society Disbursed January & June to CNPS.
Stagecoach Hill Azalea Project (31522)			Closed 6/30/19	Two-year state project May 2016 - December 2018 with Redwood Park Conservancy to raise \$6,000 for propagation of native azaleas. Disbursed January & June to RPC. Balance transferred to Wildflower Reserve Fund L/C 31012-1.