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By Katya Mayzeles

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OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Check the CGCI [Calendar](#) for links to brochures, flyers, registration forms, etc. For schools in other states, check the [NGC website](#). See CGCI Calendar for club, affiliate, associate plant society, and district "special" events which are open to the public.

2026

Jan. 26-28, [CGCI Winter Board Meeting](#), Virtual
Feb. 7-8, Gardening School, Course 1. Sponsor: Los Osos Valley Garden Club. Contact: [Ashley Smith](#)

Feb. 13, Flower Show School, Course 3 — Flower Show Procedures— Virtual. Sponsor: Southwestern Judges Council.

Feb. 19-21, Flower Show School, Course 3, Poway. Sponsor: Southwestern Judges Council. [Brochure](#)

Feb. 21-22, Gardening School, Course 2. Sponsor: Los Osos Valley Garden Club. Contact: [Ashley Smith](#)

March 7-8, Gardening School, Course 3. Sponsor: Los Osos Valley Garden Club. Contact: [Ashley Smith](#)

March 21-22, Gardening School, Course 4. Sponsor: Los Osos Valley Garden Club. Contact: [Ashley Smith](#)

April 15-16, Flower Show School Symposium, Fresno. Host: Valley Judges Council. Chairman: [Jennifer Waite](#)

May 4-6, NGC Convention, St. Louis, MO

May 11-14, CGCI Convention, Handlery Hotel, San Diego. Host: Palomar District. Chairman: [Diana Drummey](#)

Aug. 31-Sept. 2, CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Harris Ranch, Coalinga. Host: Hermosa Garden Club

Sept. 24-26, Flower Show School, Course 4, Poway. Sponsor: Southwestern Judges Council

Oct. 12-14, PRGC Convention, Thousand Oaks, California

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful autumn and had a fun-filled Halloween. I want to begin by thanking the Valley Lode District for hosting my first Fall Board Meeting at Harris Ranch Resort in Coalinga. I want to extend my special thanks to Paula Elias, Chairman, and her volunteers, who did an outstanding job! And thank you to every officer, district director, and chairman who attended. Your dedication to CGCI is truly the foundation of our strength.

It has been a busy and rewarding couple of months for your president. I was pleased to attend the Gardening School in Encino, which reinforced how essential continued education is to our mission. Learning alongside many students was truly inspiring. In November, I will also have the pleasure of attending the Chicago Park Garden Club's 21st Annual Victorian Tea Affaire in Nevada City. This event will showcase holiday fashions and customs from the 1860s to the 1960s. My calendar for next year is beginning to fill up. If you are planning a district meeting or a special event and would like me to attend, please let me know, and I will do my best to be there.

I would also like to share our commitment to honoring our U.S. Armed Forces through our Blue Star Memorial Marker State Project. On September 19, the Modesto Garden Club dedicated a new Blue Star Memorial Marker at a WWII hangar at the Modesto Airport. On September 20, the Southern Humboldt Garden Club re-dedicated a Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker in Pepperwood. Thank you to both of these clubs. I also recently learned about an inspiring new idea in one of our CGCI districts: creating a dedicated fund to raise money for orphaned Blue Star Memorial Markers that need refurbishing, as well as for the future installation of new ones. In addition to their district dues of \$2 per member, they request an extra flat fee of \$5 per club to help fund this project. This is an excellent example of how this district and its club members are finding innovative ways to support this state project.

I sincerely wish each of you a happy and healthy holiday season. Take a moment to appreciate the simple pleasures of nature and the company of those you love. As we look forward to the New Year, please remember that the Call to the Winter Board Meeting will be distributed in mid-December. Mark your calendars now for the meeting, which will take place from January 26 to 28, 2026, via Zoom.

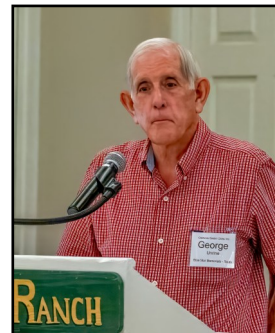
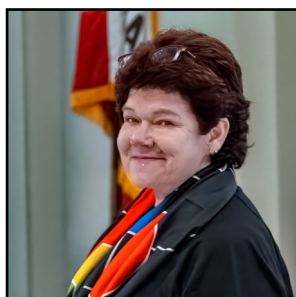
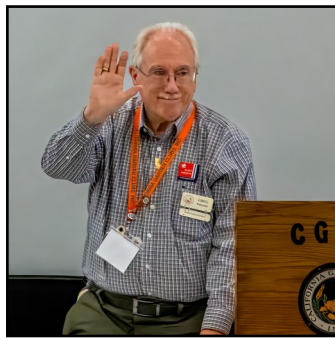
Happy Holidays,

Adele Kelly

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DEADLINES

- ◆ [Awards Program](#): **December 1, 2025** and **January 10, 2026**.
- ◆ [Youth Contests](#): **December 1, 2025**, except Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest entries must be received by **January 20, 2026**.
- ◆ Clubs' [Blue Ribbon Certificates of Achievement Forms](#) to District Directors: **January 10, 2026** — see fillable form on website under "Awards."
- ◆ [General Liability Insurance](#) renewal: **January 15, 2026** to avoid a late fee.
- ◆ [Group Tax Exemption Program](#) renewal: **January 15, 2026**.
- ◆ District Directors to send Blue Ribbon Certificates of Achievement results to Awards Chairman: **February 15, 2026**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CGCI FALL BOARD MEETING AT HARRIS RANCH



GIVINGTUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025



CGCI provides various ways to support not only the organization but also initiatives aimed at preserving our natural resources and the beauty of our state. We understand that a clean, safe, and healthy neighborhood that is also visually pleasing enhances the quality of life for all community members.

CGCI's conservation efforts extend well beyond our immediate surroundings and include much more than just recycling and composting. Recognizing that our land, flora, fauna, and way of life are all at risk from misuse and abuse, CGCI members actively study relevant issues and take appropriate actions to address them before it is too late.

Since their inception, garden clubs have prioritized the improvement and beautification of their communities. Whether it's planting a tree at a local school to celebrate California's Arbor Day on March 7 (which commemorates Luther Burbank's birthday) or volunteering for plantings and clean-up efforts at public buildings, parks, historic sites, and other community areas, the majority of clubs within CGCI actively engage in various community projects. Additionally, CGCI has established two endowment funds and the Golden Legacy Society to help secure the organization's financial future.

On GivingTuesday 2025 (December 2, 2025), please consider donating to one or more of [CGCI's projects](#). These are:

[Black Point Historic Garden](#)
[Blue Star & Gold Star Families Memorials](#)
[Endowment Funds](#)
[Conejo Valley Botanic Garden](#)
[Golden Legacy Society](#)
[President's Project 2025-2027](#)
[Scholarship Fund](#)
[Sempervirens Fund](#)

To donate, see all of CGCI's Projects and the links to the donation forms on the CGCI website under "[Projects](#)."

"Celebrate the spirit of giving; it enriches us all."

WELCOME

NEW ASSOCIATE PLANT SOCIETY!

Ikebana Teachers Guild of Southern California — 37 members

President: Haruko Takeichi harukoikebana@gmail.com

Meeting Location: Kosaka Center at Japanese American Cultural Community Center,
244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, 90012



***Freshly cut Christmas trees smelling of stars and snow and
pine resin - inhale deeply and fill your soul with wintry night.***

--John J. Geddes



2025-2027 PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

By [Barbara Weiler](#), Chairman

CULTIVATING THE ROOTS OF SUCCESS ABRAXAS HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN — ABRAXAS ORCHARD



Exciting news! CGCI has received a \$10,000 matching grant from the **Youths Friends Association*** in support of the Abraxas High School Garden — Abraxas Orchard. Any amount you donate will be matched, doubling the impact of your contribution.

CGCI encourages members and supporters to participate in this exciting opportunity to further cultivate and sustain the roots of success at Abraxas High School in Poway. With your support, Abraxas will continue to create opportunities for students to thrive in the soil, in the kitchen, and in themselves.

Thank you to all the districts, clubs and individuals listed below who have contributed to the 2025-2027 President's Project from August 15 to October 18, 2025. So far, we have raised \$13,850.00 towards our goal of \$30,000.

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| • Michele Blomberg | • Alexis J. Slafer | • Point Loma Garden Club in Honor of Adele Kelly |
| • Paula Elias | • Ashley Smith | • Red Bluff Garden Club |
| • Susan M. Hernandez | • Judy and George Unrine | • Riviera Garden Club |
| • Marlene Kinney | • Carol Vallens | • San Clemente Garden Club |
| • Maria and Thomas Krenek | • Carolyn Villi | • Santa Clara Valley District |
| • Ellyn Meikle | • Lake Oroville Garden Club | • Palomar District |
| • Rosa Radicchi in Memory of Shane Looper | • Long Beach Garden Club | • Valley Lode District |
| | • Merced Garden Club | |

To donate, see the CGCI website and look for the [2025-2027 President's Project](#) under the "Projects" tab.

*The Youths Friends Association is a private foundation that primarily funds youth program grants and college scholarships. Grantees include Grants-Youth Programs and others. It is located in Gloucester, MA.

GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

By [Launa Gould](#), Liability Insurance Chairman

INSURANCE FOR YOUR CLUB

Eligible clubs have an opportunity to obtain or renew General Liability Insurance through CGCI. **January 15, 2026** is the deadline to submit the [2026-2027 form](#) and payment of \$1.75 per member with a \$20.00 minimum. An email reminder will be sent to club presidents and treasurers in November. The late fee for insurance payments received after January 15 is \$30.00.



Please be aware of the following changes that were approved at the Fall Board Meeting: The late fee for insurance payments received after January 15 is \$30.00. The charge for Additional Insured Certificate requests have increased to \$45. There is no change in the \$15.00 rush fee for Additional Insured Certificate requests received less than 14 days prior to the event. These changes apply to the February 15, 2026-2027 policy term.

- General Liability will be handled by our new General Liability Insurance Chairman [Tammy Eacker](#).
- Additional Insured Certificates for your venues (if required) are processed by [Launa Gould](#).
- A new team member, Paula Elias, will assist in the processing of Homeowner Certificates.

Thank you to Tammy and Paula who have stepped up to make the Insurance chairmanship manageable by sharing the responsibilities! All information and forms can be obtained on the website under "Member Benefits / [General Liability Insurance](#)."

ATTENTION: ALL NGC CONSULTANTS

By [Greg Pokorski](#), Gardening School Chairman

National Garden Clubs (NGC) Consultants are required to refresh their Consultant status at least every five years. **If your Good Standing Date is December 31, 2025, time is running out to refresh this year.** You must either refresh or request an extension by December 31 or your Consultant status will lapse. Master Consultants are eligible to request Emeritus status if they are unable to refresh.

NGC asks Consultants to keep track of their own records, but if you are in doubt about your status or Good Standing Date, check with the CGCI School Chairman for your school: [Cynthia Jackson](#) for Environmental School; [Greg Pokorski](#) for Gardening School; [Alexis Slafer](#) for Landscape Design School. Email addresses are found on the CGCI website under the "[Member Education/Member Benefits](#)" tab.

Check School listings on the [NGC website](#) for refresher opportunities. Zoom courses provide an alternative to in-classroom courses. For Gardening School, there will be opportunities to refresh at any of the four courses being offered by Los Osos Valley Garden Club in February and March of 2026.

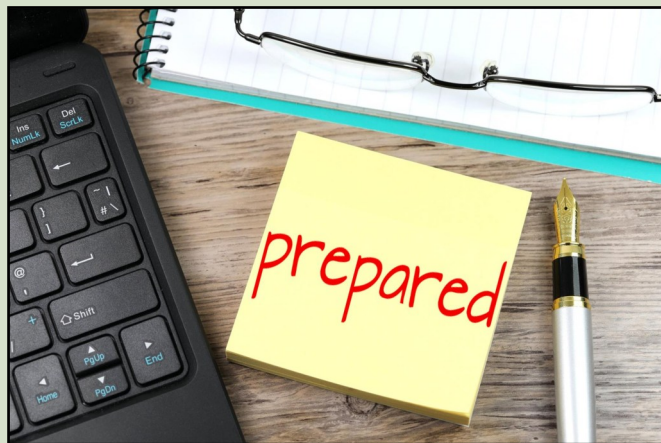


Don't let your Consultant status lapse!

A MESSAGE FROM THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

By [Jane McKee](#), Committee Member & Web Advisor

ARE YOU PREPARED?



Please consider the following options:

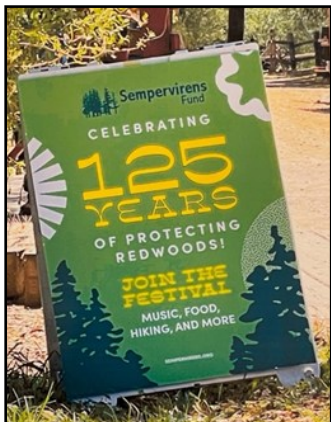
- Check to see if the account(s) can have multiple users - more than one individual with unique usernames and passwords.
- If multiple unique users are not possible, can there be "shared access" i.e., one username and password shared by more than one individual?
- At the very least, share the information with select members of your organization, perhaps the Executive Committee. This should include account name, log in screen URL, username, password, pin number/code, security question response(s), email address, phone number, and any other information associated with the account.
- Consider creating an "organization email address" to use with online accounts rather than one's personal email. That email and access can then be passed to new officers or chairmen as needed.

Does your organization have an online presence (website, bank account, PayPal, email, social media, as well as IRS and California Franchise Tax Board) with access to each limited to one individual per account? What happens if the individual becomes unavailable due to illness or, sadly, death? Recovering access can be difficult and time consuming. This is not an uncommon occurrence. It happened to at least three garden club-related organizations just this year.

We all want to protect our online access, but in the case of organizations, it is prudent to share the access information as much as possible.

SEMPERVIRENS FUND

By [Judy Unrine](#), Chairman



Let's Celebrate!

Let's celebrate the Redwood trees. Let's celebrate Sempervirens, the organization we support that cares for the Redwood trees.

We appreciate the many years Sempervirens has worked to save and protect the southernmost stand of Coastal Redwoods from extinction.

Redwoods were found much farther south than they are now. As populations increased, the roar of the chainsaws took their toll. The wood was used in general construction, shingles, sawed poles and posts, grape vine supporter, foundation blocks, siding, interior furnishings, door panels, office fixtures, etc. The list is endless, but not the trees.

The wood was precious. It was durable. It lasted. But not the trees. Once cut, 300 plus years of growing tall and proud was gone. It was published that, "Seedlings are easily produced and stand transplanting very well." That statement seems to be the excuse for the destruction.

In the Santa Cruz Mountains, the non-profit Sempervirens organization has done so much to help the Redwoods survive the devastating fires. But more than that, they are looking to the future in preventing the damage of forest fires by implementing the methods of the native Americans who nurtured the land; they have opened waterways to help the watershed, and they have studied the wildlife and are creating nurturing habitat. They continue to shepherd the redwoods.



A recent donation of \$125 for 125 years was made by **Judy Unrine**. And another generous donation was made by **Maria Krennek**. To donate, [click here](#) and look at the box on the right. Any donation is appreciated.

BLACK POINT HISTORIC GARDENS PROJECT

By [Julie West](#), Chairman

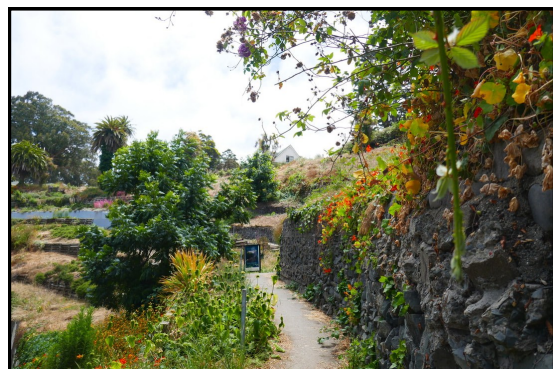


Black Point Historic Gardens is located behind the General's residence at Fort Mason in San Francisco. CGCI's partnership with Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy continues through June 30, 2026 with a goal of raising \$10,000.

Donations for [Black Point Historic Gardens Project](#) received since 2021 total \$9,904.95. Funding is used for propagation materials, plants, garden tools, compost, and scientific study of the transformation of any

overgrown garden monitoring the effects of a garden planted with ornamental and native plants on pollinators and wildlife in an urban setting.

We need \$95.05 to reach our goal, but let's exceed that! Donations of any amount are welcome. If you would like to donate "in honor of" or "in memory of" or support the project in general, please visit CGCI's website under the "[Projects](#)" tab.



Photos Source: <https://www.hikingautism.com>

YOUTH CONTESTS

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER THE YOUTH CONTESTS

By [Lisa Cosand](#), Youth Activities Chairman

DEADLINES FOR YOUTH CONTESTS:

Junior Essay Contest — December 1, 2025
 Youth Poetry Contest — December 1, 2025
 Youth Pollinator Poster Contest — December 1, 2025
 Youth Sculpture Contest — December 1, 2025
 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest — January 20, 2026

With Thanksgiving approaching, the grandchildren will be around and could enter the contests under your supervision. Your garden club school groups should also be encouraged to enter. We have lots of monetary prizes to give away; we just need entries.

The **Poetry and Essay Contests** share a theme this year: PLANT AMERICA for the next 100 years. We hope the youth will discuss the idea of planting for the future for the health of the earth and for feeding the people at that time. Poetry is open to all youth from Kindergarten to 12th grade. Essays are in two categories, 1-3 grades and 4-5 grades. Remember, the poem can't use the theme as its title, but the essay must use the theme as its title.

The **Pollinator Poster Contest** is a fun contest: you need a piece of 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, any type of drawing material: crayons, markers, paint, and the child is ready. Just remember, only one type of pollinator, but there can be many of them.

The **Youth Sculpture Contest** is always a fun way to work with what is in the recycle barrel. A hot glue gun works well, and you don't have to send the finished sculpture, just two photos of the sculpture. [For best results, use glossy photo paper.] Build it on a 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper to keep it from getting too big.

The **Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Poster Contest** is an NGC contest that California feeds into, and, last year, a California entry won the national award. It takes an 11x17 inch piece of paper with specific words all spelled correctly. The correct colors that are on the registered logos for Smokey & Woodsy must be used. For details, check the Youth Contests Manual.

Before you start the children working on their entries, see the Youth Contests Manual on the CGCI website under the "[Youth Activities](#)" tab and look for the "Youth Contests" tab. The Youth Contests Manual contains all the details and deadlines.

CGCI looks forward to receiving your club's entries. Any questions? Please send an email message to me.



NGC'S YOUTH BOOKLETS TO DOWNLOAD

Download these three free booklets for your youth gardeners:

[Do Something Green Workbook](#), [Ecology Warriors Workbook](#), and [Pollinator Power Book](#)



FREE



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PENNY PINES PROGRAM

By [Terry Sampson](#), Chairman**PENNY PINES DONATIONS — OCTOBER 2025 REPORT****Donations to Date: \$24,170.00**H = In Honor
M = In Memory**BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT**

M: Bruce Burkhart \$68

BAY OCEAN DISTRICTPacifica Garden Club
H: Carole Perez \$204**CASCADE DISTRICT**Red Bluff Garden Club
M: Jack Bramhall \$68
M: Bobbie Hughes \$68
Redding Wonderland Garden Club
M: Robert Prah \$68**CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT**

Pleasant Valley Garden Club \$408

COSTA VERDE DISTRICT

Long Beach Garden Club \$612

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H: Jennifer Johnson \$68
H: 24-25 Blackhawk Bloomers Board \$68
H: Naz Hyath & Blackhawk HOA Maintenance Staff \$68
H: Blackhawk Catering Services \$68
H: Dajit Lakhka \$68**GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT**Auburn Arrangers Guild
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M: Malcom Frances Swall \$68
M: Lorenda Lucerno \$68**ROADRUNNER DISTRICT**Desert Crossroads Garden Club
M: Craig Robinson \$68
Hesperia Garden Club
M: Linda Ham \$68**SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT**Fairfield Garden Club
H: Betsy Buxton \$68**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT**Burbank Valley Garden Club
M: Rob Colley \$300
Southern California Garden Club
H: Lillianna Argott \$68
M: Vivian Rude \$68**SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT**Sequoia Garden Club
H: Rosalie Powell \$68**VALLEY LODGE DISTRICT**Calaveras Garden Club
M: Mary Lou Saso \$68
H: Diana Perkins-Sullivan \$68
Modesto Garden Club \$612
Oakdale Garden Club
M: Donald F. McClure \$68
Stockton Garden Club
M: Barbara Suda \$68**YOSEMITE GATEWAY DISTRICT**Atwater Garden Club
H: Diane Delmas \$68**MISCELLANEOUS**

Norwalk Women's Club \$136

*In the forests where pine trees stand,
Their needles touch the sky's own hand.
With cones so firm and bark so strong,
They sing the woodland's timeless song.
Through winter's cold and summer's light,
Pine trees guard the forest's night.
In every ring, a story's told,
Of nature's wonders, pure and bold.
Pines in their endless grace,
A testament to nature's place.*



LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

By [Alexis Slafer](#), Landscape Design School Chairman

I regret to say that no Landscape Design School is currently being planned or scheduled. However, while there are no Landscape Design Schools or Refreshers being offered in California, there are opportunities to attend that are available across the country, either in person or virtually via Zoom. Just check out the [National Garden Clubs, Inc. website](#) for information and schedules.

Of course, I feel it is best to hold Landscape Design Schools here in California, but that doesn't happen by magic. We need clubs and/or districts to host them. In fact, more than one club can join together to host one. Please take the time to enthusiastically discuss these opportunities with the members at your next meeting. Not only is it an opportunity to help your members and others in your local community learn about landscape design (with an emphasis on residential design), but, as a side benefit, your membership can increase while increasing revenue.

Currently, the total number of CGCI Landscape Design Consultants stands at 91.

Several instructors at the most recent school held last year expressed interest in teaching at other venues, either in person or virtually. Please get in touch with me to get their contact information when you start planning your school. And, of course, I am more than eager and willing to assist with planning your new Landscape Design School.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CALVERT VAUX, FAIA (December 20, 1824 – November 19, 1895)



Calvert Vaux was an English-American architect and landscape designer. He and his protégé, Frederick Law Olmsted, designed parks such as Central Park and Prospect Park in New York City and the Delaware Park–Front Park System in Buffalo, New York.

For more information about landscape design, attend or sponsor an NGC Landscape Design School. Contact the CGCI Landscape Design School Chairman, [Alexis Slafer](#), for more information.

AWARDS PROGRAM

By [Pat Claves](#), Chairman



Now is the time to start finalizing your award entries and submitting them for the first deadline of **December 1**. All awards that are eligible for NGC and/or PRGC awards are due to CGCI by **December 1**. These include:

- ◆ CGCI Member Award of Honor
- ◆ #1 Community Impact
- ◆ #2 Blue Star/Gold Star Marker Landscaping
- ◆ #3 Civic Development
- ◆ #6 Memorial Planting
- ◆ #11 Achievement for a Single Event
- ◆ #14 Garden Therapy
- ◆ #16 Membership Promotion
- ◆ #22 Container Grown Vegetable
- ◆ #23 Edible Gardening
- ◆ #25 Wildflower
- ◆ #29 Raised Bed Gardening
- ◆ #30 Flower Shows
- ◆ #38 Floral Design Program
- ◆ #50 Newsletters
- ◆ #51 Publications
- ◆ #52 Social Media (Facebook)
- ◆ #53 Website
- ◆ #54 & #55 Yearbooks
- ◆ #65 Activities for Youth Garden Club

Check the Awards Manual on the website under the "[Awards](#)" tab for more information about these awards. CGCI looks forward to receiving your club's entries. Any questions? Please send an email message to me.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL NEWS

By **Nancy Robinson**, Modesto Garden Club President



On Friday, September 19, 2025, we had a fabulous Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony. Thank you to all who were able to attend. The Modesto Garden Club, Inc. purchased this marker for the Commemorative Air Force Central California Valley Squadron at 700 Tioga Drive, Hanger 1-S, Modesto, California at the Modesto Airport.



L to R: Blue Star Memorials Co-Chairman Maria Krenek, Modesto Garden Club President Nancy Robinson, and Valley Lode District Director Paula Elias

The Beyer High School JROTC presented the colors, my daughter sang the National Anthem in her Navy uniform, and Dr. Samuel White-Ephraim, Veteran's Foundation Director, led the Invocation and Benediction.

Shannon Kuhn, member of both Ripon and Modesto Garden Clubs, is a landscape designer and was the Project Manager. She re-landscaped the entire side of the hanger with new irrigation, shrubs, and trees in red, white and blue.

Dignitaries from the Modesto City Council, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and representatives from several other elected officials were in attendance. Valley Lode District Director Paula Elias spoke on behalf of the District, and CGCI Blue Star Co-Chairman Maria Krenek, who came from Eureka for the ceremony, spoke on behalf of CGCI President Adele Kelly and Pacific Region Director Tanja Swanson.



L to R: Shannon Kuhn, Jeanette Robinson, Nancy Robinson, and Dr. Samuel White-Ephraim

Program



SHOW OFF YOUR BLUE STAR MARKERS

By **Robin Pokorski**, Board of Trustees Chairman



A video record of our California Blue and Gold Star Markers is under construction; however, we do not have a picture of all of our markers in California. To be included, all that is needed is a good picture of the marker (current or when originally installed). Once complete, the PowerPoint presentation will be shared with anyone interested, and maybe we can persuade President Adele to show the presentation at convention.

If you want a presentation with just YOUR club and/or district markers, that can be made available with only a note to me. Let's have the best record of all of our Blue Stars that are shining in California.

CONSERVATION

CHANNEL YOUR INNER SCROOGE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

By Maria Orefice, Member of Southern California Garden Club



As the holiday season approaches, consider this as you make your shopping list of gifts for friends and family: In December 2022, the City of Los Angeles Sanitation Department collected over 2 tons of cardboard! However, in 2023 over 16 tons were collected – a mere year later! Tons of food, wrapping paper, and shipping boxes

overflow our trash bins because of holiday presents and feasts. In the words of Ebenezer Scrooge, “BAH HUMBUG!”

Perhaps it's time to think twice about the amount and type of gifts we buy and the carbon footprint that follows a present's packaging, transportation, and delivery. Maybe a bit of Scrooge-like behavior would be good for our environment and pocketbooks. Take a page from economist Joel Waldfoegel's illuminating book, “Scroogenomics” – reprioritize our gifting habits yet maintain the economy without going into debt, all while decreasing holiday trash. For example, consider the gift of experiences such as babysitting, making dinner for a friend, a trip to a botanical garden, or a membership in the person's local garden club. Making a gift to a nonprofit to honor a family member or friend is meaningful and heartfelt. Give the gift of cash in a recycled card and avoid plastic gift cards that are not recyclable.

In understanding that gift-giving may be reduced but not eliminated, be mindful of your gift-wrapping. Paper coated with plastic, metallics, and glitter cannot be recycled. Use plain

paper or sustainable alternatives like fabric, reusable bags, newspapers, or old maps. Use natural decorations like twine, dried flowers, and evergreen twigs. Place gifts in reusable gift boxes or a pretty tin. Find ideas for eco-friendly gift wrapping: [7 Eco-Friendly Gift Wrapping Alternatives For Greener Giving](#)

Even the composition of holiday trash is different. There is an increase in food waste and leftover foil from holiday parties. Online shopping contributes to tons of cardboard boxes resulting in the “Amazon effect.” While cardboard is recyclable, small boxes fall through the cracks of machinery in recycling plants. When boxes and wrapping paper get wet from winter rainstorms, it becomes harder for crews to pick them up and they jam the recycling machinery. To avoid contributing to this problem, please keep your bins closed.

Fortunately, natural Christmas trees can be recycled when put in the green bin or placed next to the bin with all lights, tinsel, and decorations are removed. For thorough instructions on how or where to recycle your natural tree, [visit your local waste disposal company's website]. Artificial trees, garlands, and wreaths are not recyclable and must be put in the [trash] bin or donated and resold.

As 2026 approaches, consider leading a more sustainable lifestyle and consume less. I'm not suggesting we become unhappy misers like Mr. Scrooge. Remember the epiphany he experienced at the end of Charles Dickens' “A Christmas Carol” – he found joy in the generosity of spirit and sharing his love for his family, friends, and community. Give less, enjoy more, and experience the true spirit of the holidays.



HOLIDAY SPINACH SALAD WITH RASPBERRY LEMON DRESSING

By Nancy Sills, Pioneer Garden Club

--From February 2015 *Golden Gardens eNews*

Ingredients:

- 1 avocado, sliced
- ½ c fresh raspberries
- ½ c pecan pieces, chopped or broken
- ½ c pomegranate seeds

- Wash spinach, blot with paper towel, place in serving bowl.
- Add sliced avocado on top of greens.
- Sprinkle with fresh raspberries, pecan pieces and pomegranate seeds.

Dressing:

- ¼ c crushed raspberries
- ½ c fresh Meyer lemon juice
- ¼ c of pure honey
- ¼ c olive oil

- Crush raspberries with fork
- Add other ingredients
- Stir together

Serves 4.

LEGISLATION

According to <https://www.gov.ca.gov>, on October 9, the California Governor signed two bills establishing two new state symbols: the Bigberry Manzanita as the state shrub and the Giant Garter Snake as the state snake.



AB 581 designates the bigberry manzanita (*Arctostaphylos glauca*) as the official state shrub. The bigberry manzanita, a shrub almost exclusively native to California, possesses unique abilities and traits that make it highly adaptable to wildfire-prone land, including rapid regeneration after fire exposure and fire-triggered seed germination. The plant's extensive root system helps resist soil erosion, yet thrives in dry, nutrient-poor soils – a useful tool to prevent mud or landslides, especially in wildfire burn scars.

SB 765 establishes the giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*) as the state snake. The population of the giant garter snake has declined by more than 90% in the last century – it was listed as



threatened under the California Endangered Species Act in 1971, and the Federal Endangered Species Act in 1993. This species is endemic to California, found only in the Central Valley.

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HORTICULTURE

A THANKSGIVING GRACE — THE GRACE SMOKE TREE (*COTINUS* 'GRACE')

By Cathy Wilson of Red Bluff Garden Club



Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year to express gratitude for our blessings, just as our forefathers did. It is a time for friends and families to come together to celebrate one another and the gifts of life. What a fitting name "Grace" is for one of my most striking shrubs.

"Grace" is a hybrid of

the American smoke tree (*Cotinus obovatus*) and the European *Cotinus coggygia* 'Velvet Cloak.'

This shrub is prized for its enormous clusters of flowers that can reach fourteen inches in height and twelve inches in width. These feathery pink plumes last for a full month before fading into a gray color that resembles puffs of smoke.

In spring, leaves emerge light red and become large and round. They darken to an even deeper red through summer. In the fall, they take on a vibrant orange glow.

This magnificent shrub performs best in full sun. It is not fussy about soil, provided that it has good drainage. It is fast-growing, about 5 feet a year. I cut my shrub back after its first bloom, and it thanks me by giving a second bloom. The only negative trait that it has is that its lifespan is only about twenty years or so. However, it is such a showy and spectacular shrub that it is a must for every garden.

If you love autumn colors as much as I do, investing in smoke trees is a worthwhile choice. Explore your local nurseries and add vibrant fall interest to your landscape. It is a great way to welcome your guests for Thanksgiving at your home.

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HORTICULTURE

OAK NOTES

By Pam Austin of El Cerrito Garden Club



One of the oldest and most widespread trees on Earth, oaks appeared about 65 million years ago, long before humans.

Facts about oaks:

- There are 500 species of oaks. Twenty are native to California. They thrive in our hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. Oak trees are considered a keystone species. Keystone species are the glue that holds an ecosystem together, and their removal can cause dramatic changes. Oaks provide food, water, and shelter to species of 5,000 insects, 105 birds, 105 mammals, and 58 amphibians. Acorns are highly nutritious, carbohydrate-rich, and were a diet staple of the Californian indigenous people.
- Acorns are toxic to dogs and horses.
- Oaks tolerate fire due to their thick, furrowed bark and tough leathery leaves. During wildfires, the larger oaks in areas cleared of fuel may scorch but rarely burn completely. Damaged trees will re-sprout from the root crown.
- On the northern California coast, live oak, valley oak, and canyon live oak occur naturally. Coast Live Oak trees grow to 20' to 40' and as much as 80' and as much as 250 years. Some oaks live as long as 500 years.
- Some oaks are deciduous (drop their leaves) while others are evergreen.

Oaks provide many benefits:

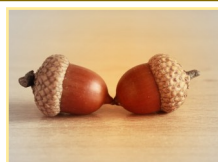
- Oaks enhance property values: It's been demonstrated in studies that oak trees on your property increase property values. Living next to an open space that contains oak trees also increases property values.
- Oaks are landscape workhorses: All California oaks are very well-adapted to the elevations where they occur naturally. They provide the backbone for "right plant/right place" kinds of landscaping that reduce the need for extra irrigation and fertilizer.
- Oaks filter water: The leaf litter that accumulates under oak trees prevents soil erosion by buffering the impact of rainfall. Leaf mulch helps retain soil moisture, lowering soil temperature and discouraging weeds. All water in California flows through oak woodlands.
- Oaks provide shade and cooling to the landscape.
- The structure of oaks provides aesthetic enjoyment.
- If you like truffles, thank oak trees, since truffles have a close relation with the roots of oak trees. Truffles are almost impossible to grow. Instead, truffle farmers plant oak trees, hoping to create favorable conditions conducive to the growth of truffles.

However, the threats to oaks are many:

- Construction removes entire trees or damages the root zone resulting in oak tree death.
- Subdivision of property and fragmentation in land use reduces open space for oak savannah and forest, threatening seedling recruitment in some oak species.
- Inappropriate landscaping practices designed to support exotic landscape species threaten oak health.
- Sudden oak death is a disease caused by a pathogen believed to be spread by California Bay trees, rhododendrons, and camellias.
- Climate change results in rising temperatures and unstable conditions.

To address these problems, in 2004, California passed oak woodlands conservation legislation under CEQA. Every county is required to adopt policies that create an oak protection program.

Planting an oak is a legacy for future generations. Planting an oak is a gift to future generations. Each oak serves as a living legacy, offering ecological benefits like biodiversity support, air quality improvement, and carbon sequestration.



**"Every oak tree started out as a couple of nuts
who stood their ground."**

— Henry David Thoreau

GARDENING

WINTERIZING GARDEN TOOLS

By Carol Belisle of Colfax Garden Club



Do you want to start your spring garden tasks and planting with joy? Then it's important not to ignore one of the last garden tasks to do in the fall: cleaning, sharpening, lubricating, and storing your tools in a dry place for winter. Come spring, you will find they are just waiting to serve another season.

Shovels, Spades, and Rakes

It's best to clean the tools with water after each use, using a wire brush or steel wool to remove any remaining caked-on soil, grime, and rust spots. After the final fall cleaning, applying 3-in-One oil on the metal parts will help prevent rust from forming over the winter. Be sure to sharpen the shovel or spade blade if it gets dull. Use a whetstone or flat file and sharpen at the same angle as the blade. Remember that

wooden handles need some attention too. Raised grain can be smoothed with an inexpensive sanding block or 110-grit sandpaper. Once smoothed, coat with boiled linseed oil to seal it and help prevent drying and cracking. It is slow drying and typically requires one to two weeks to dry thoroughly.

Cutting and Other Hand Tools

Rinse off the dirt and use a stiff brush to clean any remaining dirt. Use soap, water, and steel wool to remove any remaining sap or other grime. Dry thoroughly with an old towel. Sharpen the blades of cutting tools with a flat file and apply a little 3-in-One oil to the metal parts, including the moving mechanisms. Wipe off the excess with a soft cloth or paper towel. This tip found on the Internet can be used throughout the gardening season: Keep a bucket of sand moistened and mixed with a small amount of 3-in-One or vegetable oil. You don't want an oil pit, just lightly moistened sand. After you have cleaned the tools, plunge them into the bucket. You should store your cutting and small hand tools in the bucket of oil-moistened sand over the winter.

Hoses

Remember to thoroughly drain garden hoses. They should be stored on a hose reel or rolled up and stored flat to prevent kinks.



MAGNESIUM ... HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?

From the Newsletter of Fresno Cactus & Succulent Society

If plants lack magnesium, they cannot make chlorophyll which is the green coloring in plants which converts to carbon dioxide from the air into food for the plant. A sickly, pale plant is the result. Shortage of magnesium can occur if plants are left too long in the same soil or, because of frequent watering, the minerals in the compost have all been washed out of the soil.

Repotting into a fresh soil mix will make magnesium once again available. For very large plants not easily repotted, remove a few inches of the soil on top of the pot and replace with fresh soil. You can also drench the soil with a mix of Epsom salts and water, which is a useful source of magnesium for pot plants or even garden plants. Use a teaspoon of the salts to one gallon of water. Improvement in sick plants due to lack of magnesium is often quick and remarkable.



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season.*

FLORAL DESIGN

TOPIARY DESIGNS



The members of the **Bidwell Designers Guild** of Buttes District know how to create Topiary designs as is evidenced by the designs they displayed at their recent guild meeting.

What is a Topiary design? A topiary design is considered a botanical design and would be included in the Botanical Arts Division of an NGC Flower Show. According to the [NGC's Handbook for Flower Shows](#), page 94, it is "a contrived tree form having a visible trunk created by the exhibitor and embellished with cut plant material. Non-plant material may be used to embellish the topiary."

PUMPKIN POTS

By Martha Hunt, NGC Flower Show Judge Emeritus
From the Newsletter of Los Angeles Garden Club

For a striking centerpiece, fill a large pumpkin with flowers and foliage.

Any color of pumpkin can be used for your container. A cluster of small pumpkins is another option.

- ◆ Cut off the top and clean out the pumpkin.
- ◆ Fill the pumpkin one-half to two-thirds full of moistened potting soil.
- ◆ Give a nursery outdoor garden plant a good soaking, then pop it out of the container and arrange it in a pleasing composition in the pumpkin.
- ◆ You may add accessories to enhance your design.

If placed in a cool area, pumpkin pots will last 10 to 14 days. After that, they will begin to soften and need to be planted in your garden. As the pumpkin decays, it fertilizes your plants.





NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

GRANTS — A MESSAGE FROM NGC

Dear Garden Club Members,

Are you planning a project that could use a little extra support? The National Garden Clubs (NGC) offers a variety of grants to help bring your gardening and community initiatives to life — and several important deadlines are right around the corner!

Time-Sensitive Grants

PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants

Deadline: October 15 [each year]

Support for community-based gardening projects that make a visible impact.

ESPOMA Grant Program

Open: October 1 – May 31

Receive Espoma plant foods and potting soils to support your garden club's project.

AMES Tools Grant

Open: January 1 – March 1

Apply for high-quality tools to help your club complete its projects efficiently.

Open Year-Round

- Native Plant and Wildflower Grants
- Youth Pollinator Garden Grants
- Natural Disaster Grants

These rolling grants are available any time and offer support for specific needs—from youth education to recovery after natural disasters.

To apply for the PLANT AMERICA grant, [click here](#).

For all other grants, visit the [NGC Grants page](#) for details, guidelines, and applications.

Let's continue to PLANT AMERICA for the next 100 years!



NGC is excited to announce a new matching opportunity through the Plant America Grant Program!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Barbara Baker, every donation made through the link below will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000. That means your gift will go twice as far — helping us plant more, grow more, and make a greater impact in communities nationwide.

The link to donate is: [Double the Impact — PLANT AMERICA Giving](#)

Let's Keep the Momentum Going — Double the Impact!



PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

PRGC'S GOLD BOOK OF RECOGNITION

Each and every one of PRGC members know someone they would like to honor for their service at the club, district, state, region or national level. An appropriate "thank you" would be to enter the person's name into PRGC's Gold Book of Recognition. A special certificate will be sent to the honoree, and a thank you note will be sent to the donor. The amount of the donation is determined by the donor. All contributions support PRGC'S Scholarship Fund.

To recognize someone, complete the application on the [PRGC website](#) under the "Membership" tab.

