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"Cultivate Change through Nurturing Nature"

From the Director's Garden...

Dear Palomar District Garden Club Members,

Welcome back from summer! Most of our clubs have been "dark" these past few months as members traveled, rested, and tended their gardens — and now we return refreshed, inspired, and ready for a vibrant new year together.

How Are Your Gardens Growing? This summer's extremely warm weather challenged all of us. Did you make adjustments — more water, more mulch, more natives? Did you experiment with drought tolerant combinations or rethink your shade strategies? I encourage you to **share your stories** with your clubs and with the district. We learn so much from each other's successes and experiments.

Fall Brings New Energy & New Events Autumn is always a season of renewal for our district. We begin with the **Pacific Region Convention in October**, a wonderful opportunity to connect with gardeners across the western states, share ideas, and bring home fresh inspiration.

Welcome to Our Newest Club — Linda Vista Garden Club Please join me in welcoming the **Linda Vista Garden Club** to Palomar District. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to supporting your growth and celebrating your contributions.

Traveling the District Again This fall, we will be traveling a bit of a distance for our general meeting — this time to **Ramona**. I am so appreciative when a garden club and their members take on the task of hosting the general meeting. Thank you Ramona!

Strength Through Collaboration As we begin our 2026–2027 year, I encourage clubs to **reach out to neighboring clubs** to share workloads at events, exchange speaker information, and collaborate on educational opportunities. Remember that many societies — and the **UCSD Master Gardeners** — offer excellent speakers, often free or for a nominal honorarium. Let's take advantage of these resources to expand our knowledge and enrich our programs.

We also look forward to the **NGC Flower Show Judges Symposium** in October, open not only to accredited judges but to *anyone* interested in learning more about flower shows, horticulture, and floral design. It's a fantastic chance to deepen your knowledge and spark new creativity.

Looking Forward to 2026–2027 I'm excited for the year ahead — for new friendships, new gardens, new ideas, and new opportunities to cultivate change together. I am here to support your clubs and look forward to again visiting as many clubs as possible in my final year as your director!

Toiana



CGCI Official Calendar

CGCI Official Calendar -
California Garden Club
(californiagardenclubs.com)

October 12, 13, & 14, 2026
Pacific Region
Convention,
Thousand Oaks

Fall Palomar
District Meeting
Oct 21, 2026 Wed
Host: Ramona GC

NGC Flower Show
Symposium
Oct 27 & 28, 2026
Handlery Hotel, SD

Winter Palomar
District Meeting
Feb 22, 2027 Mon
Host: Vista Garden Club

Summer Palomar
District Meeting
June 21, 2027 Mon
Host: Valley Ctr GC

Fall Palomar
District Meeting
Oct 18, 2027 Mon
GC: Host club needed

Palomar District Fall Meeting

www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Hosted by Ramona Garden Club

Make your reservations soon!

See page 3 for details..

NGC FLOWER SHOW SYMPOSIUM 2026

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Participants must make hotel reservations directly with the hotel.
CGCI special rate for this event is \$129/night. Parking is \$25/day.
Event parking for non-hotel guests is \$5/day

Reservations must be made on or before October 1, 2026 to receive special rate. Please identify yourself as being with California Garden Clubs, Inc. Symposium.

Handlery Hotel San Diego
950 Hotel Circle North
San Diego CA 92108
619-298-0511

Meals are not included in the registration fee and outside food may not be brought into the classroom.
Arrangements have been made with the on site restaurant to order lunch for \$20 all inclusive. A menu will be available both mornings, orders will be taken and lunches will be delivered to the classroom during lunchtime.

Attendees should bring:
Handbook for Flower Shows 2017 Revised Edition. The 2017 Edition (corrected July 2025) should be downloaded from the NGC website. The Handbook is located in the Member Section of the NGC website: www.gardenclub.org

Important: All judges taking the Point Scoring Exam will be seated in the front rows. Please bring a clipboard and pencils for the exam.

INSTRUCTORS

Pam Braun - Horticulture
A garden club member for almost 50 years, Pam Braun is currently a member of Gateway Acres Garden Club. She is a member of TN District II, and life member of TN Federation of Garden Clubs, Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc. She is an NGC accredited master flower show judge, an NGC horticulture, flower show procedure, and symposium instructor, and member of numerous plant societies. She specializes in exhibiting collections and displays of numerous different plant groups and has won many top exhibitor awards for her horticulture. Besides horticulture, she enjoys floral design and has been a speaker, leader of workshops, or exhibitor at all levels from district to internationally. She has enjoyed growing plants all her life and the plant material she uses for both designs and instruction often comes from her own garden or indoor plants.

Shirley Tetreault - Design
Shirley joined Uptown Garden Club in 1997 after completing a beginning design class by Jean Dabney that she now teaches as well as Advanced classes at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Shirley is a Design/Flower Show Procedure/Symposium Instructor for National Garden Clubs, Inc., providing training for our Nationally Accredited Judges across the country. She has been teaching since 2007 schools and symposiums in Alaska, Texas, Florida, Washington State, California, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa and Texas. Membership with other organizations includes Master Gardeners, African Violet Society, Daffodil Society, Uptown Garden Club, President of High Desert Design Club and Past President of the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc. serving 5 years. She served two terms (back-to-back) as President of New Mexico Garden Clubs Inc. as well as National Secretary for National Garden Clubs under Sandy Robinson. She is currently serving on the Flower Show School Committee as State Judges Chair Liaison, Blue Star/Gold Star Chair for the state of New Mexico and South-Central Region. Shirley is active in the DAR, Gold Star Mothers, and Blue Star Mothers. The Governor of New Mexico has appointed her to the Governor's Veterans Advisory Council to serve in helping Veterans throughout the state.

CGCI SYMPOSIUM



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SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Agenda
Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Pam Braun - Horticulture Instructor
Registration/Announcements
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.
Allied Topic - Photography
8:15 - 10:15 a.m. (2 hours)
Break - 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. (15 minutes)
Horticulture Instruction - Succulents and Salvia
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. (1 hour)
Lunch - 11:30 - 12:00 p.m. (30 minutes)
Horticulture Instruction and Oral Point Scoring
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. (1 1/2 hours)
Break - 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. (15 minutes)
Oral Point Scoring (con't)
1:45 - 3:15 p.m. (1 1/2 hours)
Break - 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. (15 minutes)
Horticulture Written Point Scoring
3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (2 hours)

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
Shirley Tetreault - Design Instructor
Registration/Announcements
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.
Allied Topic - Creating Structures with Reed
8:15 - 10:15 a.m. (2 hours)
Break - 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. (15 minutes)
Design Instruction - Armature and Spatial Thrust
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. (1 hour)
Lunch - 11:30 - 12:00 p.m. (30 minutes)
Design Instruction and Oral Point Scoring
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. (1 1/2 hours)
Break - 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. (15 minutes)
Oral Point Scoring (con't)
1:45 - 3:15 p.m. (1 1/2 hours)
Break - 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. (15 minutes)
Design Written Point Scoring
3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (2 hours)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Any interested person is welcome and invited to attend the Symposium. You need not be a judge or a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. or California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Application for Renewal of Good Standing
To obtain refresher credit, judges must attend all lectures in their entirety, including oral point scoring sessions. Any judge expecting credit for this Symposium must send completed appropriate form (available online at www.gardenclub.org) to the CGCI Credentials Chairman, at least 30 days in advance of Symposium.

Accredited Judge - Submit Form 13 Refresher Credit for Accredited Judges Application.
Accredited Life - Submit Form 15L Renewal
Master Good Standing - Submit Form 15M
Mail completed forms to:

Dyanna Madro
2926 Oak Hill Drive
Escondido CA 92027
(619) 889-1773

Judges from Other States - A judge who wishes to attend a symposium from another state must forward a completed Form 18 to their home state FSS Chairman or Credentials Chairman before registering for the Symposium for credit at least 6 weeks in advance. All judges are welcome to attend.

REGISTRATION FORM

October 27 and 28, 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Your Garden Club: _____

Full Course, Outline & Exam - \$75.00

Full Course: Outline, No Exam - \$70.00

Partial Course: will receive outline
Please Circle which day you plan to attend:
Tuesday - \$45 Wednesday - \$45

Total Enclosed \$ _____

No Refunds will be issued after
October 12, 2026
Make checks payable to:
CGCI

Mail to:
Nina Blonski, Registrar
5050 Traverse Creek Road
Garden Valley CA 95633-9425

Deadline to Register
September 15, 2026



Palomar District Fall Membership Meeting

Palomar District

Fall Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Mountain View Church

11991 Meadowlark Way

Ramona CA 92065

Hosted by: *Ramona Garden Club*

Reservations requested by: October 7, 2026

Cost: \$22

Checks payable to: Ramona Garden Club

9:00 am: Check-in, brunch, and shopping

10:00 am: General meeting

Brunch: Savory & sweet items, fruit, beverages

Shopping: Unique hand-made crafts

Program: "Bringing Nature Home: Native Wildlife and Waterwise Gardening" Roy Toft, Professional wildlife photographer and biologist



☐ For more info contact - reholton1@yahoo.com

☐ Names of persons attending:

Total attendees x \$22 = Total enclosed \$ _____

Please send one check for all attendees from your club.



Make checks payable to: Ramona Garden Club

Send by October 7, 2026 to: Ramona Garden Club

P.O. Box 1412

Ramona CA 92065 - 7402



Club Corner Spotlights

Spot light your club activities...send pictures to **Diana Drummey at drummedge@att.net** for the next Palomar Pruner...



FALLBROOK GET TOGETHER

cutting bell peppers and adding googly eyes is bound to heal your soul a little, give it a try



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SAN DIEGUITO GC

TEMECULA GC BEING
CREATIVE w/ PEPPERS

LAKESIDE

JULY 4TH



**SAN DIEGO
BROMELIAD SOCIETY
MEMBER & PROPOGATOR**



LOCATION: FOR THE SEASON!
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13137 POWAY ROAD
POWAY, CA 92064

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 Rick Spear
 George Speer 760-212-6339
Palomardesignforum@gmail.com
 Hostesses: Monica Lewis And Peg McCay
 Team Lunch: Lynne Batchelor
 Set-up & Clean up: open to all
 Official Photographer: Don Davidson
 Official Sound, Electric stuff: Don Davison
 Water Bottle Table: Open
 Donations: cash, check and credit card
Membership Only

Palomar District's
34th Anniversary Season
Floral Design Forum
2026-2027

When: 1st Monday, October thru May 12:00 NOON

Where: Poway Community Library
 13137 Poway Road, Poway, CA 92064

Objectives: To bring the finest floral designers to San Diego County; promote appreciation of floral art forms; develop skills in critiquing floral art; improve individual skills for in home floral decorating; learn skills for flower show exhibition; encourage members to enter flower shows and promote floral arts in the community. The forum is open to anyone interested in floral design.

Support: Choose \$100 for all 8-program season pass or \$15 suggested donation each Session. Mail: **George Speer, 30861 Saddleback Rd, Valley Center, CA 92082**

We are now able to process your credit card for any payment, in person.

Checks must be made out to:

Palomar District of CA Garden Clubs Inc.

October 5, 2026 – New to our stage:
Marylou Gibson. "Something borrowed, Something New, Something White, Something Blue, All will go home with a "lucky you"

November 2, 2026 –Welcome back-always a favorite:
 World Renowned Designer & Instructor, watching him turn Fall into something special!

Rene Van Remes, AIFD



2026-2027

THE
 FLORAL
 DESIGN
 FORUM

December 7, 2026- A friend of the Forum and Floriculture Instructor, **Betty Patterson del Sol** comes to fill your head with visions of holiday floral décor.

January 4, 2027 - Returning to us is , **David Root** a multiple award-winning designer and floral instructor **Don't miss a great start to the new year.**

February 1, 2027- Welcome, **Sacihko Kohatsu** Master teacher, **Ikenobo school of Ikebana.** Enjoy her skill and take notes for garden club designs.

March 1 2027- Welcome back: **Erin Spriggs,** **Jumping into Spring** , with fresh ideas for creating spring theme centerpieces, accent pieces & floral décor.

April 5, 2027 -Here comes the GANG! These are your **favorite designers** who are going to use some of their "containers" they are willing to leave for the raffle.

May 3, 2027 -Flowers Art, Mom follow **Leslie Odell** as she explores creative floral designs that blend Art and Flowers into arrangements that are unique as moms are.

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**FREE
ADMISSION**

IKEBANA
INTERNATIONAL
San Diego Chapter #119

59th ANNUAL TEACHERS' SHOWCASE

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Room 101, Casa del Prado

Balboa Park

Program:

- Brief Business Meeting
- Certified Ikebana Teachers' Showcase Display
- Raffle



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www.ikebanasandiego.org



FREE Adult Environmental Education Presentations

I Love A Clean San Diego has partnered with the County of San Diego to offer FREE environmental education presentations to local community groups and businesses!



Reply or scan the QR code to start scheduling your presentation!
Choose from three exciting and informative topics:



Residents learn about zero waste living.



Community members share examples of how they practice a zero waste lifestyle.

Zero Waste 101

- An introduction to sustainable living and waste reduction practices.
- Topics include:
 - Environmental issues in San Diego
 - Recycling and organic recycling rules
 - Zero waste living tips



Save Your Scraps

- All about organics - learn how to reduce food waste and divert it from the landfill.
- Topics include:
 - Low waste grocery shopping
 - Green bin tips and tricks
 - Composting



Step Up Your Sustainability

- For those who want to take their sustainable practices to the next level!
- Topics include:
 - Zero waste options for everyday products
 - Sustainable swaps for different parts of the home
 - Local waste disposal guidelines



Free Speaker to
address recycling,
composting, yard
waste, and so much
more!
SAVE THE PLANET!

To the Palomar District CA Gardening Club:

Hi there! My name is Joely and work at I Love A Clean San Diego. We have partnered with the County of San Diego to provide free environmental education presentations to community groups and businesses. We are excited to extend this opportunity to folks within your Gardening Club and fellow community members within your network. Whether it be at your next group meeting or community event, we'd love to come by.

Our presentation ranges from 25 to 45 minutes, and discusses ways individuals can reduce their impact on the environment through simple steps, focusing on topics such as proper recycling practices and creating zero waste habits. We are able to present this program in person or virtually depending on your preference.

If you are interested in scheduling a presentation, please let me know the best date and time for your group, and I would be happy to start the scheduling process. Please reach out if you have any questions!

I look forward to hearing from you,

Joely Reyes (she/her)

Recycling and Waste Education Coordinator

I Love A Clean San Diego

8145 Ronson Rd, Suite B

San Diego, CA 92111

Direct Line: [619.342.9918](tel:619.342.9918)





Dear Palomar District members:

Because of your connection to Big Basin through the Palomar Park Garden Clubs, I wanted to personally reach out and share this special opportunity to become involved in the next step of rebuilding.

I believe the restoration of the Timms Creek Loop is one of the most inspiring opportunities before us today because it will reconnect people to the redwoods, and it gives each of us a chance to be part of Big Basin's renewal.

I hope you'll take a moment to learn more about the project below and consider becoming a Trail or Bridge Champion. By sharing your passion for Big Basin with others, you can help inspire the support needed to bring Timms Creek Loop back to life and welcome visitors to the redwoods for generations to come.

Warmly, Amanda

Amanda Krauss, CFRE

Director of Tribute & Legacy Giving

[Sempervirens Fund](#)

Direct [\(650\) 946-1051](tel:6509461051)



Some places shape the way we experience the natural world.

For generations of visitors, Timms Creek Loop in Big Basin was one of those places.

Winding through redwood groves, alongside creeks, and across forest bridges, the trail offered a deeper connection to one of California's most extraordinary landscapes. After the CZU Fire damaged much of the trail system, that experience was put on hold.

Today, restoration is underway.

Over the next several months, crews will rebuild nearly five miles of trail and restore 22 bridges that will once

again welcome visitors into the heart of Big Basin. The trail can open to the public in 2027 with your leadership. Bringing Timms Creek Loop back also reopens the next phase of the historic Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail.

This work will only be possible because of committed supporters who believe future generations deserve the chance to experience these forests for themselves.

That is why I am excited to invite you to become a Champion for Timms Creek restoration.



There are several ways to lead:

Become a Trail Champion

Create a giving campaign and inspire others to help restore a meaningful section of the trail.

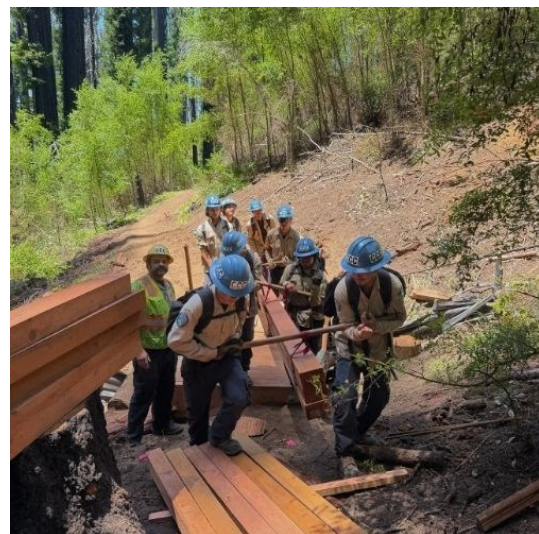
Become a Bridge Champion

Help rally support with a giving campaign for one of the 22 bridges that will reconnect visitors to Big Basin and serve as a lasting symbol of restoration.

Give Directly to Timms Creek Restoration

Support Timms Creek restoration directly through a restricted gift designated for the project.

Whether you choose to launch a giving campaign, make a leadership gift, or encourage others to participate, your support will help reconnect people to the redwoods while restoring an iconic Big Basin experience for generations to come.



Sara Barth

Sara Barth
Executive Director
Sempervirens Fund



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FGC National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) - <https://gardenclub.org>

Founded in 1929, NGC is the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world with over 5,000 clubs and 130,000 members. As part of this organization, FGC participates in the Blue Star Memorial and National Garden Week programs. See the website at for more information.

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. (PRGC) of NGC – <https://pacificregiongardenclubs.com/>

The Pacific Region Garden Clubs, founded in 1933, is comprised of garden clubs who are members of NGC in the states of Washington, Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska, and Hawaii.

California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) - <https://www.californiagardenclubs.com/>

CGCI was organized in December 1931 and was ratified as a member of NGC and is proud to be the largest and one of the most active members of NGC and Pacific Region. It is home to over 350 garden clubs, associate plant societies, affiliates and youth clubs/projects with 21,000+ individual members.

Palomar District of CGCI - <https://www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict/>

The Palomar District is the largest district within CGCI encompassing nearly 30 local garden clubs, affiliates, and youth groups with over 2,400 members across San Diego and southern Riverside counties.