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2019 – 2021 Pacific Region Director  
Robin Pokorski

**The Re-CALL to the PRGC Convention is on this page.**

### **Director's Message**

We are living through notable history. And I am sad that I am not out and about meeting all of you but fasten your seatbelts for when "they" spring me – I'll be anywhere and everywhere you invite me!

We are thrilled to debut **Installation Ideas 2020**, a new book of 40+ installations; and **Membership Matters!**, a digital book available free as a benefit of membership in the Region. Still available are the Youth Contest entries booklet, **Hope for the Future**; and **Live, Laugh, Garden in the Pacific Region**, an inspiration book; and **What's Cookin' in the Pacific Region**. All will be available at convention (figuring I get to have at least one convention as Director with you) and from me now or soon.

*Robin*

### **Second Re-CALL to Convention**

All members of the Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors and delegates are called to the PRGC Convention in Silverton, Oregon, rescheduled for August 9–12, 2021 to be held at The Oregon Garden. All officers and chairmen are expected to present an oral report. State Presidents, you are expected to present a video report (no more than 10 minutes, please).



**Those Who Sent a Message to NGC President Gay Austin are GEMs – You are AWESOME!**

~ Robin Pokorski

### **Do You Know That We Know You Know?**

*By Michele Noe, GEMs Chairman*

Think about it! You know you know someone who is a **GEM**, you know.

When you acknowledge someone Generous, Exceptional, or Mindful of others with a purchase of a **GEM** blurb in *WACONIAH* you support this fundraising program of the Pacific Region Garden Clubs. The fundraiser then contributes to a variety of other PRGC activities, as needed. Scan through the newsletter to find examples of **GEMs**. Have YOU been named a **GEM**? Now it's your turn to do the naming.



And, here's a good deal, I must say. Currently, the promotion of two **GEMs** for \$25 instead of the usual \$15 each is still in effect.

For additional **GEM** information and an order form please contact:

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All inquiries receive a prompt reply. Thank you for your consideration.

**The members of Pacific Region are GEMs** because they are supportive and generous of spirit during this COVID-19 pandemic. They have been patient and flexible as our opportunities to get together are scheduled and re-scheduled. ~ Alexis Slafer



### **NGC Fall Board Meeting Cancelled**

The NGC 2020 Fall Board Meeting scheduled for September 23-26, 2020 has been cancelled.



## Photo Phundraiser – Still a Go

By Karen & Paul Ramsey, Contest Chairmen



As you all now know, the Pacific Region August Convention has been moved to 2021. I know that you are wondering what will happen to the Photo Phundraiser contest. As the old saying goes, "when one door closes, another opens," and that is exactly what has happened to our photo contest.

Paul and I have consulted with Robin and have agreed that the contest should go on, just not as originally planned. We are now going to have a virtual photo contest, one in which everyone will be able to enter and view their entries on the Pacific Region website. Everyone can now compete for the **\$25 1st place prize money** and the **\$100 Best in Show** by just submitting a digital file of their photo and mailing their entry form and check. Clubs will still be able to compete for the **\$100 prize for both most entries and most entries per capita**. The photos will be judged by a professional photographer. **All photos which have already been entered in the original 2020 contest will automatically be rolled over to the new virtual contest with no additional entry fee required. A digital file will be requested.**

The rules will remain the same with a few changes.

1. Mounting or matting is not required.
2. Photo sizes will not apply but digital file sizes will be posted.
3. Taping information onto the back of a photo is not necessary.
4. Deadlines will be changed.

Categories will remain the same. The entry form and entry fee will remain the same. I will be returning the hard copies of digital photos that were sent to me for printing, and I will be entering their digital files into the contest. Any hard copy photos which were sent to me to take to the convention will be returned, and a digital file will be required to complete their entry.

We are hoping that this will open the way for more members to compete and show off their photos both recent and from the past.

Your older film hard copy photos can be scanned and entered.

We are delighted that technology allows us to continue with a phun-philled photo contest that will raise money for the region and give members something to look forward to, as well.

To enter contact Karen or Paul Ramsey, 541-479-5513 [SierraKR@aol.com](mailto:SierraKR@aol.com).

**Virtual Contest Rules and entry form are attached to this newsletter.**

## Blue Stars Shine Through Troubling Times Director's Special Project

By Diane Franchini, Director's Special Project Chairman



I could certainly write an article bemoaning what we've lost during the last four months – dedications put on hold, loss of momentum, etc. - but I'm ready to celebrate what we have accomplished since April 2019 when the **"Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region"**

project began. (I'm also in a celebratory mood because today our county was granted Phase 3 status that allows groups up to 50 to meet!)

So the plan for April 2020 Convention was to celebrate the completed dedications in a BIG way. Since the Convention was cancelled, I'm going to take this time to recognize those garden clubs and districts by state for their outstanding job in furthering the goals of Pacific Region and the NGC **Blue Star** Marker program. Don't worry – we plan to shower all of you in grand style at the 2021 Convention.



Photo courtesy of Chris Wood

But first here's a quick recap of where we are in our progress to achieve our goals. Some are definitely over-achievers!! I have been trying to stay up to date with all eight states by keeping a progress chart. A couple of weeks ago I sent my chart to the state presidents to look it over and verify that my information is correct. So, currently I am tracking 73 projects from planning to dedication ceremony. Here is the breakdown. Alaska - 1; Arizona - 4; California - 41 (I mentioned over-achievers – they jumped from 25 to 41 at last check); Hawaii - 0 (but Robin and I have a plan to include you); Idaho - 1; Nevada - 3; Oregon - 11; Washington - 12.

Eight markers have been dedicated over the last year in four states. There were several others that would have been completed by now if it weren't for the shutdown of our country. Alaska's Greater Eagle River GC was the first out of the gate following the 2019 Convention. This **Blue Star Memorial Marker** was placed near Joint Base Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base in Eagle River. The dedication was held June 24, 2019.

California has completed three dedications at this time. The first was sponsored by the Valley Oak Garden Club in Tulare, CA. It was installed at the Veterans Memorial Building and dedicated in the fall of 2019. December 11, 2019 the Southern California Garden Club installed the first **Blue Star** Memorial Marker at a Presidential Library. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library welcomed this addition in grand style.



Photo courtesy of Diane Franchini

The third dedication has an interesting story. The **Blue Star** Marker sponsored by the San Pedro Garden Club in the Costa Verde District was moved to a new home on the Pacific Coast Hwy. A dedication was held February 17. Within a month of the installation it was stolen. Many articles were written but without a recovery of the marker. That's when a gentleman came forward and donated \$2000 to replace the marker. It's nice to know that there are really good people out there with huge hearts for their community.

Oregon has completed three dedications. The first was sponsored by the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs and was placed in The Oregon Garden. The dedication took place September 5, 2019. A month later the Coos Bay Garden Club installed and dedicated a Gold Star Family Memorial Marker at the David Dewitt Veterans Memorial Wayside in North Bend, OR. That dedication took place October 5, 2019. In May 2019 the Chehelan Garden Club dedicated a **Blue Star** By-Way Marker #83 at the Newberg Memorial Park.

Washington has completed one dedication. On a blustery day a **Blue Star** Memorial By-Way Marker was

installed and dedicated at the John A. Finch Arboretum. The sponsor was Inland Empire and the dedication was held October 26, 2019.



Photo courtesy of Steve Franchini

So while we had hoped to have many more dedications completed by the April 2020 Convention, we celebrate the eight who have reached their goal and look forward to many more dedications just as soon as everything opens up and it is safe for our members, the veterans organizations, and our communities to come together. When you reschedule a dedication be sure to: 1) INVITE Robin to attend – she is chomping at the bit to get back into the states; and 2) let me know so I can also coordinate with Robin and recognize your accomplishments.

Just a note from Tom Stelling, our restorer from Florida: The following is an update provided by Shirley Lipa, PR **Blue Star** Marker Chairman and coordinator for the restorations: "Our long-awaited **Blue Star** Memorial restorations are going to have to wait a bit longer. As I'm sure you are all aware, just as our restorer, Tom Stelling, was about to leave Florida for his trip to the west coast, the COVID-19 pandemic hit the United States. For his and his wife's safety, Tom decided they would have to wait to start their trip. The weeks of our Stay-In-Place order turned into months, and now the weather has turned much warmer. Tom wears a leather suit when he strips the markers, so he plans his trips to accommodate the changing seasons. He now says that he will be coming to us in the early spring of 2021."

This change might be a benefit to your club and/or your district. You now have additional time to survey near-by **Blue Star** Memorials to see if they should be restored. The cost is \$700 to do the large Memorial markers and \$400 to do the smaller By-way markers in place. If the By-way marker is taken to the site of a Memorial marker restoration, then the cost is only \$250. I doubt if we will have a professional restorer come our way anytime soon again, so this is a good opportunity to make our **Blue Stars Shine!** If a marker needs to be added to our list, please have the information and your check to me by December 31, 2020. If you have any questions or need further information, please email me at [slipa29@att.net](mailto:slipa29@att.net).

By Nancy Ebsen, OSFGC Blue Star Chairman

There is a lot going on with the **Blue Star** Markers in Oregon. Two rededications of markers were canceled due to the virus. The following puts Oregon up-to-date with what we hope will happen.

- 1- #17 Biggs Junction – Mt. Hood District – OSFGC – Destroyed in 1970. Is planted in its new location, the Deshutes River State Park, and was to be rededicated at the Spring Board Meeting. That was cancelled and it is now planned for rededication at the Fall Board Meeting.
- 2- #6 Washburne – Santiam and Willamette Districts – This marker has been replaced and moved by Oregon Parks and Recreation to the South Benton Museum in Monroe. That will be rededicated in September.
- 3- Mt. Hood District – Parkdale GC - Byway Marker – Had been planned for this summer; has been rescheduled for Spring 2021 due to virus and death of their President.
- 4- Capitol District – Dallas GC. They are on track to plant a marker at their Post Office in November.
- 5- Klamath District – Bly – Was a planned Fall planting. Canceled and plan is for Spring 2021.

Plans and dreams are for **Blue Star** Markers to be placed in 2021 at Camp Rilea on the coast and at Lake Oswego Memorial Park on the Willamette River.



**Bonnie Wellington** is a **GEM** because she invited garden club members to enjoy her yard just as social distancing became necessary. Her yard bloomed with daffodils and more.

~ Lavon Ostrick

**State Presidents’ Reports**

This term, the state presidents are writing their reports based on a common assignment. This issue’s assignment was: **What is your State doing to use social media/develop an online presence/meet virtually?**

If your state isn’t featured it’s because nothing was submitted! We are missing several of our states.

**State Presidents:** you are meant to be submitting a report on the assigned topic for EACH issue of this newsletter.

**A girl said she recognized me from the Vegetarian Club, but I’d never met herbivore.**

*Theme: "Make a Difference Whenever, Wherever and However You Can – in Your Garden Club, in Your Community and in Yourself"*



Who would have ever imagined that we would still be dealing with the Coronavirus and all its limitations three months since our last **WACONIAH** newsletter? Our thoughts and prayers are still with our Pacific Region fellow garden club friends.

May you and your family stay safe and well. We’ll look forward to seeing everyone next August 2021 at the Pacific Region Convention in The Oregon Garden, and then here in Las Vegas in 2022!

**"Keeping in Touch"**

We were disappointed to have to cancel our Las Vegas Flower Arrangers’ Guild Flower Show the end of March and Sunset Garden Club, Rose Society, and Iris Society Flower Shows in April. There was still hope for our Nevada Garden Clubs Annual Spring meeting in May. As time passed, we realized that, with all the restrictions and severity of the pandemic, it would have to be cancelled, too. What to do? For the last few years, our official CALL letter has been sent electronically to club presidents to distribute to their members. It had become too expensive to continue sending the CALL by US Mail. We still needed to vote on four trustee nominations for the next two-year term. It was decided to ask for nominations "from the floor" via an email to the Board of Directors who would have been voting at the meeting (state officers, trustees, state chairs, club presidents, plus two representatives from each club and former state presidents). There were none. We officially elected the four by acclamation to the trustee positions at this "Virtual Meeting." The club presidents have been sending their year-end reports which we will share at the next State meeting - our Fall Conference in October. It will be so good to get together. Thank goodness for email!

At times telephone calls are needed to complete garden club business. After working 33+ years at the telephone company in New York State, mostly as a Manager in the Repair and Testing Call Center, I sometimes try to avoid the phone. During this isolation, every time I get to talk with one of our members, it brings me such joy as I picture their smiling faces. Garden club members need to take care of each other by keeping in touch.

Nevada Garden Clubs has a website that is being updated and a Facebook page that shares local, Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs posts. We worked with the Las Vegas Gardening Community in January for a "Seed Swap." This group has more than 3000 area members who communicate only on Facebook to share ideas, questions, answers, photos, etc. There are also House Plants and Fruits & Vegetables groups as well as Pahrump Valley Gardeners Facebook sites. We are proud of several of our members who are sharing their

*By Joyce Stork, Nevada*

beautiful plants and gardens with us on Facebook, too. This has been a great way to stay connected and be inspired.

Richard Craft and Joyce Stork, officers in our Glitter Gulch African Violet Growers, helped to create the website for the AVSA (African Violet Society of America) Virtual Violets Convention in May. The whole convention experience was recreated online. There were the amazing photos of the 561 exhibits from the USA (35 States), Canada, Japan, and Portugal. Interesting programs were given daily but could be viewed later. Business was conducted, awards were presented, and sales items were available. <https://africanvioletsocietyofamerica.org/virtual/> Check out their great job!

Remember to Make a Difference whenever, wherever and however you can - in your Community, in your Garden Club and in yourself.



In November of 2019, 225 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Faith Lutheran School in Las Vegas, Nevada put down African violet leaves of Rhapsodie Margit III. Members of the Glitter Gulch African Violet Growers assisted the students in the process. The leaf cuttings were hung on clothesline below greenhouse benches.

In February one club member returned to verify that the clumps were producing clones and to provide some basic maintenance for the mother plants which have found a near perfect microclimate under a hydroponics system in the greenhouse. A plan was made to divide the leaf clumps in early April.

On March 17 Nevada was closed in response to Covid-19. Once it became clear that school would be closed and that students could not complete the propagation project, one member developed a worksheet to teach the principles of capillary action which would have been used to wick-water the young violets. The teachers converted this into an interactive lesson to share digitally with the students who were working at home.

Late in April, 5 club members assembled in a large space, using social distancing and masks, and divided the 225 clumps, potting up 450 clones. A sealed Ziploc enclosure bag with 2 potted clones was prepared for each student to maintain humidity while the plants established roots. These were placed in filtered light at the school. In late May the students retrieved their clones, along with directions and a reservoir for watering, as a part of their last day of school checkout.



**Robin Pokorski** is a **GEM** because her dynamic personality is contagious! We Love Her!

~ Cheryl Drumheller

***So You Wanna Recycle?***

*By Gail Vanderhorst, NGC Recycling Chairman*



Here's the next step in our tuna can project. You have collected 10 7-ounce Kirkland tuna cans. You have taken the paper off the sides and removed both the top and bottom lids (you've made enough tuna casserole to share with the neighbors and

the mailman and anyone else unwary enough to walk by your house). Here's what's next... spray paint the cans inside and out in silver or gold (or your favorite holiday color).

The next step will be reported in the November issue, just in time for the holidays! You will love the finished product. Be safe and recycle.



**Jeanette Pruin** is a **GEM** because of her continuous support of WSGFC, PR & NGC

~ Terry Critchlow



**Aleta MacFarlane** is a **GEM** because she's so enthusiastic. She not only joins many of our clubs, she is an active member with many ideas.

~ Karen Elliott

## What's Happening in Alaska

By Amanda Ross, Fairbanks GC



Fairbanks Garden Club had their June meeting over Zoom with one member on the phone.

Some of FGC members wore their gardening hats. We all shared how our gardens were growing. An advantage to

sharing the screen during a Zoom meeting has enabled the members to see a PowerPoint about our May events and also previews of our 2019 FGC scrapbook.



Chris Wood, Alaska Garden Clubs President, reported that Greater Eagle River Garden Club and Anchorage Garden Club are doing zoom meetings also.

Chris called an Alaska Garden Club Executive Committee Meeting to decide to have or cancel the Alaska Garden Clubs convention in July. Face to face meeting is cancelled, but there will be a Zoom Convention meeting in late July.

## Membership Matters!

By Gaye Stewart, Membership Chairman



These are difficult, challenging, uncertain times for all of us – as individuals, families, and for our beloved garden clubs! It seems everything we counted on has been cancelled, or at least delayed! No club, district, state board meetings for us, and few state conventions. We are no doubt fearful that members may not return to resume the joy, interaction, learning, service and the rest of garden clubbing we enjoyed before this mess

started. As leaders we must rise up to encourage, inspire and support those we are leading.

Here is a short list of basic ideas to help get you thinking:

1. Contact other District Directors within your state. Exchange what you are doing to communicate with Club Presidents, encourage them and help them identify strategies to continue member interaction. Some District Directors have called their Club Presidents to check on their well-being and just to chat. This outreach has been welcomed.
  2. Each District probably has a newsletter published monthly or quarterly. This is a wonderful way to share about your District's projects and member activities, such as Rose Garden cleanup at a community garden, recipes tied to a season – zucchini comes to mind, perhaps, or rhubarb, member poetry, garden photos, gardening tips (Note: Use Miracle-Gro brand Azalea, Rhododendron and Camelia fertilizer on your rose bushes to prevent yellow leaves and black spot.). You could even establish Pen Pals from one district to another. It would be delightful to email or text messages to one another. For me, it delights me to receive garden pictures from a garden friend living in California (Thank you, Sue Bennett).
  3. Staying outdoors when you can. Wearing a facemask and maintaining good social distancing remain keys for helping us remain safe. Perhaps a field trip to a nursery could be scheduled using the "bring your own self" plan. One Club schedules an event like this each month, announces the date, time and central meeting site, then everyone caravans to the designated nursery for a delightful time. This works great, people love it, and the nurseries are thankful for the business!
  4. Have an Outdoor Plant Exchange and again select the date, time, place and offer suggestions of what to bring. At a recent exchange, members brought bulbs, seeds, veggie plants, sedums, flower starts, a bucket of beautiful peony blooms, gardening magazines and even a working weed-eater. In less than two hours, everyone who came went home with something new for their garden – and had a chance to reconnect with some of their special garden club friends.
- Maintaining interest is the key!**
5. One Club even created a YouTube presentation on Truck Gardening in a regular-sized backyard. This was done in cooperation with the speaker who had been scheduled to present at a regular club meeting before the virus outbreak. His information was timely and educational, plus Club members could watch it more than once on their own schedule. If you are interested, check out Rob Beeson on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?V=HyyRRXOmh>)

yU). His presentation has also prompted another "bring your own self" opportunity for a follow-up field trip to visit his garden in July.

By now, I hope your minds and hearts are racing as you think of new ideas of your own to add to this short list of ways to keep your members involved in the adventure of gardening. We can still be pro-active, creative and safe as we journey through these challenging times. As they say, "We are all in this together!" The key is not to forget to have fun while we are doing it.

### ***What's Happening in Washington***

*By Lana Finegold, ELWD Team, Washington*



Woodinville Garden Club, in East Lake Washington District (ELWD) in the state of Washington, figured out how to use the internet to advertise their plant sale and show the plants. They raised more than \$16,000 and will be sharing their

methods with our district clubs in the coming months. This club has a membership ceiling of 50, and every member is required to participate with service hours. As far as I know, there is always a waiting list to join the club. Woodinville is located somewhat near Bellevue and Seattle. (see article below)

Avant Designers, a guild in ELWD with members in several garden clubs, has held virtual meetings and elections. Members photographed their designs and shared the images with plant information, and a member collected the pictures and sent a three page photo article with members' designs and plant material.

Terra Tillers Garden Club in Bellevue, Washington started a Friendship Letter with members contributing, and one member put the contributions together to be shared with all of Terra Tillers.

### ***Community Support Enables Woodinville GC Donation***

*By Hazel Beatty, Woodinville GC, Washington*

The Woodinville GC recently presented Hopelink (a non-profit that helps people find jobs, housing, food and clothing) a check for \$ 16,244.00, made possible by overwhelming public support for their recent online plant sale. The club donated 100% of the revenue from the sale to



Hopelink's Greatest Need Fund Covid-19.

The plants that were nurtured from seedlings and starts by club members in early spring were nearly all sold out in less than a day. Then, the plants were personally delivered to local Woodinville zip codes or safely picked up "curbside" by the shoppers. Leftover tomato seedlings were shared with the Woodinville Food Bank, the Maltby Food Bank and the Bothell Senior Center Food Pantry.

The Woodinville GC would like to express heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful supporters without whom our sale and donation would not have been possible. The location where the planting and growing takes place is available thanks to the overwhelming generosity of a Woodinville family who for many years have welcomed the garden club to use their beautiful greenhouse. This year, order fulfillment for over 170 plant orders took place at the greenhouse, as well. Many thanks also to The Wooden Cross Church in Woodinville who graciously approved curbside pickup to take place in their parking lot.

A sincere and appreciative thank you goes to all who shopped the online sale that resulted in the club's donation to Hopelink's Greatest Need Fund Covid-19. The plants are now growing in gardens in Woodinville, Bothell, Renton, Everett, Bellevue, Monroe and Seattle. For the past 35 years, the Woodinville GC has made contributions to our community and globally because of this remarkable support. We look forward to seeing you next year when the plant sale will return to beautiful Chateau Ste. Michele in May and the Tour of Gardens will take place in July.

### ***The Wonderful Banana Peel***

*From The Green Thumb, newsletter of Southern California GC*



Because a banana peel is enriched with potassium, antioxidants, enzymes, sulfur and other nutrients, its natural healing ability has many uses:

For skin tags or warts, tape a piece of peel over the affected area and in about two weeks the potassium in the peel will cure them. Likewise, tape a piece of the peel over a splinter and the enzyme in the peel will help dislodge it.

Use the peel for bug bites, poison ivy, hives, or rashes as it will help calm the pain and stop the itch. It will soothe scraped skin and, if applied right after a bump or fall, the appearance of bruising will be prevented.

Slather the peel over your body before showering and feel how soft your skin becomes as you dry off. The peel will lighten brown spots and help relieve wrinkles.

For acne, psoriasis, or whiter teeth, use the peel on these areas. Rub teeth twice daily before you brush.

For healthy plants, bury the peel with your roses and orchids; this encourages plant growth while keeping aphids away. Butterflies are drawn to banana skins, so be sure to set a plate out for them. Shine the leaves of your houseplants with a peel. Use it to shine leather products and silverware.



In this time of sheltering-in-place and not being able to meet in person, many California Garden Clubs' clubs and societies have been able to communicate by virtual conferencing or telephone conferencing. Clubs are now learning terms like Zooming or Go-to-Meeting and how to communicate through social media like Facebook. And some clubs are communicating the old-fashioned way: they just call.

Here are a few highlights of club activity during shelter-in-place:

- online plant sales
- clubs are producing YouTube video instructions on planting and growing
- other clubs are planning next year's programs and are including growing edible plants and vegetables
- a membership car parade - driving by the treasurer's home with their membership dues
- plants given to neighbors by having a table outside the home
- plants placed on neighbor's doorstep with membership information
- newsletters with information regarding virtual garden tours, designs online, and pictures of members' gardens
- using Pinterest to promote their clubs' activities
- offering to help other members with their shopping and/or gardening
- installing elected officers in a park using social distancing and each person bringing their own table and chairs
- Zooming a club meeting where the members made their own designs using their own garden flowers
- Zooming a club meeting where they installed officers with garden hats and each member prepared a tea with snacks

These are just a few of the things clubs in California are doing to connect with their members. There is renewed public interest in gardening since the COVID-19. Let's all plant the food we eat. It is a much shorter line than going to the store.

**A backward poet writes inverse.**



If you've been noticing the wild creatures that live in your area and show up at your local public botanic gardens and wilderness areas, then perhaps you've noticed what they seek when they venture into our human realm.

Water is a primary need for all wild things, be they bird or bee, deer or coyote; water is needed year-round and especially in the warm months. If you provide water on your property, they will come. Think about where you can place water that works for both you and for the creatures you want to be able to observe. I place water for birds in shallow platters hung from low tree branches or atop urns. I select locations where I will be able to watch birds come and go, yet they will feel safe from visiting cats or other predators. Also, the location needs to be where I will see it every day, for two reasons: first, I want the pleasure of observing who comes to the water; and second, I need to remember to top off the water and keep it clean. Any vessels holding water must be cleaned almost daily and refilled, so don't hide them in corners you don't visit (out of sight, out of mind). Birds using dirty dishes are likely to get sick.

Bees will visit the same shallow dishes that birds do and, though we don't think about it, bees need lots of water. Keep your garden well pollinated by setting out water for bees! Butterflies aren't as attracted to free standing water since they can be trapped in it if a wing becomes caught on the surface. Also, butterflies are prey, so they usually avoid the same water source that attracts hungry birds. For your butterfly pollinators, arrange for an area of your garden that is open and muddy or boggy – they will appreciate and use that! This might be accomplished by converting a poorly drained area into a bog garden. Or, you may choose to create a shallow pool with an area of mud at its edge. While a "mud zone" may not sound lovely, when it is populated by butterflies sipping its moisture, it is as beautiful as any flower.

If you set shallow dishes of water at ground level, you will probably invite the neighborhood cats and the local coyotes. That is fine, too, if those are the creatures you want to see. Providing water is the first thing to design into your garden; just be sure you put it where you can see it and where it will attract the visitors you want to see. If public gardens are opening in areas near you, visit during early hours and just before evening. Sit quietly near the gardens' water features and see who comes. Which creatures do you most appreciate and want to see in your space? Figure out what you need to do to entice that black-winged flycatcher or that blue dragonfly – what kind of water, what kind of plants?



National Garden Clubs, Inc. has always been on the cutting edge of new and innovative ways for garden club members to learn and be educated in the environment, horticulture, design, world gardening - and the list goes on. Their Gardening Schools and Flower Show Schools are the best to be had anywhere in the world.

We are confident NGC will find ways to keep members safe yet move us forward and make Flower Show Schools available using modern technology such as Zoom. Instructors could come right into your home over your computer or TV. They can lecture to students just as easily in homes as standing in front of the group at a school location. Instructors might have to spend more time teaching Point Scoring so it becomes like a second language to judges, but it is all possible. Four courses are in each series of a Flower Show School, and maybe half could be presented through Zoom - or all of them eventually.

Look at the money saved by students if they don't have to travel and spend nights at a hotel to become a NGC Accredited Flower Show Judge! This could appeal to younger mothers or fathers who are stay-at-home parents. The possibilities are endless. NGC will need to develop consistent standards just like always with their sponsored schools to train the very best flower show judges.

If you think this idea is worth exploring, send an email to NGC Schools Secretary Rebecka Flowers and let her know; you can email: [headquarters@gardenclub.org](mailto:headquarters@gardenclub.org)

**What does tomorrow bring? Always uncertainty, but we shouldn't be afraid of a better and brighter future ahead.**

**Do You Know...?**

... what pteronophobia is the fear of? I sure hope no one reading this has anthophobia. However, I wouldn't be surprised if we ALL were Ephebiphobics. Answers on page 14.



I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.



I mentioned to Robin Pokorski that I had a new hobby with my stay at home time during our pandemic. She asked that I write an article about it.

My husband and I normally spend summer and winter in Idaho and spring and fall in San Antonio, Texas. This year in San Antonio it was thrilling to see so many Monarchs come through on their journey north as I did in March and April, and then intriguing to see so many monarch caterpillars on my *Asclepias tuberosa*. But, search as I did, through all my garden, I could only find one monarch chrysalis and that one never hatched. It was a mystery to me that I was going to solve. Through research I learned that only 1% of caterpillars ever



By Sally Thompson, Herbs Chairman

become a butterfly because they are doomed by so many predators. Predators are ants, birds, dragonflies, frogs, lizards, parasitic flies, rats, snakes, spiders, toads, and wasps.

The monarchs flew north, and a new butterfly appeared on my passionflower vine. The Gulf Fritillary became my project. I watched as this beautiful orange butterfly laid eggs on the leaves of the passionflower vine. The eggs developed into tiny voraciously eating caterpillars. My new "butterfly" friend loaned me her homemade net nursery cage, and I began placing long, egg spotted vines in bottles of water in the cage in a sheltered place on our patio. In about two weeks I had chrysalises and about a week after that a butterfly. From May 19 – June 25 I have released eight butterflies.

I feel like I am protecting these beautiful butterflies from some of their larger predators, at least from its egg to its hatching life. Through research I am reinforced of the importance of native plants and their role as host plants to many of nature's flying jewels.



*Melissa officinalis* is a lemony-scented and flavored perennial that grows to about 2 feet high. As all members of the mint family, it has square stems. It has light green leaves, 2 to 3 inches long, with scalloped edges. They are hardy perennials and may be grown in most of the *WACONIAH* states. They have small white inconspicuous flowers that change to yellow or pale blue usually during the late summer months.

Seeds are slow to germinate, so it's best to propagate from stem cuttings. Cuttings can be taken in either spring or autumn and will grow in any type of soil. If planted in rich, moist soil, the scent will be stronger and it will spread rapidly. If a compact shape is preferred while growing, clip branches often.

Lemon balm leaves are fragrant and delicate. They are mostly used as a tea or tonic for headaches and tiredness. They also soothe insect bites in a relaxing bath. In the past, branches and leaves were laid on the floor to freshen rooms. In cooking, use lemon balm for chicken, lamb or pork, especially stuffing mixes for those meats.

Lemon balm is highly attractive to bees. Rub lemon balm on empty hives and it will encourage bees to discover a new home.

### **Parliamentary Impact of Coronavirus, Part 2**

By Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian



As you conduct garden club meetings without meeting in person, or as you conduct garden club business without meeting at all...

Are you keeping a record of all business that has been transacted that may need to be recorded in the minutes of your next meeting?

Are you keeping track of business that may need to be ratified when your board or membership meets next? Remember that "an assembly can ratify only such actions of its officers, committees, delegates, or subordinate bodies as it would have had the right to authorize in advance." RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), page 125. If a body does not have authority to take an action in the first place, that action cannot later be ratified.

Are you noting bylaw changes that have been identified as needed due to the new world of the coronavirus? If you are going to have electronic meetings (whether by telephone, Zoom or whatever means) these need to be permitted in your bylaws. Do you provide for the possibility of special meetings if your regular meetings cannot be held? Is someone authorized to cancel, postpone or reschedule meetings? Do you have provisions that identify how you adopt budgets, elect officers and amend bylaws if you cannot meet?

Check the laws of your state to identify if there are laws pertaining to conducting electronic meetings. Does your state have any specific laws about conducting remote or electronic meetings during a public health emergency? There is no holiday from proper parliamentary procedure just because you may be on a holiday from meetings.



**Shirley Schmidt** is a **GEM** because she is generous of spirit and caring, thoughtful, and has such a positive attitude as she spreads sunshine to us all.

~ Alexis Slafer

## Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds

By Ann Kronenwetter, Birds Chairman



The Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds program was created to help municipal governments conserve birds that live and nest in, overwinter or migrate through their cities. Launched in 1999, the first treaty was signed with New Orleans and the second was signed with Chicago. There are now thirty cities in the Urban

Bird Treaty city program. Five of those are in the Pacific Region: Anchorage Alaska, Phoenix Arizona, Portland Oregon, San Francisco California and Seattle Washington.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Urban Bird Treaty program supports partners in U.S. cities to conserve urban habitats for birds, reduce urban hazards to birds and educate and engage urban communities in bird appreciation, recreation and conservation. Cities can become more healthful, beautiful and bird friendly when connected constituencies carry out community-based solutions to bird conservation.

The Urban Bird Treaty is a unique collaborative effort between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service and participating U.S. cities. The program brings together Federal, State, municipal agencies, non-government organizations and academic institutions to create bird-friendly environments and provide citizens, especially youth, with opportunities to connect with nature through birding and conservation.

Cities can become effective sanctuaries for birds and other wildlife with an environmentally aware citizenry dedicated to learning about and conserving birds and their habitats.

Urban Bird Treaty Goals:

1. Protect, restore and enhance urban/suburban habitats for birds.
2. Reduce urban/suburban hazards for birds.
3. Educate and engage urban/suburban citizens in caring about and conserving birds and their habitats.

The program emphasizes habitat conservation through invasive species control and native plant restoration, hazard reduction through bird-safe building programs, citizen science activities involving bird and habitat monitoring, and education and outreach programs that give people, especially youth, opportunities to learn about and appreciate birds and participate in their conservation. The program provides opportunities for

wildlife and natural resource job skills and career development.

Community engagement in restoring bird habitat in parks, schoolyards, backyards, places of worship, roadsides and right of ways can make a big difference for birds. In North America there are 2.9 billion fewer breeding birds than in 1970. Reducing the threats of building glass and lights in airspace and the hazards of chemicals, plastics, invasive species and non-native predators are also crucial to improving bird survival in cities.

Birds are indicators of the health of our environment. They are a valuable resource contributing aesthetically, culturally, scientifically, recreationally and economically to America's cities.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Urban Bird Treaty program guidebook provides information and resources to support partners in existing Treaty cities and those interested in nominating their city for the Urban Bird Treaty city status. Their mission is to help alleviate bird population declines and create connected conservation communities.

For information on applying for an Urban Bird Treaty grant visit National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. For information on becoming an Urban Bird Treaty city, contact Roxanne Bogart @fws.gov.

## Life Memberships

By Marlene Kinney, Life Membership Chairman

### Aloha Pacific Region Members:



**TOGETHER  
WE CAN DO IT**

Thank you, California, for purchasing three new Life Memberships. What a fabulous way to show your appreciation and support of Pacific Region Garden Clubs' scholarship program.

We all are learning new ways to stay connected with our Pacific Region, NGC, State, District, and Clubs. Now more than ever we need to come together and support each other and our communities. The best way to do this is by surprising our fellow gardeners with a PR Life Membership.

The more purchases we have the more scholarships we can give. Wouldn't that be nice? Be Safe.



**Tanja Swanson** is a **GEM** because of her leadership skills as OSFGC president.

~ Cheryl Drumheller



**Mrs. Jack Nason Lindsey  
Hawaii  
1981-1983**

**Theme:  
"Aspire - To Dream the  
Impossible Dream  
Act - To Put into Motion  
Accomplish - To Succeed"  
Unified Project:  
"The Dream"**

Mrs. Jack Nason Lindsey was the first director from Hawaii. She served the Pacific Region from 1981 to 1983. In 1972 the Hawaii Federation was welcomed into National Council and Sarah became President from 1973 to 1975. Her theme was "Aspire – To Dream the Impossible Dream / Act - To Put into Motion / Accomplish - To Succeed."

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual PR Convention from July 14-16, 1982 was held in Fairbanks, Alaska with the theme "Rainbows of the Pacific Region." Mrs. Francis Fink, National President, attended. The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual PR Convention from April 25-27, 1983 was held in Moscow, Idaho with the theme "Pacific Region Celebrates Gold Anniversary." Both were followed by Energy Awareness Conferences sponsored by Shell Oil and a reception was held for each sponsored by Chevron USA under Mary Emerick, Public Relations.

The director presented to the region a designed logo of a wagon wheel depicting the move west with eight spokes representing one for each state in the region; the hub represented National Council and contained its seal. With the logo, the WACONIAH was set up and the first edition was secured with publishing to be four times a year.

Officers:

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Our common goal for this edition of the WACONIAH is to share what each state is doing to connect with members and potential new

members. Our club maintains the yard at Marta's House, a local crisis center in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Marta's House is dedicated to ensuring that every person has the basic human right to live in safety.

Andy Swanson, a member of the Northside Garden Club, is the project leader. Andy welcomes participation from all members to help beautify the grounds. Participating in this work is meaningful in connecting with long-time and new members, as well as providing a sense of giving back to our community.

Recently, I was pulling weeds when Stephanie, a new member of Northside Garden Club, noticed a flower in an open dry area near the sidewalk next to the street. She asked, "Do we cut wildflowers?" That was my introduction to the Fiddleneck (*Amsinckia menziesii*). As pictured, it has fleshy, hairy stems. The flowers grow on the outside edge of the coiled stem. The Fiddleneck is about 12 inches tall, and it can grow as tall as two feet! The tiny yellow blossoms, which are trumpet shaped, typically bloom from April through July.

**Coronavirus Hints & Tips**

Take your clothes out of the wardrobe/closet regularly to air them and allow them to stand in sunlight. Recent studies have shown that clothes kept in the dark during lockdown will shrink!

Everything for summer has been cancelled...just put up your Christmas tree and call it a year!

So in retrospect, in 2015, not a single person got the answer right to "Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?"



**Diane Franchini** is a **GEM** because of her boundless enthusiasm in everything garden club

~ Terry Critchlow

## Focus: Nevada's Water Issues

By Cheryl Drumheller, Water Issues Chairman



Nevada's **water** source is from surface **water** traveling from the mountains to the rivers, lakes, and reservoirs which serves a population of 3.12 million people.

In major cities, Las Vegas' **water** source is Lake Mead via the Colorado River. Henderson's is the Colorado River, and Reno's is the Truckee River (which can require over 80 million gallons of **water** per day).

The common **water** problems in these major cities are hard **water** and chlorination.

Hard **water** is caused by naturally occurring minerals, metals, and pollutants dissolving into **water** sources. Some treatment methods can also cause hard **water**, which is safe to consume and use but can cause issues around the home or business.

**Water** left untreated can cause dry skin and itchy scalp after bathing and soap scum build-up in showers or sinks which makes cleaning harder. In addition, if limescale build-up appears it can interfere with appliances and plumbing (slow running taps).

Hard **water** can be treated with a **water** softener or conditioning system to improve **water** quality in homes and businesses. **Water** treatment facilities use chlorination to disinfect the **water** which impacts the quality of taste and smell. While this makes it safe to consume and use, it can produce a smell and taste of chlorine when higher levels are required. This can be offensive for those drinking the **water**.

## NGC Schools News

By Greg Pokorski, NGC Landscape Design Schools Chairman

When the new NGC website is launched, revised school forms will be available. The NGC Schools Policies Committee has been working to improve the interactive forms used for all Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design School transactions – correcting inconsistent fonts, fixing tabbing and spacing problems and making clarifications to instructions. The committee is still working on revisions to the *Handbook* to correct errors and clarify various instructions. This revision will be posted soon after the new website is implemented.

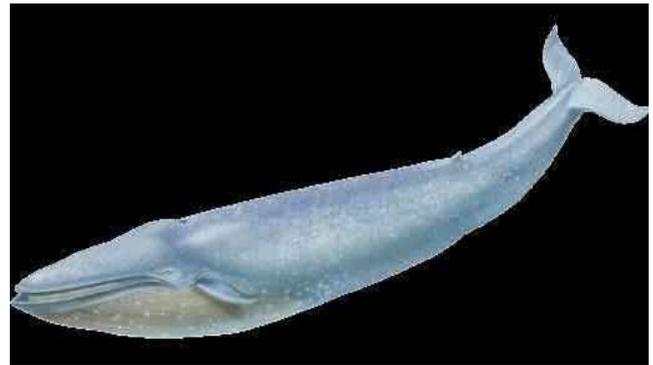
All four courses of California Gardening School Series 26 sponsored by Valley Lode District took place from mid-February to mid-April. The first two courses took place in the classroom in Turlock. Then COVID-19 reared its ugly head. The school's sponsors did not want all their preparation to go to waste, so they quickly figured out how to conduct the school by Zoom and the last two courses took place as virtual courses on the originally scheduled dates.

I was among those who spent a weekend in April at our computers to attend Course 4 along with other NGC Schools Chairmen to monitor the virtual school experience for possible further use by NGC.

This has led to much additional NGC activity as a Zoom Beta Committee was formed and has been working on the development of Guidelines for offering Zoom courses when they cannot be held in the classroom (such as during this time of safer at home meeting and travel restrictions). The Schools Policies Committee has kept the NGC Executive Committee informed of these ongoing developments and three Gardening School courses and one Environmental School course are participating in the beta test this summer. One of these courses is Gardening School Course 3 sponsored by Marine Hills Garden Club in Washington. It will take place August 12 & 13.

## Blue Whale – *Balaenoptera musculus*

By Georgia Zahar, Endangered Species Chairman



### Giants of the Ocean

Like other large whales, blue whales are threatened by environmental change, including habitat loss and toxins. Blue whales can also be harmed by ship strikes and becoming entangled in fishing gear. Commercial whaling no longer is a threat.

This whale is the largest animal on the planet and perhaps the largest animal to have ever existed. It has a lifespan of 80-90 years, and an adult can weigh 330,000 pounds. It is the length of three school buses and has a heart the size of a Volkswagen Beetle! Adult females are larger than the males.

This whale is thought to feed almost exclusively on krill (small shrimp-like creatures). During the summer feeding season the blue whale gorges itself, consuming an astounding 4 tons or more each day! This means it may eat 40 million krill a day.

The blue whale may be found in all the oceans in the world. It migrates to tropical to temperate waters during winter months to mate and give birth to calves.

This is truly an amazing animal!

## ***Botanic Gardens in Your Neck of the Woods***

By Harriet Vallens, Botanic Gardens Chairman



For many years, the Old Idaho State Penitentiary was located on Penitentiary Road in Boise, Idaho. The Penitentiary had a farm and plant nursery adjacent to the main prison. In 1973, the old Penitentiary was closed. The land was left dormant for about ten years. In 1984, Idaho Botanical Gardens (IBG) was created on 50 acres of this land. IBG is operated by a non-profit corporation and admission is charged to help fund the operations.

There are usually about 15 employees at the IBG. Tours are available as well as educational classes and special events. The special events include events for families and children, garden parties, concerts, and other events found on the website of the IBG.

The Muriel and Diana Kirk English Garden was designed by landscape architect John Brooks. The plants selected are adaptable to the local climate. There are more than 1,300 perennials in this garden. The walls of the Old Penitentiary serve as a background for the English Garden. Within the English Garden is a Summer House. The construction of this house includes materials recycled from many older buildings located around Boise. Another feature of the English Garden is the Princess Diana Fountain, constructed in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The Rose Garden is filled with Heirloom and other old style roses existing before 1867. There are roses bred and raised before 1920, as well as many examples of modern roses. The Meditation Garden contains trees planted in the 1930's and 1940's by the minimum security prisoners in the old penitentiary.

The Idaho Native Plant Garden was completed in 1994. Here you will find plants which represent Idaho's desert and woodland environments. These include sagebrush, syringa, native dogwood, and Idaho fescue.

In addition to the four Gardens described above, there are an additional seven gardens within the grounds. These include: a Children's Garden, a Vegetable Garden, a Firewise Garden, a Plant Selection Department, a Sculpture and Art Garden, and a Water Conservation area.



If you are in the area of Boise, Idaho, you will find the Idaho Botanical Gardens at: 2355 North Penitentiary Road, Boise, Idaho 83712

### ***Answers to "Do You Know"***

It's hard to believe someone could be terrified of being tickled with feathers, but that's what pteronophobia is.

More importantly for us in garden club is anthophobia which is the fear of flowers.

Be afraid... be very afraid... with good reason. Ephebiphobia is the fear of teenagers.

### ***Issue Deadlines and Issue Focus***

The deadline for the November 2020 issue is 9-30-20. The issue focus is: ***Is your state in operational? What could your Region or National organization do to aid your state during the pandemic?***

### ***New Robert's Rules Hits the Street***

By Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian

The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR)* will be released at the National Association of Parliamentarians' National Training Conference in August. Because of Covid-19, this will now be a virtual conference.

*RONR* is the recognized guide to smooth, orderly, and fairly conducted meetings. This 12<sup>th</sup> edition is the *only* current manual to have been maintained and updated since 1876 under the continuing program established by General Henry M. Robert himself. As indispensable now as the original edition was more than a century ago, *RONR* is the acknowledged "gold standard" for meeting rules. Coinciding with publication of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition, the authors have once again published an updated (3<sup>rd</sup>) edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief*, a simple and concise introductory guide cross-referenced to it. *In Brief* cannot serve as your parliamentary authority, but it is a useful introduction to those unfamiliar with parliamentary procedure and it can guide you through the basics of running a meeting and running an organization.

These books can now be pre-ordered at Amazon, Target and from the National Association of Parliamentarians.

## The Flowers of Summertime

By Jane Sercombe, Pollinator Gardening Chairman



**The flowers of summertime: they bring color, joy, and pollinators.**

### What makes a good pollinator plant?

A flower's color, odor, shape, size, timing, and reward (nectar or pollen) can increase or decrease the number of visits by specific pollinators. Here are some examples of how plants "reach out" to bees and others:

**Ultraviolet Invitations:** Bees can see ultraviolet light but not red light; thus, flowers in the ultraviolet range attract more bee visits, while red-hued flowers reduce them.

**Color Phases:** Many flowers signal pollinators by changing color at different stages of development, attracting pollinators when they need them most, thus increasing the efficiency of the pollinators they depend upon.

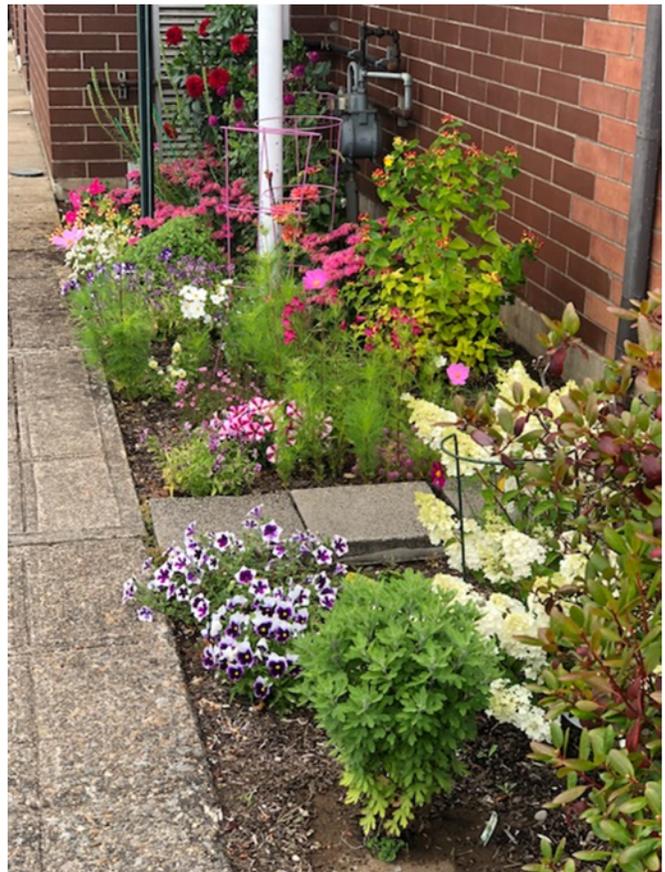
**Nectar Guides:** Contrasting patterns of flower shades, tints, and tones further direct pollinators toward floral rewards such as nectar or pollen, much like the nighttime runway lights of an airport.

**Fragrance:** Minty or sweet, musky or ethereal, pungent or putrid, floral odors result from variations in chemical compounds. Fragrance can attract particular pollinators over long distances, varying in concentration and intensity according to species, flower age, and site conditions.

**Selecting Pollinator Plants:** Many sources are available with lists and qualities of pollinator plants. Another idea is to note the plants attracting bees, whether in your neighborhood, open gardens, or local nurseries. More and more material is available to help the gardener select plants for growing conditions and geographic range for your area.

*This material is from The Xerces Society: 100 Plants to Feed the Bees.*

*The pictures are of Dallas Garden Club's Pollinator Garden at the Dallas Post Office. This is the third season*



*filled with perennials, annuals, roses and azaleas so there is year-round color and food for our pollinators. Besides the bees, the public loves the beauty, too.*

### Gardener's Tip



Have you ever planted bulbs in fall only to forget about them? Avoid slicing into the planting with a shovel in spring— mark where your bulbs are hiding with plastic golf tees. These bright reminders will stay put so you can prevent damage.



### Pacific Region States' Websites

#### [PacificRegionGardenClubs.org](http://PacificRegionGardenClubs.org)

Washington: [WAGardenClubs.com](http://WAGardenClubs.com)  
Arizona: [AZGardenClubs.com](http://AZGardenClubs.com)  
California: [CaliforniaGardenClubs.com](http://CaliforniaGardenClubs.com)  
Oregon: [OregonGardenClubs.org](http://OregonGardenClubs.org)  
Nevada: [NevadaGardenClubs.org](http://NevadaGardenClubs.org)  
Idaho: [GCII.org](http://GCII.org)  
Alaska: [AlaskaGardenClubs.org](http://AlaskaGardenClubs.org)  
Hawaii: [None](#)

## School Days

By Launa Gould, Schools Chairman

### GARDENING SCHOOL

Aug 12-13 – Course 3 Zoom, WA  
Contact: Debbie Angel, [DebbieLAngel@gmail.com](mailto:DebbieLAngel@gmail.com)

### LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Oct 31-Nov 1 – Course 3 Phoenix, AZ  
Contact: Judy Tolbert, [grmajdy@gmail.com](mailto:grmajdy@gmail.com)

## Roster Change

Change Judy Tolbert's email to [grmajdy@gmail.com](mailto:grmajdy@gmail.com)

## Director's Calendar/Travel Events

Your Director is at home – probably weeding in her garden. She has no travel plans – zippo – nada – zero – none – not any – zip – zilch



Hopefully the Director will be attending some **Blue Star** Dedications and visiting your state.....

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## Youth Poetry Winners

### I Like Being in the Garden

By Reilynn Austin, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade age 9 Nevada

**\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> place Pacific Region 3<sup>rd</sup> grade !! \*\***

The most important thing  
In life  
Is to learn how  
To give out love and  
To let it come in  
To love  
Is nothing  
To be loved  
Is something, but  
To love and be loved  
That's everything  
It doesn't matter  
Where you go in life  
What you do or how much  
You have  
It's who you have  
Beside you  
I'm so glad  
I have you

## Home, Sweet Desert Home

By Felicia E. Foldes, 8<sup>th</sup> grade age 14 Arizona

**\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> place Pacific Region 8<sup>th</sup> grade !! \*\***

Gaze into the distant architecture of the desert –  
see the Saguaros' uniqueness.  
They have always been the modern furniture of this  
residence.  
Glance down at the desert floor...a carpeted playground  
for the youngest Gila monsters  
And horned lizards to skitter and scatter.  
Open the window of this blazing neighborhood. Feel the  
pleasant desert breeze.  
Listen closely to the solitary wind swooshing the Joshua  
trees.  
Hear chitter-chatter as it echoes from the bedrooms  
above.  
A mockingbird's preference is sleeping high up.  
Press your ear against the door of the lower bedroom.  
Rattlesnakes are waking  
From their afternoon nap.  
At this moment, Desert Four O' Clocks mention it's time  
for the daily tea social.  
Observe a mother quail preening her precious children.  
They always appreciate being invited to the party.  
Have a seat. Hedgehog Cacti bear their sweet fruit and  
flowers for the table.  
Help yourself. Company is always welcome!  
Look up at the ceiling. The colorful, luxurious sunset is  
a coyote's favorite finishing touch.  
Light the Desert Candle Flowers on the chandelier.  
The day is coming to an end in this busy household.  
Peek inside the giant Saguaro Cactus.  
The squealing baby elf owl perches on the edge of his  
bed with a puzzled expression on his face.  
Why are my neighbors not sleeping?  
On this extraordinary evening, the community collects at  
the palace.  
Their ruler, Queen of the Night, will flourish and  
charm...just this once.  
Wake up! The OOoo-woo-woo-woooo of the white –  
winged dove tells us it's a new day.  
Come along! It's time for more Adventures in the  
Garden!

## Calendar of Events

### 2021

Jul 1 \$25 refundable deposit for Post-Convention  
tour due to Becky Hassebroek  
Jul 25 \$200 balance for Post-Convention tour due  
to Becky Hassebroek  
Jul 25 Last day to postmark convention registration  
Aug 9-12 Pacific Region Convention, Silverton, OR  
Aug 12-14 Post-Convention Fundraiser Tour –  
McMinnville and Corvallis – **JOIN US!**