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The Director's Theme *"Expand Horizons - A Conservation Rainbow"*



Elaine Gunderson
2013 – 2015 Pacific Region Director

Director's Message

Our new NGC President Linda Nelson's 2013-2015 theme, "Making A World of Difference - Choices Matter," opens venues for educational opportunities centered on the NGC Conservation Pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of air, water, forest, land and wildlife.

Our Pacific Region's Theme, "Expand Horizons - A Conservation Rainbow," dovetails it with our Region's Project, "It's Our World! It's Our Responsibility! - Plant Seeds of Knowledge and Stewardship."

Why rainbows? Just like the Pacific Region states, rainbows are diverse. Beautiful! Symbolic of power and energy! Magnificent in their varieties!

NGC is committed to educating the public and its members about horticulture, conservation and the environment. When you educate, you come to understand and commitment turns into action.

How can Pacific Region Expand Horizons to uphold the NGC Conservation Pledge? Just like the diversity of rainbows, there are countless possibilities. What are you doing now as a member/club/state? What will be your new adventure? What boundaries will you cross?

Over the coming months:

- ❖ Record state and local garden clubs' conservation and environmental activities from educational schools, seminars, workshops, district/club programs, tours to projects/activities/awareness that it implements. Be creative! Have fun!
- ❖ Appoint a member to count the hours to plan, execute plus the number of individuals involved and its cost.
- ❖ Broadcast it to the media.
- ❖ Submit state's and local clubs' activities as a unit to Pacific Region Director's Project Chairman by November 1, 2014 for the Pacific Region Director's Award. Pacific Region's goal is 100% participation of all eight States.
- ❖ Then turn around and apply as a State Garden club and as a local garden club by March 31, 2015 for the NGC Award of Excellence #24.

More information is available on gardenclub.org and pacificregiongardenclubs.org.

At the end of a **rainbow** there is a pot of gold.
What will your pot of gold illuminate?

Elaine

Theme: "Growing in Nevada"

With any luck, by the time you read this, Nevada Garden Clubs will be back in our State Garden Club building, with lovely new landscaping and new air conditioners. Our clubs will start meeting in their regular location in the fall. (Many of our clubs do not meet in the heat of the summer.) It has been a long wait for us, but we have survived.

Clubs have increased their visibility during this year-long project, by holding shows at local nurseries and libraries. Although we lost a couple of our clubs during this period, we are working to increase our membership this year.

Thank you to everyone who offered suggestions on increasing membership at the Pacific Region and NGC Conventions. However trite it may sound, it is really a wonderful opportunity to be able to share ideas at these events.

We held our state meeting on June 1, with our new NGC President Linda Nelson installing our new officers.



We are planning our **50th Anniversary Celebration** on October 13. Lots of hard work has gone into this project - but it is only once that you reach 50 years old. We hope you can join us!

Give Pacific Region a Boost!

By Terry Critchlow, Circulation/Boosters

Become a **WACONIAH BOOSTER** and help support the many scholarships, awards, projects and programs supported by the Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs. Renew now or become a *new WACONIAH* booster.

A 2-year booster subscription is only \$30. Subscription forms are available on our website.
Don't delay – do it today!

Theme: "Growing Together"



California Garden Clubs, Inc. provides membership cards to every garden club member. Associate Plant Societies may request cards for their members. The colorful cards are dated and are valid for one year.

The cards are counted, packaged and given to each District Director at the Fall Board meeting by the Membership Chairman for clubs that have paid their state dues prior to the meeting. Those clubs not paying their CGCI dues before Fall Board receive their set of cards in the mail. As clubs increase their membership during the year, additional cards will be provided.

Garden-related businesses are encouraged to become members of the **Participating Sponsors Program**. In return for granting a discount on sales made to garden club members who present a current CGCI membership card, CGCI promotes the participating business on the CGCI website.

By showing their card at participating Arboreta and Botanic Gardens in California, CGCI members can obtain discounts at gift stores and free or reduced entrance fees.

The cost of printing 20,000 cards has been covered by various businesses in past years. This year's cards were printed free of charge by Print-Scape in return for placing advertising on the back of the card.

Our members look forward to receiving their new membership card in the fall and using it at local businesses and Botanic Gardens to obtain discounts.



Membership cards with benefits

Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Carol Mossholder, President

Theme: "Arizona, Our Land-Be Proud, Productive and Preserve"



As President of AFGC I am trying to communicate better with the clubs. I recently sent out a letter to all of our clubs outlining the benefits of belonging to AFGC, which automatically makes them a member of Pacific Region and NGC.

After the NGC Convention, I sent each club president the information on NGC, Pacific Region and AFGC for their yearbooks.

We will be finishing up our series of Flower Show Schools during my administration. We are also conducting a symposium March 13-14, 2014.

There has been some interest expressed in having a Landscape Design School or Gardening Study School. If I can find anyone willing to be the chairman of either school, we may offer that school.

Alaska Garden Clubs
Becky Hassebroek, President

Theme: ""Let's Keep Our World A-Buzzing"

Did you ever notice when you talk to an individual from Alaska the conversation quickly turns to the weather? We experience such extremes, the weather makes a great impact on our lives! I know you're asking yourself right now "So how **is** the weather in Alaska today?" Well, since you asked, "It's 94 ABOVE in Fairbanks today!" Of course, TODAY is June 25 – hopefully this will be but a memory on August 1 when you read this.



We had an unseasonably late winter. As of May 19, just before we left for the NGC Convention, it had snowed all over Alaska and the ground was so cold the snow stuck. During the week we were gone, it jumped straight to 80 and the snow left and it was time to plant. JUST LIKE THAT! Talk about a quick spring! It's been in the 80s ever since and keeps climbing. We plant a lot of annuals here to bring color

to our gardens and to eat, and you can imagine what this heat and 24 hours of daylight is doing to our poor new little plants! My yard looks like a graveyard with black shade cloth draped all over to try and protect some of the more sensitive plants that seem to be hanging on for dear life! Other plants are standing in their seemingly dead state - the mortality rate has been high – waiting for the heat to subside! This has been good for the greenhouses but hard on our pocketbooks! Our State Bird, the mosquito, has hatched the second generation who are small and quick and hungry. Fairbanks is **completely out** of any kind of mosquito control, fans, and air conditioners!

As you know, though, gardeners are the forever optimists! We have waited six months to get back out into our gardens, and **nothing** will keep us away! We are busy planting, and re-planting, and weeding, and we will prevail! Our community plantings are a bit challenging, and trying to keep everything watered is a bit more so, but our wonderful gardeners keep at it!



Thanks to Alaska's Committee for Noxious and Invasive Plants Management, of which our State Invasive Plant Chairman is a member, our Alaska Governor has proclaimed this week as Invasive Weeds Awareness Week, urging residents to "help spread the word (not weeds) and mow before they grow!" There are weed smackdowns being held across the State.

Our Alaska members are conducting garden tours and sharing their knowledge with those they meet. Our club in Ketchikan conducted such a great tour that it had a four-page spread, with lovely pictures, in their newspaper and the article was picked up in other papers across the state! **Way to go, Ketchikan!** Other clubs are making preparations for their summer flower shows. Meetings are more relaxed during our summer, and we Alaskan gardeners are doing what makes us happiest, digging in the dirt! And digging...and digging! HA! You'll come help now, you hear?

Issue Deadlines

November 2013	deadline 9-25-13
February 2014	deadline 12-25-13
May 2014	deadline 3-25-14
August 2014	deadline 6-25-14

Clean AIR is in Our Hands!

By Sandra Ford, Director's Special Project



The eight state presidents in the Pacific Region have pledged to protect and conserve our natural resources. As gardeners and the reason we all belong to a garden club or affiliate, this is what we do! For all of us, there is still so much more to learn and share.

The first on the list in our Conservation Pledge is **AIR**. Plants and AIR could be a good garden club topic at your next garden club meeting. Challenge

your members to come up with a list of 10 ways our **AIR** is being polluted (inside and outside of the home), and discuss solutions. How can your club get involved in your community to educate others about how we can all be part of cleaning up our **AIR**; are there projects that your club could take on to help in the solution...maybe lead a tree planting initiative.

Here are some ideas to get discussion going on your list of 10 Air Pollution problems, and solutions we can all use:

- Air Conditioner use in the summer boosts power plant emissions. How about planting a deciduous tree to provide shade for your home and cool it naturally in the summer, but allow light in the winter?
- Dry cleaners emit tons of toxic chemicals called perchloroethylene. Try a non-toxic alternative, such as professional wet cleaning. In this morning's newspaper I learned about a new dry cleaner that offers environmentally friendly cleaning with their GreenEarth process.
- Painting homes causes tons of smog-forming pollutants to be released into the air...the amount of pollutants is far greater than that omitted from oil refineries in this country. Read paint can labels and choose coatings that contain little or no smog forming pollutants identified as "VOCs."
- Is there more you can do to promote recycling? This greatly reduces production emissions.
- Have you joined the movement to shop with a canvas bag, instead of using plastic bags? How can you and your garden club promote this?
- Can your garden club be a leader in your community to improve the "tree canopy" in your area? In many communities the trees that line city streets, and are in city parks, are in poor condition due to other priorities and budget cutbacks. Some communities have even promoted "block pruning efforts" to involve the community in the health of its city trees. This is

also a major education opportunity to teach the importance of trees and the proper care. Trees remove CO₂ from the atmosphere during photosynthesis to form carbohydrates that are used in plant structure, and return oxygen back to the atmosphere.

- Did you know that one gasoline-powered lawn mower pollutes as much as four late model cars? Check out, and promote, the use of electric mowers!
- Traditional barbecues can be a significant source of air pollution. Think about replacing your grill with a natural gas grill.
- With all the synthetics used today in our homes, from carpets to toothpaste, the air in our own homes could use a little help. What house plants clean the **AIR** inside your home? Most good gardening books can lead the way with this discussion.

I hope this helps you, and your garden club, to begin a dialogue about what you all can do in your community to help clean the **AIR**. Please share what you come up with the rest of the Pacific Region members!



Do you know what city is known as "The Lake City, a Sparkling Jewel"? It is also the sixth largest city in the state of Idaho. It is Coeur d'Alene, the location of the 2014 Pacific Region

Convention – our 70th Annual Convention!!

Twenty-three rooms have already been reserved by our members, and it is still one year away. To get rooms with the best views, call the **Coeur d'Alene Resort** (800-688-5253) and ask for the Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs to receive our group rate. The first tour is at 9:00 a.m. on July 1, so book your first night for June 30....and stay at least until July 5....you won't want to miss a fantastic Fourth of July celebration!

Pacific Region Websites

www.PacificRegionGardenClubs.org

- Washington: WAGardenClubs.com
- Arizona: AZGardenClubs.com
- California: CaliforniaGardenClubs.org
- Oregon: OregonGardenClubs.org
- Nevada: NevadaGardenClubs.org
- Idaho: GCII.org
- Alaska: AlaskaGardenClubs.org
- NGC: GardenClub.org

By Alexis Slafer, Chairman



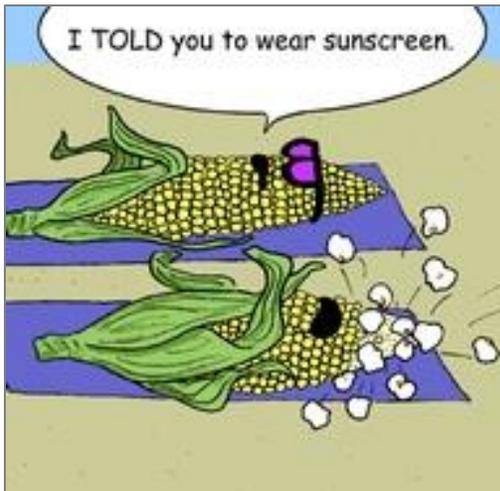
The first item in the NGC Mission Statement is **EDUCATION**, is repeated as the focus of our Conservation Pledge, and is exemplified in

our four schools: Environmental Studies, Flower Show, Gardening Study, and Landscape Design. Beyond the Schools, think about how much we learn in the lectures, symposiums, refreshers, and tours available in our national, regional, and state meetings and conventions; along with the opportunities in our districts and clubs. Education is the thread that binds us together and ties our interests and goals to our communities.

Pacific Region Director Elaine Gunderson's theme and the Region's Project can be accomplished through many levels of education. We can provide educational opportunities to help our members (and the public) make responsible choices to protect and conserve our natural resources. This creates a perfect partnership with NGC President Linda G. Nelson's 2013-2015 President's Special Project. Her theme focuses on creative learning and educational opportunities that include our resources of air, water, forest, land and wildlife; providing the means to make our Conservation Pledge a reality.

These Projects have award opportunities (*NGC President's Special Project for Award of Excellence #24 and Award of Excellence #25 for Regions*). Outstanding efforts will be presented with monetary awards and certificates of recognition. Information and details about these five themes and the awards are available on the NGC website.

We *can* make a difference by promoting education through the NGC Schools, workshops, and speakers, to help protect and conserve our natural resources.



Peggy Olin, President

Theme: "Growing for the Future, Planting in Special Places"



We had a wonderful state convention "Everything is Coming up Roses" We had the pleasure of welcoming NGC President Linda Nelson. Portland District Garden Clubs did a great job of putting together three packed days for us. Our first evening started with Hat Night and a Victorian style show;

Tuesday evening offered table designs from Portland Judges Council and a design program with Diantha Knott; Wednesday was installation evening and, as always Linda Nelson, made it special.

My theme is "Growing for the Future, Planting in Special Places." Growth is fundamentally good for a healthy life, for without growth we would starve both physically and spiritually. This goes for our plants, too. If you plant flowers in a special place, you can ensure growth and goodness happens in ways you might never know and can affect people you may never see.

I have asked all of our Districts and garden clubs to find a "special place" in their area to plant a rainbow of color, anywhere someone needing bit of peace can relax and remind themselves to stop and smell the flowers.

Keeping in mind "Making a World of Difference - Choices Matter," "Expand Horizons - "A Conservation Rainbow" so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest land and wildlife.

I'm very proud to be a garden club member and am looking forward to my term as president of The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. I plan to enjoy the time and will do whatever I can to insure that the membership will enjoy it with me.



National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Linda Nelson,
President

In May Pacific Region members were bursting with pride at the "RainShine" installation of our own "Regional Red,"
Linda Nelson,
43rd President of NGC in Seattle.

You go, Girl-Friend!
We've got your back!

It's time! Youth Involvement Awards

By Debbie Skow, Youth Coordinator

It's time! For what? To think about youth awards for this calendar year. **NGC's High School Distinguished Service Project Award** along with **\$100** for **first** place and **\$50** for **second** place may be awarded to a high school student, grade 9th – 12th, for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit. Environmental, conservation, landscaping, horticulture, recycling, and horticulture therapy projects are all worthy entries. A single member club, group of member clubs, districts or a state garden club must sponsor the contest. Excellent entries include Eagle Scout Projects, Girl Scout Gold and Silver Projects, and High School Senior Projects. If you know of someone who has done an outstanding civic project, consider applying for NGC Award #76. Your overall state's winning entry is due to PR Chairman Debbie Skow, d.sk.1159@gmail.com by January 1, 2014. Applying online using your state or PR's award application form makes it easy *breezy* to apply.

While talking about youth, please remember to apply for PR's own youth involvement awards. There are two opportunities for adult clubs and four opportunities for youth clubs to win **\$20**. Please see **PR Awards #19 and #20**. Entries pertain to activities with youth garden clubs or youth groups and youth garden club achievement for each age group.

Thank you for entering and especially for sharing your joy of gardening with our youth!

NGC 2013-2015 President's Special Project: "Making a World of Difference – Choices Matter"

*By Nancy Lee Loesch, NGC 2013-2015 President's Special Project
Chairman*

NGC President Linda Nelson's Special Project for 2013-2015 "Making a World of Difference – Choices Matter" will present outstanding state programs and NGC club projects with monetary awards and certificates of recognition. This will be a two-year project. It was initiated to highlight the basics as stated in the NGC Conservation Pledge:

I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife.

When clubs get involved with one or more of the five most essential and familiar resources, it is important to document all project plans and activities. Supporting data may include before and after photos, financial statements, letters of appreciation and community awards. States are asked to promote education through workshops, speakers, seminars,

articles in newsletters and in using one or any combination of available learning tools. Book of Evidence deadline: March 31, 2015.

Award applications and detailed project information will be available at gardenclub.org, from Regional Directors, from State and Region Project Coordinators and from the NGC Special Project Coordinator. Additional information will also be provided in future issues of the *WACONIAH*.

Chocolate Cake for Dessert

By Brynn Tavasci, Recyclable Sculpture Contest Chairman



Before you ask Abby and Jason to take the recycle bins out to the curb, sit them down with some wire and glue and say, "If you can make a sculpture out of this stuff, you can have chocolate cake for dinner." Or some similar reward for time well spent, although cake has always been an effective motivator in my life. Kids, given the right supplies, tools, and encouragement can produce amazing results. Skip the lectures about making a mess, messes can be cleaned up, and frankly the bigger the mess the bigger the fun. Creativity at its best!

This contest celebrates creativity and environmentalism by combining them into one activity. Children in 4th through 8th grade are asked to create a sculpture using recyclable, reused, or reduced materials. The sculpture must be able to fit on an 8½" by 11" sheet of paper. Entries should include as many photographs that can be printed on the back of the 8½" by 11" entry form. Two 4 x 6 photos are advised. Entry forms are available on NGC's website. Please include: the child's name, age and school; the address of the sponsoring club's president as a contact, the name of the club; district; a short paragraph of 3 to 5 sentences describing the sculpture; and a list of materials used. Winning entries at the state level should be sent to the Pacific Region Chairman by January 15. National contest winner's sculpture photo will be printed in *The National Gardener* and included in a special booklet.

Congratulations to Zachary Baylon and Jerimiah Espinoza, the Pacific Region 2013 winners of the Youth Recycled Sculpture Contest. Desert Crossroads Garden Club of the Roadrunner District in CGCI sponsored the students.

***Save the Earth...it's the only
planet with chocolate.***

By Carol Norquist, Website Chairman

Do you know that the Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs has a website? Do you go there to find information and events? We want the website to contain information that you can use. On the public side main page, information about projects and events will be highlighted. Links to each state's website are located on the public side, as well as Director Elaine Gunderson's theme and project. There is also information on awards, schools, education, youth gardening and much more. We hope you will check it out. Please let me know of any items for the website that you feel will benefit our members.

If you are sponsoring a school or flower show, please send your information or a link to the information to me for the website. We would love to put it in the list of events for the region.

The board member login side is password-protected and contains lots of information useful to Pacific Region board members. A list of board members and their contact information is in this area. If you are not a board member and need contact information for a board member, please ask your state president or any PR board member. They were sent the user name and password in May and can get you the information you need.

The website has hundreds of visitors each month from all over the world. There are a wide variety of reasons they visit and we want them to find useful information about the Pacific Region and our garden clubs.

Pacific Region Scholarship Winner

By Kristie Livreri, Scholarship Chairman



Cami Lee Culbertson was raised in the small community of Roslyn, Washington and is putting herself through the University of Washington in Seattle. She has a passion for landscape design and architecture. Cami says, "I live and breathe design – it is what keeps me working late into the night and gets me up early in the morning. My mission within the field of landscape architecture is to connect individuals to the natural systems that sustain life, namely: water, food, and ecological processes."

By Maxine Smolowitz, Ways and Means Chairman

A new fundraiser for Pacific Region is available and relates color-wise to the Pacific Region 2013-2015 Theme: "Expand Horizons - A Conservation **Rainbow?**" Choose your color of the rainbow and support Pacific Region.

There are wash and wear short-sleeved t-shirts, mugs and caps. The cups make wonderful gifts for meeting speakers and friends and family and are available in Ladybug (red), Honeybee (orange), Bluebird (yellow), Garden (pistachio green), Hummingbird (light blue), Firefly (navy blue), Butterfly (purple) and Wildflower (orchid).



Calling for New Flower Show Instructors

By Marva Lee Peterschick, Flower Show Schools Chairman



Pacific Region has only five instructors for flower show schools/symposiums. They are Arizona's **Elaine Gunderson**, Oregon's **Char Mutschler**, and three from Washington; **Billie**

Fitch, Mary Lou Waitz and **Marva Lee Peterschick**. I am hoping Pacific Region has new prospective instructors that have considered becoming an NGC Flower Show Schools Instructor. However, it is important not only to try to get new instructors, but we need to keep our experienced and current instructors also. When your area sets up a new Flower Show School series, think first of Pacific Region instructors.

I want to encourage members to consider applying to become an NGC Instructor. Encourage someone you know to become an instructor in either design, horticulture or flower show school procedure. Being an instructor provides a challenging opportunity to share your expertise. It is a rewarding experience of meeting student and fellow judges throughout the country. For more information, contact me and I will be happy to answer your questions.

Theme: "Garden Club — Outside the Box"



Just a few short weeks after hosting the exciting and successful NGC Convention, "RainShine," in beautiful Seattle, resilient and reasonably rested WSFGC members repacked their suitcases and headed over to Silverdale for our 80th Annual Convention at the Silverdale Beach Hotel. Convention

Chairman, Marie Ennaro and the members of Cross Sound District showed us a great time at, "Around the Sound." One of the Puget Sound-related program topics was plankton. Plankton expert, John F. Williams gave a presentation that showed us just how exciting that it can be, under the sea, and not just for cartoon mermaids and sponges. We were educated about everything from pre-conception activity (wink, wink, nudge, nudge) to the fascinating showdowns for food and territory. A shorebird presentation by photographer Tim Boyer, demonstrated his expert skills at persuading normally shy birds to pose with one leg attractively crossed forward and a coquettish tilt of the head. These birds were seeming to say "I am ready for my close-up, Tim." A stunning design program by Sara Jane Rants displayed her quilting and floral design talents. She gave a delightful and humorous presentation.

The best part was spending time with NGC President, Linda Nelson and hearing her talk about her two-year Special Project, "Making a World of Difference – Choices Matter." It is impressive how Elaine Gunderson has tied in her Director's Project, "It's Our World! It's Our Responsibility! Plant Seeds of Knowledge and Stewardship." I am hoping that my project, "Put a New Twist on Recycling," will inspire our members to link creativity with recycling. Useful garden tools, wildlife habitats, and indoor/outdoor art can be created by utilizing cans, boxes, bottles, and many other post-consumer leftovers. This effort will help preserve our natural resources and reduce excess production waste. I am asking our members to share their, "Outside the Box," recycling ideas with all of us. Our helpful and educational ideas are meant to be shared.

Gardening Tip

By Carol Norquist, Website Chairman

The next time you boil or steam vegetables, don't pour the water down the drain, use it to water potted patio plants, and you'll be amazed at how the plants respond to the "vegetable soup."

By Russ Ford, Land Conservation Chairman

Our 2013-15 Pacific Region Project is to "Expand Horizons" and focus on "A Conservation Rainbow." We are all asked to promote education that will teach our members, and the public, to protect and conserve our natural resources.

One of the six components of our Rainbow is LAND, and with the world population on target to reach nine billion people by 2050, the pressure on deserts, grasslands, forests, and other natural LAND resources to provide food, energy, and housing will continue to grow. Every day, over 5,000 acres of land are developed in the United States alone.

You are encouraged to find out what is happening in your community and see if there are projects that you can get involved in, or help promote. Maybe you have a specific area you are concerned about. Contact local chapters of organization such as The Trust for Public Lands (TPL), or The Nature Conservancy, to see if they can assist in educating your club members on how you can conserve nature close to home.

Listed below are just a few of the Land Conservation Projects that are happening in the States that compose our Pacific Region (listed in *WACONIAH* order). Hopefully, these projects help to inspire you, your club, or your entire state garden club to be part of such actions in your community or state!

Washington



Blaine Street Steps – Seattle:

This is great example of the impact a small project in the heart of a city can have. The Blaine Street Steps climb two blocks up to Seattle's North Capitol Hill neighborhood. The 270 steps receive heavy use by firemen in training, runners and anyone interested in an outdoor stair-climbing challenge (it tops any gym routine!). The view from the land at the edge of the stairs is spectacular toward the Puget Sound, and it made it an attractive housing site. Citizens worked with the City of Seattle and the TPL to preserve this area for everyone to enjoy. The steps now connect Colonnade Park to Capitol Hill and Eastlake neighborhoods after decades of being separated by I-5.

Arizona



Sedona's Hancock Ranch:

Sedona's Red Rock area is known for its stunning red sandstone cliffs and formations...and home to our Regional Director! The last large private land parcel in the area, The Hancock Ranch, is adjacent to the largest cliff dwellings in Coconino National Forest, and the site of ancient petroglyph cave art. This property's picturesque setting made it a prime target for housing developers. Local citizens worked with the U.S. Forest Service and the TPL to acquire the ranch. This was the fourth ranch in the area to be protected through a partnership with the

Forest Service and local nonprofit "Keep Sedona Beautiful."

California



Kellogg Park, Ventura: The people of Ventura's Westside Neighborhood Association need a park but there is little open space. They waited, and raised money, for years until the right opportunity. In 2012, a former auto-body shop – two acres with park potential – came onto the market. The TPL helped with the acquisition of the property for the public. The park is bare earth right now, but that's soon to change. Residents are now providing public workshops to design a park that will become a central gathering place.

Oregon



Potso Dog Park, Tigard: For many years the city of Tigard, leased 2.6-acres for use as an off-leash dog park. It was used by hundreds of people and pooches weekly – many coming from nearby Beaverton or Lake Oswego. The property was sold to a local bank who started looking for developers to purchase the land. The local dog community got together and contacted the TPL. They were able to hold the property off the market while the dog community mobilized support for a \$17 million park bond. The public passed the bond and the city council voted unanimously to purchase the park, saving the area from closure. The city is now the permanent owner of the park, and plans to improve the amenities and expand park hours.

Nevada



Schallenger Ridge, Donner Lake, Sierra Nevada:

Looming above Donner Lake at the Nevada – California border, just off Interstate 80, is Schallenger Ridge. This ridge is named for Moses Schallenger, who wintered there in 1844, two winters before the Donner Party of emigrants got trapped nearby to begin a legendary episode of pioneer hardship. This area was targeted as a spectacular ski resort in this year-round tourist area, but development would dramatically alter the atmosphere of Donner Lake and the nearby State Park. Local residents banded together and received assistance from the local Truckee Donner Land Trust. With support and local funds, along with receiving help from TPL, they were able to purchase and protect the entire 1,923-acre Ridge. This land, combined with the existing state park, will provide a keystone to the new 25-mile Donner Lake Rim Trail.

Idaho



Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Stanley:

Stanley is at the center of Idaho and The Sawtooth National Recreation Area, offering some of the finest and most renowned outdoor recreation in the world,

including fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, hiking, cross-country skiing and camping. Its mountains form the headwaters of six important rivers that feed the Snake River and offer vital habitat for wildlife and four threatened or endangered salmon species. More than 1,000 lakes are found inside the recreation area. The town of Stanley has a permanent population of 63 (2010 census) who are involved in the continuing protection and stewardship of these natural and recreational assets. They, with much help from TPL, have completed seven conservation projects, from a one-acre parcel in the city of Stanley, to a conservation easement on the 1,800-acre Piva Ranch. Their current project is to protect the 157-acre Rodeo Grounds Ranch in Stanley from development as a subdivision.

Alaska



Brotherhood Park, Juneau:

Brotherhood Park, in Juneau, features a lush meadow and spectacular views of the Mendenhall Glacier. It is part of a popular route for hikers, runners and cyclists. Adjacent to the park is the glacier-fed Mendenhall River which runs through a 10.5 acre parcel that was slated for development. Local residents raised money and the TPL helped find money from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. Now, besides being a signature park, the site will become the future home of the Juneau Raptor Center & Coastal Wildlife Center.

Hawaii



Galbraith Estate, Oahu: Being the most isolated islands in the world, the people of ancient Hawaii had no choice but to be self-sufficient, developing agricultural systems to feed

themselves. Today, with much agricultural land re-zoned for development, the state imports 85% to 90% of its food. Any disruption in the islands' transportation corridors, whether by hurricane or other natural disaster, would leave the state with just two weeks' worth of food supplies. When a former pineapple plantation on Oahu, the 1,743-acre Galbraith Estate, came up for sale it was targeted for real estate development. Local citizens partnered with local businesses, and with the help of TPL, they succeeded in buying the Estate. It is located close to transportation corridors and has ample water. They now are making the land available for lease to local farmers. It also protects access to one of the most significant cultural sites on Oahu where famous Native Hawaiian chiefs were born.

If you are interested in seeing what other projects have taken place in your state, check-out The TPL's website, tpl.org. You will find an interactive map of the United States – click on your state to see all the projects that TPL has been involved in.

The Nature Conservancy also has a website that provides other information at natureconservancy.org. Other sources include your local Bureau of Land Management (blm.gov). You will also find that nearly

By Sally Priebe, GSS Chairman

every community has a local Land Trust organization that is active...check them out for educational programs or assistance in your own projects.

A single individual, or small group of people, can make a big difference!

Why Are Penny Pines Plantations \$68 ???

By Arthur C. Loesch, NGC Reforestation and Restoration Chairman



The "\$68 Plantation" is a historic amount from the original California Penny Pines Program. The following is from the Cleveland National Forest website:

History of the Penny Pines Reforestation Program

In 1941, California's first Penny Pines plantation was sponsored by the San Francisco Sports-women's Association.

Recognizing the great need to restore these devastated areas, the association sent their donation to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in Northern California.

Since that contribution, the number of participating groups and individuals has grown each year. They include such organizations as the Garden and Women's Clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, civic and sportsmen's clubs, and many others.

Why the Penny Pines Donation is \$68.00

At the start of the program in 1941, seedlings could be produced for about one cent each. Approximately 680 seedlings were used to plant a typical acre. For \$68.00, seedlings for ten acres could be purchased. Site preparation and planting costs were met through regular Forest Service appropriations.

The Penny Pines program was so successful that money contributed to purchase seedlings soon far exceeded appropriated funds available for site preparation and for the actual planting job.

In 1964, the original cooperative agreement was rewritten to provide that funds contributed under the Penny Pines program be used for reforestation, rather than solely for purchasing seedlings.

When the program started each seedling was one penny. That is why it was called Penny Pines. At the request of the contributing groups, the forest service has kept the contribution per plantation at \$68. Today \$68 will plant approximately 200 seedlings (all types of trees not just pines). When NGC expanded the Penny Pines Program to all states, they kept the "\$68 Plantation."

Remember to make Penny Pines donations in **\$68 increments** as instructed on the NGC Donation Form.

Oh dear, what can the matter be! Why did only three states in the Pacific Region hold Gardening Study Schools? I'm sure there are many garden club members that would like to know more about gardening. After all, we are a GARDEN Club!

Gardening Study Schools have something for every gardener. Do you have a large garden with *everything* – GSS covers *everything* from "Basic Botany for Gardeners" to "Pruning Techniques" to "Understanding Plant Diseases and Garden Pests." Have limited outdoor space – GSS has a "Container Gardening" course. "House Plant Basics" is something you should know if you have no outdoor space. Do you like to flower arrange – learn how to grow flowers with "Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers" and great line material with "Techniques for Growing Woody Ornamentals." Everyone wants to save on food expenses – GSS has just the courses, "Techniques for Growing Vegetables" and "Techniques for Growing Fruit." If you're not really interested in hands-on gardening – attend a Gardening Study School and maybe you'll decide you want to try one phase of gardening or another. As a Gardening Consultant you will be able to answer the questions you are asked by someone who knows you belong to a garden club.



One of the reasons your state hasn't held a GS School is probably because you don't have a state GSS Chairman. Ask your state president why or better still offer to be the GSS Chairman for your state. If you have a state chairman you could offer to organize a GS School. If your state holds a GS School, support it by attending. You are sure to learn something even if you've been gardening for years and years. Do you know "How New Plants are Developed and Evaluated?"

Most states offer Flower Show Schools and symposiums. A GS School is a lot easier to organize and sponsor than a FSS. It only takes a chairman, a registrar, and if you're providing food, a hospitality chairman to put on a GS School. If you make the course available to the public and Master Gardeners, and advertise it, you will have a profitable school. There is also the possibility of new members. What could be better than more knowledgeable gardeners, monetary profit, and new garden club members? It is a **win, win, win** situation! GS and Landscape Design Schools held recently in Washington state were profitable due in great part to the participation by the Master Gardeners. Some became garden club members.

Bring your state up-to-date by holding and attending a GS School. After all, we are a GARDEN Club!



Large Memorial and Highway Markers and post. \$1400 (includes a \$50 shipping fee for states west of Minnesota)

To restore a large marker, the cost is \$800, which includes delivery. Allow eight weeks for

delivery after receipt of order. If a specific dedication date is set, be sure to allow plenty of time to be certain the marker will arrive by that date.

Large Marker without post: \$1120

By-Way Markers: \$450 (By-way markers cannot be refurbished – it is cheaper to manufacture a new one)

New post only: \$325

Inspect the marker as soon as it is received. If the marker is delivered to a business, and is stored unopened and later found to be damaged, Sewah Studios will not accept responsibility. Damage must be reported to them immediately.



After your marker is installed, Sewah suggests the bolts be filed down so they cannot be easily removed. Two markers have been stolen and sold for scrap.

Order forms, one for Highway and Memorial Markers and one for By-Way Markers, "Guidelines for Blue Star Markers," and a list of marker locations by state are available on the NGC website.

For clubs that cannot afford a marker, contact the local veterans' organizations (American Legion, VFW, DAV). They appreciate the markers and are often glad to help. Be sure to invite them to take part in your dedication ceremony as well as high school students to help you – students will remember the experience and some are looking for volunteer hours.



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Getting donations for your garden club is as easy as One, Two, Three; **ASK, GIVE** and **THANK!**

ONE = ASK the right person "in person." Determine who is in charge of community donations for the business. Is it the owner or a designated employee?

Example: The big box stores such as Home Depot, or Lowe's have assigned this task to a specific store employee. Find out *who* that person is, *when* they work and *deal* only with that person.

ASK the right person to *ask*."

Example: A Trader Joe's gift certificate should be pursued by a garden club member who is already a Trader Joe shopper.

ASK again! Follow-up is crucial. It is not only appropriate but good business to call on the person again in a week. Don't give up. Perseverance pays off!

TWO = GIVE them something; Donation letter, event flyer (ask to display), club brochure or business card and ultimately a donation receipt. Be sure to carry all of these with you when you go *in person* to ask.

Prepare both a donation letter and donation receipt available to all members online. This allows club members to personalize their letter, plug in their name and contact information. This adds credibility to their request.

A donation letter is a chance to showcase your event, toot your own horn on your club or state projects, and **ASK** for a donation. Thanks to Debbie Hinchey we all know how many hours and how much money our clubs gave to the community. **USE** this valuable information to benefit your club.

Example letter:

Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs

The Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs is holding a fundraiser on February 9, 2013 to raise money for our state projects.

In 2012, Arizona Federation of Garden Club members contributed 24,561 Volunteer hours and donated \$43,526 to projects in our beloved Arizona.

Here is a sampling of our many projects that Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs supports:

- Scholarships for Arizona Universities and Community college students
- Penny Pines – Restoration of Arizona Forests
- Blue Star Memorial Project honoring our Military
- School Gardening projects

By Jane Buck, Invasive Plants Chairman

- Superstition Mountain Historical Society and Museum
- Hummingbird Garden at Kartchner Caves State Park
- Native Plant Tribute Garden at the Arizona State Capital
- Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl

We are having a silent auction, garden boutique and raffle at our fundraiser and would greatly appreciate any item, gift certificate or cash donation received.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Parrott, President 2011-2013
Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs
caparrott21@hotmail.com 602-438-4003

THREE = THANK them! A "Thank You" card is a good business practice and it helps assure future participation. If you had a printed program for your event, be sure to honor them and include a copy of the sponsor page with your thank you.

If you would like a word copy of a donation letter or donation receipt for your club's adaptation, please email caparrott21@hotmail.com

There is no secret to getting donations. It's just like gardening: Plant, Nurture, and Harvest!

The Twelve Days of Springtime

At the 2013 Convention in Santa Rosa, The 12 Days of Springtime (to the tune of The 12 Days of Christmas) was creatively presented by members to those present with the help of audience participation. By popular demand, here are the words:

The Twelve Days of Springtime

A birdfeeder with a squirrel guard

Two sprinkling cans

Three hanging plants

Four gardening gloves

Five compost bins

Six seeds of veggies

Seven water hoses

Eight men-a-planting

Nine vines a-twining

Ten roses blooming

Eleven pruners sharpened

Twelve zucchinis ripening

Words by Rita Desilets & Robin Pokorski

An invasive plant is a non-native species whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. Around for many years, invasive plants are a serious threat and growing problem in the environment worldwide. Invasives infest millions of acres of



forests, rangelands, wetlands and urban landscapes across the country.

Invasive plants can be introduced by natural dispersal from one area to another by birds, wildlife, livestock, vehicles, railways, and wind. Wind-dispersed seeds can be carried long distances on light wind currents. Animal-dispersed seeds are typically fleshy berries. They can be introduced through intentional introduction as an ornamental or food plant. Cheatgrass (see picture) is believed to have come to the west as a wheat seed contaminant. Salt cedar was planted along streams for erosion control. Purple loosestrife was planted in gardens for its pretty purple flowers. They can be unintentionally introduced as a by-product of waste disposal, such as garden waste dumping. Many can multiply unchallenged without their native diseases and growing conditions to keep them in check.

The Bureau of Land Management estimates that invasive plants cause \$123 billion in damage and loss to the U.S. economy annually. About \$5 billion are spent annually by agriculture to control weeds. A 1998 survey in Washington State found that 130 million pounds of forage were lost annually on knapweed infested rangelands.

What can you do to help stop Invasive Plants?

- Contact your local native plant society or state Department of Natural Resources to find out which plants are invasive in your area.
- Learn to identify important local invasive plants.
- Identify and remove invasive plants in your yard and garden to prevent their spread.
- Plant non-invasive plants in your garden. Go native! There are a wide variety of beautiful, easy to care for native plants available. Look for an alternative plant list for your state.

- Use systemic herbicides carefully as a last resort to remove invasives.
- Make other gardeners and neighbors aware of invasive plants.
- Encourage garden centers not to carry invasive plants for your area.

Invasive Plant Resource List for Pacific Region States

Check out Invasive.org to find out what is invasive in your state. Other resources for each state are listed on the Pacific Region website.

Do your part and become aware of invasive plants in your garden/area. If you know of a project in your area, to rid invasive plants, share it with us.

Highlights of the Business of the Santa Rosa, California 2013 Convention

By Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian

- Meetings were held on April 23 by the Pacific Region Executive Committee and the Pacific Region Board of Directors immediately prior to convention sessions.
- The 2013-2014 region budget and 2014 region convention budget were adopted.
- 2013-15 NGC Nominating Committee members Garnet Ascher (OR) and Carol Norquist (AK) and alternate members Jan Iseli (OR) and Debbie Hinchey (AK) were ratified.
- The invitation from The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs to hold the 71st Annual Convention in Eugene, Oregon in 2015 was accepted.
- Upon the recommendation of the Policy & Procedure Committee, the position of Website Chairman was added to the Executive Committee.
- Total convention registration: 114. Voting strength: 61.
- Something new this year: Awards were presented to each state at the time of the State President's convention report.
- NGC President-Elect Linda Nelson installed the 2013-2015 Executive Committee.
- The 2013-2015 Organizational Meeting on April 25 kicked off the new term. Linda Nelson reported on her NGC theme and special projects for the next two years.

Additional convention highlights: The design banquet was a big hit. Nancy Colvin mesmerized the crowd with her 16 fabulous designs and entertaining stories. The tours were enjoyed by the participants. Bill McNamara of Quarryhill Botanic Garden was a featured luncheon speaker and led the tour of the garden that afternoon. Bill subsequently received the NGC Award of Excellence at the NGC Convention in Seattle – the highest award NGC can give to an individual who is not a member.

You Can't Win if You Aren't In

By Julie West, Awards Chairman



DEADLINES: March 1 All state entries are sent by the state awards chairman in one package using a box or padded envelope. Do not place each entry in its own envelope. A complete list of entries from your state (packing list) must be included with submissions. Entries must be received by the Pacific Region Awards Chairman no later than **March 1.**

NOTE EXCEPTIONS are as follows:

Youth Essay Contest Deadline to Pacific Region Youth Essay Chairman: **January 1**

High School Distinguished Service Project Deadline to Pacific Region High School Distinguished Service Project Chairman: **January 1**

Youth Poetry Contest Deadline to Pacific Region Poetry Contest Chairman: **January 1**

Recyclable Sculpture Contest Deadline to Pacific Region Youth Recyclable Sculpture Contest Chairman: **January 15**

Member Award of Honor Deadline to Pacific Region Awards Chairman: **February 1**

Publicity Press Books Deadline to Pacific Region Publicity Press Books Chairman: **February 1**

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Deadline to Pacific Region Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chairman: **February 1**

Yearbooks Deadline to Pacific Region Awards Chairman: **February 1**

Youth Awards Deadline to Pacific Region Youth Awards Chairman: **March 1**

State Awards Chairmen are responsible for sending award entries to the specific Pacific Region Chairman as noted above. Consult Pacific Region Roster for Chairmen.

The Pacific Region Awards are currently being reviewed and updated by the Awards Committee and should be posted on Pacific Region's website by August 1. Feel free to contact any member of the Awards Committee with questions. Good luck and may all your ribbons be **blue!**



Attention State Presidents – if you haven't sent the contact information for your state's awards chairman, please do so immediately, otherwise you will receive all awards information distributed.

By JoAnn Goldman, Indoor Gardening Chairman

Most spring flowering bulbs can be forced to bloom indoors. Dormant bulbs, purchased in fall already contain perfectly formed flower buds within them and will flower in containers indoors as long as a few basic conditions are met.

1. Purchase the largest size bulbs available for forcing.
2. Use a good sterile indoor soil.
3. Use a clean 6" or 8" pot.
4. Label with complete botanical name.

Put the bulbs in the soil with their necks just sticking out. Water thoroughly after potting and place in garage in plastic flats without holes, cover with newspaper. They can be placed in a cold frame or in a protected area in ground covered with newspaper and bark (daffodils only). The soil in the pots should be kept moist. Two to three months are needed for the roots to form.

For February blooms, start by November 1. Normally it requires about four weeks after they are brought indoors for them to bloom.



Paperwhite narcissus can be forced to bloom indoors without the necessity for cold treatments. They can be grown without soil, in rocks of any size or sand until 1/3 or 1/2 of each bulb is in the medium. Pour water into the bowl until it touches the bottom of the bulbs. If placed in a dark area for two weeks will initiate

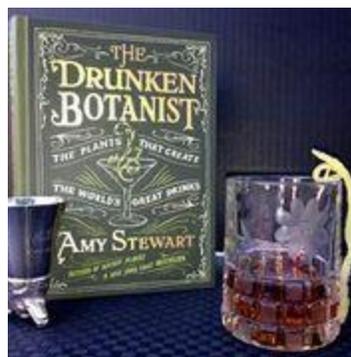
roots quickly. Do not let them dry out and keep cool. Bring into well-lighted area. They may need staking. Some hyacinths may be pre-cooled and grown in special bulb glasses. Check your *Handbook for Flower Shows* page 89.

After these outdoor bulbs have been used for forcing, it is generally recommended that you put them in your outdoor garden rather than forcing them again. After blooming they should be fed and kept outside until the foliage dies back. Then they can be let to dry or planted.

Amaryllis like it warm and will bloom in 4-6 weeks, kept watered and lots of light. They usually need staking. If you want to keep it another year, feed it well during the summer while it grows leaves. Then give it a couple months rest; no attention is required; let it dry out, in or out of pot.

By Linda Larson, Book Review Chairman

***The Drunken Botanist: The Plants that Create the World's Great Drinks* by Amy Stewart**



I've always loved pretty glass bottles, all the different shapes, colors, and how the light reflects through them. Where is a more perfectly arranged, beautifully lit array of bottles than behind the bar at a great resort.

"This is horticulture!

In all these bottles! How can anyone with even a passing interest in botany not be fascinated by this stuff?" This is where Amy Stewart hooked me into reading her latest book. She begins with the letter A for agave and moves through plants all the way to wheat describing their use in making the booze of the world.

First she explores the fermentation and distillation involved in wine, beer and spirits. Then she describes the flavorings used after the distillation to infuse the subtle flavors that separates for example one gin from another. Here you venture into the plants of the forest for pine, juniper, bay leaf and cardamon. Finally she has you walking into your garden for the garnish needed to dress the glass. Think citrus, olives, onions, jalapeño and more, much more!

She includes 60 classic cocktail recipes with a shot of history and wit that informs and entertains. Amy Stewart writes with enthusiasm about plants and gardens and her books, *The Drunken Botanist*, *Wicked Bugs*, *Wicked Plants*, and *Flower Confidential* are all *New York Times* bestsellers. Besides why not read a garden book that doesn't urge you to grab a shovel but instead to wander about, glass in hand enjoying the flavors of the garden. Where safer to drink responsibly?

***NGC Conservation Pledge
Adopted May 19, 1994***



I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife.

By Marlena Parrott, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chairman



For more than fifty years, NGC has partnered with the Forest Service to promote wildfire prevention and conservation among elementary school children

through the Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Winning artwork is then used by the Forest Service in promotional and educational materials.

A big **THANK YOU** to all the Pacific Region garden clubs for promoting and working with schools and youth organizations and sponsoring this year's Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Poster Contest! Entries were received from Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Top winners in each grade are listed below.

1st Grade

- 1st Place – Bohmi Yoon – California
- 2nd Place – Alyssa Gunter – Arizona
- 3rd Place – Alicia Razo – Washington

2nd Grade

- 1st Place – Sierra Houston – Alaska
- 2nd Place – Aidan Oh – California
- 3rd Place – Mabel Rae Riley – Oregon

3rd Grade

- 1st Place – Solomon Baik - California
- 2nd Place – Kaelyn McDonald - Oregon
- 3rd Place – Brianna Lamb - Washington

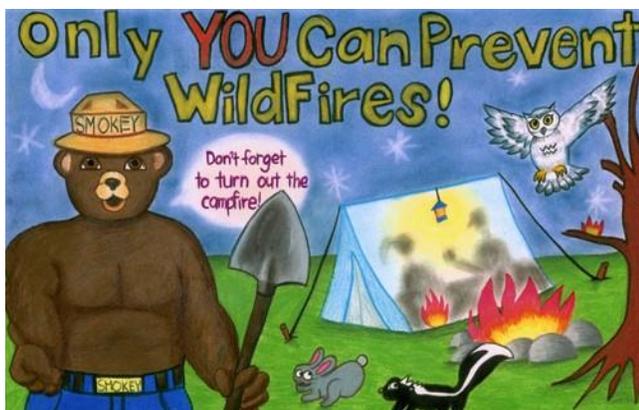
4th Grade

1st Place – Crystal Baik – California – NGC Grand Prize Winner (see picture below)

- 2nd Place – Dania D - Oregon
- 3rd Place – Lottie Inglet - Idaho

5th Grade

- 1st Place – Joseph Shami - California
- 2nd Place – Lauren Morgan - Idaho
- 3rd Place – Michaela McAuliffe – Oregon



By Sheila Parcel, Schools Chairman

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

August 12-14, Course III, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA
Contact: Martha Hunt, (323) 856-8617
floramelrose@gmail.com

September 17-19, Course I, Livermore, CA
Contact: Victoria Lucido, (925) 838-9922
vlucido@comcast.net

October 1-3, Course III, Tacoma, WA
Contact: Judy Swortz, (253) 582-0373
[judyswortz@comcast.net](mailto:judywortz@comcast.net)

GARDENING STUDY SCHOOLS

August 24-25, Course II, Nevada City, CA
Contact: Myrtle Findley, 530-346-2450
Myrtle@exwire.com

September 28-29, Course III, Nevada, City, CA
Contact: Myrtle Findley, (530) 346-2450
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October 26-27, Course IV, Nevada, City, CA
Contact: Myrtle Findley, (530) 346-2450
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Calendar of Events

- Sep 24-28 NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri
- April 30 – May 3 2014 NGC Convention, Norman, Oklahoma
- June 1-7 National Garden Week
- July 1-3 2014 Pacific Region Convention, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

Director's Travel Schedule

2013

- Sep 24-28 NGC Fall Board Meeting - St. Louis, MO
- Sep 27 Pacific Region Executive Committee Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri
- Oct 12 NGCI Fall Conference - Las Vegas, NV
- Oct 13 NGCI 50th Anniversary Celebration - Las Vegas, NV

2014

- Jan 23-24 NGC Exec Com Meeting - New Orleans, LA
- Apr 30 - May 4 NGC Convention – Norman, OK
- Jul 1-3 PR Convention – Coeur d'Alene, ID
- Sep 23-28 NGC Fall Board Meeting – Des Moines, IA

2015

- April 9-11 AFGC 80th Convention - Yuma, AZ
- TBD 2015 PR Convention – Eugene, OR
- May 12-18 NGC Convention - Louisville, KY

What kind of socks does a gardener wear?
Garden hose.



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Official CALL

By Elaine Gunderson, 2013 – 2015 Pacific Region Director

During the NGC Fall Board Meeting, September 24 – 28, **the Pacific Region Executive Committee will meet.** All Pacific Region members are welcome to attend with no vote.

The PR Executive Committee consists of the Pacific Region Officers, WACONIAH Editor, PR Website Chairman and PR state presidents. ***Please let the PR Director know if you are attending the NGC Fall Board Meeting.***

PR Officers and Chairmen: If you wish to report on information that the Executive Committee will need to act upon, you may have three minutes on the agenda if you notify the PR Director, cgleg@gmail.com and the Corresponding Secretary, Kristie Livreri, kristabelle7@aol.com ***electronically no later than September 15, 2013.***

At this time **the meeting will be Friday, September 27, 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.** A meeting agenda will be distributed electronically closer to the date of the NGC Fall Board Meeting. Thank you again for serving on the Pacific Region Board.

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Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.