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Newsletter of the Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Vol. 41 No. 3 The Director's Theme *"Expand Horizons - A Conservation Rainbow"*



Linnea Miller Domz, 100 years old of Nevada (left) and 2013 – 2015 Pacific Region Director Elaine Gunderson (a good deal less than 100 years old)

CALL TO CONVENTION

See pages 6-11 in this issue

Registration deadline: June 10

Director's Message

As we enter 2014, the time approaches when states and clubs begin to plan for the coming 2014-2015 year.

Where is your state or local club headed? What are its strengths and weaknesses? Are the programs meeting the desires and needs of the majority of the members? Are you reaching out to existing non-NGC groups that could partner with your state or local club on a worthy project?

After new state and local club programs and projects have been decided, set a goal and a target date. Remember to personally ask people to join

you in attending your Flower Shows, garden tours, plant sales. The key to a successful club is an active membership. Participation makes it happen. When the goal is reached, remember to celebrate!

NGC AND PACIFIC REGION PROJECTS - This past six months it has been a joy to learn what Pacific Region States are doing "to make a difference" and to "Expand Horizons - A Conservation Rainbow" by planting seeds of knowledge and stewardship.

WASHINGTON - Members of WSFGC are practicing conservation efforts on a daily basis and are expanding beyond the common practice of using recycling bins. The State Project is "Put a New Twist on Recycling" which is taking used consumer items, looking at them with a fresh and creative eye, to see how they can be reused, repurposed and up cycled. What better way to conserve than to use what we already have and make it work in a new way!

ARIZONA - At each District Meeting, AFGC members are sponsoring programs to address a facet of the NGC Conservation Pledge - Water, Land, Forests and Wildlife - with the annual meeting's focus on Air. Local clubs support the NGC President's and PR Director's Projects. AFGC Environmental Chairman is starting a new program targeting toxic waste.

CALIFORNIA - CGCI is planning a Wildflower Conference. This educational conference features seven speakers/seminars covering various conservation-related topics and is open to the public. At board meetings and conventions scheduled conservation speakers and workshops will be held. The state also promotes a vast awards

program featuring eight awards totaling \$750 for conservation projects.

OREGON - With guidance of OSFGC President's Project, "Growing for the Future - Planting in Special Places," members are protecting and conserving natural resources by planting a "Butterfly Garden with a Rainbow of Color."

NEVADA - In October, Nevada held its Fall Conference with the theme "Let Us Make the Choice to Make our World Green." The Green Living consultant and a writer for the Las Vegas newspaper spoke on how to keep our air cleaner, solar energy for homes and use of energy-efficient cars.

IDAHO - The GCI, Inc. Conservation Project Theme is "We All Live Downstream" encouraging local clubs to educate their members through programs and keeping track of conservation and environmental activities. Labels with this logo were also distributed to all members to place it in a unique location to make the public aware of the project.

ALASKA - is buzzing with their theme "Let's Keep Our World A-Buzzing!" Each of their four clubs will receive \$1,000 educational grants to assist in sponsoring NGC Schools of their choice in their area so every member can attend. The state has a committee to help each club select which school is right for them and to further assist in its organization. Members will become more knowledgeable how to become better stewards of our land, sharing knowledge with the community and potentially attracting new members. Bee knowledge is being promoted through club presentations.

HAWAII - NGC members are focused on land stewardship. As the pineapple industry fades away and local produce is no longer being farmed, the land is being purchased by developers. In Hawaii's lone Mililani Garden Club, the members are writing letters of protest to these development actions.

PACIFIC REGION BOOK OF RECOGNITION AWARD - Each PR State is challenged to select a member(s) who is/are leader(s) in club, state or NGC projects and goals. Why not recognize their guidance and commitment with a *Pacific Region Book of Recognition Award*? Each state or local club can determine the amount to be given and proceeds go to PR's Scholarship Award Program.

PACIFIC REGION CONVENTION - Summer is coming and PR's Convention is in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Why attend a convention? It brings camaraderie with fellow garden club members. Friendships are formed. I would have never met Centenarian **Linnea Miller Domz** of Nevada had it not been for a PR Convention in California. Ideas and knowledge are gained too. So come join in the fun!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Elaine

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

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



The AFGC President has asked each District Director to give a program on one of the subjects of the NGC President's Project. Central/Eastern District chose Water; Northern District chose Forests, Southern District chose Land, Western District chose Wildlife and the last one will be on Air at the annual meeting.

The AFGC Environmental Chairman will be starting on a new program to get rid of toxic waste. She will be asking club presidents to appoint an environmental chairman to work with. She will be encouraging clubs to have a meeting to collect toxic waste and then to get rid of it responsibly. She will also work with the club chairmen to develop other programs.

The Butterfly, Birds and Bees Chairman is encouraging clubs to work with BeeGap to help stop the decline in our bee population.

Many clubs are having programs to support the NGC President's Project. **Old Town Scottsdale** and **Tempe Garden Clubs** are having a program presented by The Nature Conservancy, on "Restoring Arizona's Forests." **Gold Canyon Garden Club** will have a program on indoor and out-of-door water conservation. **Flagstaff Flower & Garden Club** has planned programs on "Bees, Please!, Gardening for the Future with Sustainable Gardens," and "Be Good to Your Trees." **Indian Ridge** is concentrating on rainwater harvesting.

Weeders' Garden Club had a program on monarch butterflies. **Pecan Grove Garden Club** will have programs on "Carpenters with Wings," "Watering

Needs of the Desert," and "Attracting Hummingbirds." **Yuma Garden Club** is planning programs on butterflies, composting, insects in the garden, and watering needs in the desert.

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs
Brynn Tavasci, President

Theme: "Garden Club — Outside the Box"

Love is in the air....and not just because it is February. All garden club enthusiasts in Washington State are pining for time in their gardens. Counting off the days on their "Washington State Gardeners' Calendars," until they can safely stomp around their yards, dispatch their weeds, and create the most beeyooootiful and bounteeful garden on the block. We don't just plan, we calculate, coordinate, and cross-reference all ideas and dreams that we have for our "Garden to Put Others to Shame," in the most humble and gracious manner possible.

At our Winter Board Meeting we held our Annual Holiday Show, "Winter Dreaming." It truly was a beautiful dream in blue and silver with sparkle and shine. We held a post-holiday-show dinner to honor our districts and district directors. Each director lined up in front of the room in *WACONIAH* ord.....,uh no.....in alphabetical order according to district name. Nervously they shuffled forward. With homemade gifts in hand I spoke a little about what is special about each district, spilled a fun fact about the director, and then gave them a unique treasure made of recycled materials. It is amazing what you can make with your kids old stuffed animals, scratched sunglasses, beads, ribbons, and leftovers from the ways and means table. Nothing goes to waste and everyone is "feeling the love." Each district was asked to bring a brag board to display pictures and information about the fun activities and accomplishments that they were most proud of.



Everyone enjoyed an uplifting and really fun evening. (Pictured left is Rosie Trujillo, Director of Hill & Dale District – her sash displayed her theme, "Vine and Roses" and she is wearing a crown with a beaded "R." Photo by Linda Oberloh.)

Washington State garden planners never forget to attend the Northwest Flower & Garden Show. This year's theme is "Art in Bloom." Check out the *Speakers at a Glance* page on the website www.gardenshow.com before you plan your visit. This year's show dates are February 5 – 9, 2014 at the Washington State Convention Center. Visit our WSFGC booth and show our hostesses what you have purchased, or bring them a beverage, or clue them in as to what booth has the latest freebie or chocolate sample. We are all in this together.

Next stop for Washington adventure is our Gala XXXVI on March 10, 2014. Gina Jogan will be our guest designer. Gina is an NGC Flower Show School and Symposium Instructor from Florida. This is our annual fundraiser for our Headquarters House and includes lunch, design program, auction, and vendors. We love any excuse to participate, educate, and celebrate all of the good things that garden club membership offers.

Objectives of Landscape Design Schools

From NGC Newspapers, Fall 2013 – submitted by Della Colver Barry, LD Chairman



Develop a greater sense of appreciation, pride, and knowledge about our private and public gardens.

- ✿ Become better educated to make changes in our surroundings so that they will be more beautiful, useful, convenient, ecologically sound, and easily maintained.
- ✿ Stimulate interest in all phases of landscape design, including community planning that will affect all of our lives.
- ✿ Develop a contingent of qualified Landscape Design Consultants to serve in such decision-making areas of public life as providing leadership, educational programs, scholarships, awards, and promoting better landscape design.

NGC LDS Chairman Jane Bersch states: "You may need a LD Refresher. Consultants must refresh within five years of receiving their status as Consultant or last Refresher. Providing all students

and Consultants with Form LDS 16 will remind them of this and of their responsibilities."

**California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Rita Desilets, President**

Theme: "Growing Together"



Keeping our state's membership numbers strong is of great importance. During this term our 2nd Vice President's primary job is to identify existing clubs and plant societies that are not currently part of CGCI and invite them to join our over 21,000 members.

What strategies can be used to locate these prospective new groups? One potentially productive source is the internet. A search of the various plant society websites can provide numerous leads.

A form has been developed to collect information from CGCI members who become aware of a club or plant society that should be contacted. Perhaps the club meets in the local community or has sponsored a table at a fair or garden-related event.

Once identified, a cover letter, Benefits of Membership sheet and membership application form are mailed to the group. Hopefully they will respond positively to the invitation and reap the benefits of membership in California Garden Clubs, Inc.

In Memoriam: Terry Permenter

PR Environmental Concerns Terry Permenter passed away in December. Terry was born in 1958 and has been an NGC member for about 20 years, currently on Washington's board as *Smoke Signals* Environmental Concerns Chairman and Recycling Awards Chairman. He has served on Pacific Region's Board for around six years. His South Whidbey Garden Club friends in Washington as well as in the Pacific Region will miss him.



Condolences may be sent to his wife, PR Recycling Chairman: Rhonda Permenter, 6125 Morgan Road, Freeland, WA 98249-9474

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.

Photography in Standard Flower Shows

By: Marva Lee Peterschick, Flower Show Schools Chairman



In 2012, NGC provided yet another outlet for creative talents of garden club members. In the Special Exhibits Division of a Standard Flower Show, a section with photography classes could be added to schedules. All

photography exhibits should be related to horticulture, gardening or other objectives of NGC.

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs added a section of photography classes to their state holiday show held in November of 2013. The schedule was circulated in late August with pre-registration on the photography classes. To show the extent of interest in these type exhibits, the pre-registration chairman filled the adult photography classes the next day!

Lessons learned from experiences in adding photography to a Standard flower show:

1. Pay close attention in listing the size of photos. In the fall 2012 issue of *The National Gardener*, the criteria on Photography in flower shows was listed. It stated that all images should be matted, and may or may not be over-matted with no frames permitted. Matting for photos comes in standard sizes like 8x10 or 5x7. Try to make sure your exhibitors do not need to pay for custom matting of an off-size like 8 1/2 x 11".
2. Paper selection is very important; it can improve or detract on the photo presentation.
3. Staging of photos at a flower show is very important. The Show Committee must provide an attractive and neutral color background that will not detract from photos when displayed.
4. Add a section for photography for Youth in the Special Exhibits Division. Most youth are more confident with this subject, and they are easy to transport to the show.

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

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Peggy Olin, President

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



Multnomah District, Ramblin' Rows Garden Club Shepherd's Door Vegetable Garden "The Farm" - It started as a shaded, woody lot next door to Shepherd's Door Recovery Residence for women and children only used for collecting and storing large amounts of yard debris. With encouragement from members of

Ramblin' Rows Garden Club the environmental coordinator began implementing her dream for a raised bed vegetable garden at the beginning of 2012. After a lot of hard work and many hours, there is now a flourishing garden that has been supplying nutritious food for the residents.

Before the garden could be realized, various preparations were needed besides getting rid of the piles of yard debris. The Coordinator contacted many companies who willingly donated or discounted work for removing trees that were shading the location, laying pipes for a watering system and supplying soil or soil amendments. She recruited church members who leveled the land, constructed and filled the raised beds and laid down gravel for walkways. Garden Club members started seeds in pots to provide a variety of vegetable plant (onions, beets, Swiss chard, melons to name a few) for the finished beds.

The residents of Shepherd's Door enjoyed the harvest from "The Farm." Fantastic dinners with baked zucchini and many salads have been made since the beginning of summer using finely cut kale and Swiss chard added to the salads so that the other residents didn't notice they were getting this nutritious food.

They are watching their pumpkins get bigger and bigger to the delight of the children at the center. Donations of blueberry and raspberry plants have added the promise of fruit next year and four new lettuce beds. According to the residents, the garden is a rousing success! They have not only been able to

have delicious fresh produce, but they benefited from the camaraderie of working with adult volunteers and learning about planting and maintaining a garden.

Issue Deadlines

May 2014 deadline 3-25-14
 August 2014 deadline 6-25-14
 November 2014 deadline 9-25-14

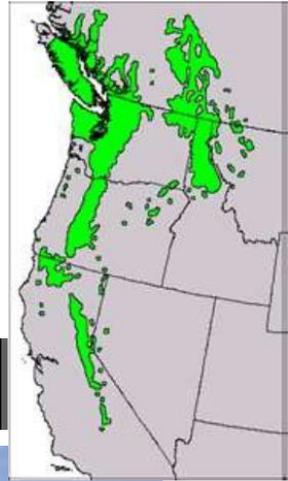
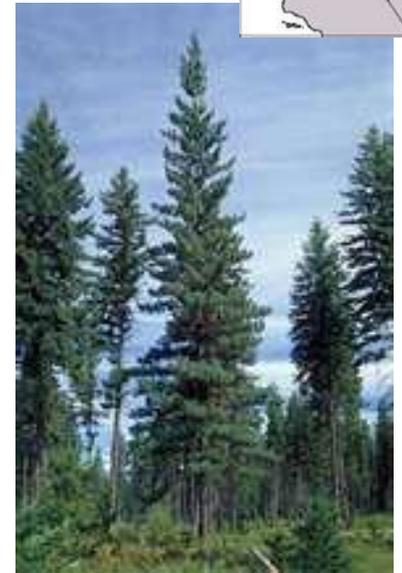
**Idaho State Tree:
 the Western White Pine**



**(Pinus Monticola
 pinaceae)**

*By Robyn McCarthy,
 Garden Clubs of Idaho,
 Inc.*

Our state tree is probably most notable since the largest remaining stand of this timber in the United States grows in the northern part of



Idaho. Tall and slender, the Western White Pine is native to forests of the Pacific Northwest from British Columbia to Montana, Washington, Oregon and the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California. It has blue-green needles 2 to 4 inches long in groups of 5 and slender cones 6 to 12 inches long that are curved when dry. This conifer has been seen to grow from 100 to 180 feet. It has many other fine qualities such as straight grain and soft, even texture in its wood. This tree has been severely devastated in Idaho by the white pine blister rust. This pathogen was introduced from Europe and Asia in the early 1920's and has since spread throughout most of the range of the pine hosts. Genetic resistance is currently the major management tool available for helping to re-establish this pine. The mountain pine beetle has also taken its toll on the western white pine. You will be lucky to see a healthy specimen. The Western White Pine was named Idaho's state tree in 1935. – www.idaho.gov



White pine bark

White pine habitat



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70TH Annual Convention – July 1-3, 2014

“A Jewel in the Gem State”



The Coeur d'Alene Resort

115 S. 2nd Street, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Telephone: 1-800-688-5253 E-Mail:

cdainfo@cdaresort.com

Each Person attending the convention must fill out a separate form.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Telephone: _____

State Garden Club: _____ Pacific Region Position _____

Voting Status: PR Board of Directors Member Delegate

BADGE INFORMATION – Please check all that apply:

- NGC President
- Pacific Region Director
- Former Pac. Region Director
- Pacific Region Officer
- Pacific Region State President
- Pacific Region Chairman
- NGC Chairman
- Alternate Delegate
- NGC Life Member
- Pacific Region Life Member
- Environmental Consultant
- Flower Show Judge
- Gardening Consultant
- Landscape Design Consultant
- Spouse or Guest
- First Time Attendee
- Garden Club Member

PACKAGE PLAN REGISTRATION:

Plan includes: Registration (\$35 - \$25 for Idaho members), 3 Banquets, 2 Lunches, Boat Cruise/Garden Tour.

Full-time Package - received by June 10	\$355	\$ _____
Full-Time Package, Idaho Members – received by June 10	\$345	\$ _____
Full-time Package - received <u>after June 10</u>	\$380	\$ _____

PART-TIME REGISTRATION:

Part-time (per day) Registration Fee (meals not included; add below if meal desired)	# of days _____	\$ 20 ea.	\$ _____
Spouse/Guest Per-Meal Registration Fee (add cost of meal below)	# of meals _____	\$ 5 ea.	\$ _____
Tuesday, July 1: Life Member Banquet (Wild Caught Fresh Salmon)		\$ 75	\$ _____
Wednesday, July 2: Lunch (“Idaho Potato Bar”), Boat Cruise, Garden Tour		\$ 46	\$ _____
Wednesday, July 2: Design Banquet (Prime Rib of Beef)		\$ 79	\$ _____
Thursday, July 3: Luncheon (Summer Fruit Salad & Spring Pea Soup)		\$ 45	\$ _____
Thursday, July 3: Awards Banquet (Chicken & Brie Wellington)		\$ 75	\$ _____

(All meals are open to all members, spouses and guests)

OPTIONAL TOURS:

Glacier National Park – 3-day Pre-Convention bus tour; June 27-30

See separate flyer for details. Cost: \$579 per person. Payment made directly to tour company (Alpha Omega Tours). \$100 deposit due with registration before May 1.

History of Coeur d'Alene & Clark House Mansion Lunch (Tuesday, July 1; 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) \$110 \$ _____

Wallace Silver Mine (Thursday, July 3; 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) \$110 \$ _____

PACIFIC REGION CONVENTION TOTAL: \$ _____

Diet Restrictions: _____

Deadline to register: June 10 No Refunds after June 16, 2014

Make check payable to “National Garden Clubs, Inc.” (Please note “PR 2014 Convention” on memo line)

Mail registration and check to: Maxine Smolowitz, 3925 E. 9th N, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-5435 (Telephone: 208-523-0373)



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Tentative Program Schedule

Monday, June 30

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Registration and check-in for Tuesday morning tour
Idaho's 2014 State Convention (Idaho Members Only)

Tuesday, July 1

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Registration
Optional Tour: *Coeur d'Alene History & Clark Mansion Luncheon*
Vendor & Exhibit Set Up
Finance/Budget Committee
Policy & Procedure Committee
Executive Committee
No-Host Reception (In Vendor Room)
Life Member Banquet ("A Black & White Affair")
Program: *"70 Years of Pacific-Region Conventions"*
Entertainment: *"Dueling Piano & Choir Ladies"*
(Menu: *Wild Caught Fresh Salmon*)

Wednesday, July 2

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Vendor Room Open
Board of Directors Meeting
Opening of Convention
Opening Business Session
Boat Cruise Luncheon on Coeur d'Alene Lake (*Enjoy an Idaho Potato Bar!*)
Stop at the home of Coeur d'Alene Resort Owner Duane Hagadone to visit his private garden (*"Casco Bay Gardens"*).
BeeGap Program - Learn about the new partnership between NGC and Crown Bees designed to create awareness and encourage gardeners to raise gentle, rarely stinging Mason Bees for food and flower pollination.
Free time to relax or explore the many unique shops that surround the Resort.
No-Host Reception (in Vendor Room)
Design Banquet – Jon Throne, Designer
(Menu: *Prime Rib of Beef*)

Thursday, July 3

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Vendor Room Open
Business Meeting Resumes
Luncheon (Menu: *Summer Fruit Salad & Spring Pea Soup*)
Speaker: Linda Larson (*"Remarkable Trees"*)
Optional Tour: *Wallace, Idaho Silver Mine Tour*
No-Host Reception (Outside Patio – *Lakeview Terrace Patio*)
Awards Banquet (Lakeview Terrace Patio)
Presentation of Awards
NGC President, *Linda Nelson*, Message
(Menu: *Modern Chicken & Brie Wellington*)

You Know You're From Idaho When:

- You know all 4 seasons: Almost Winter, Winter, Still Winter, and Construction.
- You know how to correctly pronounce "Boise, Idaho."
- In March your vehicle is 43% mud.

- You leave your keys in the car and the next morning it's still there.
- The rattling sound of a dried seed pod along the trail will produce Olympic class broad jumps on a moment's notice.

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Convention Information



The Coeur d'Alene Resort

115 S. 2nd Street, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
Telephone 1-800-688-5253

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. is excited to host the Pacific Region's **70th Convention**, to be held at *The Coeur d'Alene Resort* in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. This 18 story, 4-Diamond Resort is located on the north shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene, a natural lake in the Idaho Panhandle.

It spans 25 miles long, ranges from one to three miles wide and has over 109 miles of shoreline. The Resort features a marina, spa, indoor and outdoor pools, fitness center, and, of course, a world famous golf course. There are many hiking trails, a 71-mile bike trail, and ample locations in The Resort to just relax! Golf Digest magazine says that this resort is not just an escape, it's an experience!

Resort Room Reservations:

We were very fortunate to reserve our Convention in Coeur d'Alene during the 4th of July week! This is one the busiest weeks of the year in Coeur d'Alene, and their 4th of July celebration is spectacular, but it does attract huge numbers of people. Thanks to our members who heeded the suggestions to book your rooms before January 1, 2014! Our entire block of rooms at The Resort, plus a few extra, have been booked. The Resort is at 100% occupancy.

We were able to acquire a block of rooms at The Resorts sister property, and space is still available there, but it will not last long. This property is ***Best Western Plus, Coeur d'Alene Inn.*** It is located 2 miles from The Resort where our meetings will be held, but they will provide complimentary shuttles to and from The Resort for our members. The address for this hotel is: 506 West Appleway, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814; telephone 1-800-251-7829. Room rates here are the same as The Resort, \$139 for July 1-3, and \$169 if you wish to stay over for the **4th of July.** Complimentary breakfast is included. Mention "*Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs*" when making your reservation. If assistance is needed, contact Convention Chairman, Sandra Ford, 208-853-6575, or email at sandraford@cablone.net.



Best Western Plus, Coeur d'Alene Inn

If you have not yet booked your hotel room, please do so right away!

Airport and Shuttle information:

The Spokane (Washington) International Airport is 40 minutes west of Coeur d'Alene. US Air, Alaska, Delta, Horizon, Southwest, United and Frontier all serve the airport. The resort has shuttle service to the airport. It costs \$69 round-trip...make a reservation when you reserve your room, or call the hotel at 1-800-688-5253.

Parking at The Resort:

The Resort has a covered parking garage. Valet parking is \$22 per day, and self-parking is \$17 per day.

Meeting Facilities:



All of our meetings will be held in *The Resorts Conference Center* which contains 25 separate meeting rooms. **The Center is located just past the front entrance of the Resort** and signage will direct you to the correct room(s). There will be other conventions/meetings taking place at the same time as Pacific Region, but you will find this to be a well-organized facility and easy to maneuver.

Shopping in Coeur d'Alene:

Our Resort is located in the heart of downtown Coeur d'Alene. The city, founded in 1888, is an entertainment and shopping center with more than **125 retail stores** that are steps away from the front door of the Resort.

Tours:

Three optional tours are planned. An amazing 3-day Pre-Convention Tour to **Glacier National Park** is June 27-30. Please see the tour information sheet for full details. Because of the busy season of this trip, registration is open on January 1, 2014 – **please register as early as possible.** A registration coupon is attached to the information flyer...please detach and send to our tour company along with the \$100 deposit. Registration period is January 1 to May 1. Final payment is due by June 1. A minimum of 25 participants are needed for this trip.

During the Convention, there are also two optional tours that will really give you an understanding of Northern Idaho and its importance in early American history. Details of each are attached, and payment information for these is included on your convention registration form.

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Optional Tours

History of Coeur d'Alene & Clark House Mansion Lunch

Tuesday, July 1, 2014 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (15 people minimum)

Discover the rich history and scenic beauty of Coeur d'Alene. View the site of Fort Sherman, which was the beginning of Coeur d'Alene in 1898. General William Tecumseh Sherman camped by Coeur d'Alene Lake in 1877 and recommended that spot for a fort. It was designed to keep peace with the Indians, protect the railroad & telegraph lines, and guard the border with Canada. The troops left in 1898 for the Spanish American War. You'll also see the beautiful lakeside homes in the area surrounding The Resort.



Then, we will travel north to Hayden Lake for an elegant three course lunch at the Clark House Mansion which majestically rests on a 12-acre estate overlooking the lake. It was originally built in 1910 by F. Lewis Clark and his wife, Winifred. For some time, it was the most expensive home in Idaho. F. Lewis mysteriously disappeared and was never heard from again in 1914. Winifred struggled for years to preserve the fortune, but by 1922 she was broke and the bank took possession of the home. Over the years it fell into disrepair and was scheduled for destruction in 1988, in a burn exercise for the county fire department. Luckily it was purchased at the last minute by two gentlemen who completely renovated the 15,000 square foot mansion to its original glory.

After our three-course lunch at the House we will return to the Resort. Cost of this tour is \$110.

Wallace Silver Mine Tour

Thursday, July 3, 2014 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
(15 people minimum)

Wallace, Idaho is about a 45-minute bus ride on Interstate-95 from our Resort. The entire town is listed on the National Register of Historical Places, and is considered the "Silver Capital of the World." You will be in the world's richest silver district. It is the source of more than 1.3 billion ounces of precious metal over the past century, and poised to produce another billion ounces in the next century. It also has produced 3 million tons of zinc, and tons of copper and gold.



It is also part of the 1910 Fire, the largest forest fire in American history. In two days, August 20 and 21, three million acres of timberland was destroyed in a fire fueled by hurricane-force winds that turned the fire into a blowtorch. This is the birthplace of Lana Turner (1921), and where "Dante's Peak" was filmed.



Wallace is unique because of its fine collection of turn-of-the-century buildings, many designed by nationally known architects. Many have been intact for a hundred years or more.

Our tour begins with a brief vintage trolley ride and history tour of Wallace. Once at the mine, you will be fitted with a hard hat. Your guide, a retired miner, will give a brief overview and then it is into the mine. Exhibits and demonstrations will show you first-hand what it took to be a hard-rock miner. Aside from a short, easy climb up 25

concrete steps to the mine, the 1,000 foot guided tour through the U-shaped tunnel is a comfortable slight decline on a smooth surface with no tight spaces or ups and down. Cost of this tour is \$110.

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Golf

If you are a golfer you will know that The Course at The Coeur d'Alene Resort has one of the best-known icons in golf...**the famous Floating Green on the 14th hole!** The experts at Golf Digest, Golf Magazine and Conde Nast Traveler agree – this is one of world's best golf experiences.



- The course is a Par 71
- 6,803 Yards in Length
- Encompasses 200 Acres
- Includes 45 miles of concrete cart paths
- Contoured course; you're not able to see other golfers
- 1,500 Wild Flowers
- 4,000 Petunias
- 25,000 Junipers
- 30,000 Geraniums (most red)



Our Convention Golf Chairman, Janet Petersen and her husband, Peter have special rates arranged if any of our members, or their guests, are interested in playing. Here is a message from Janet and Peter:

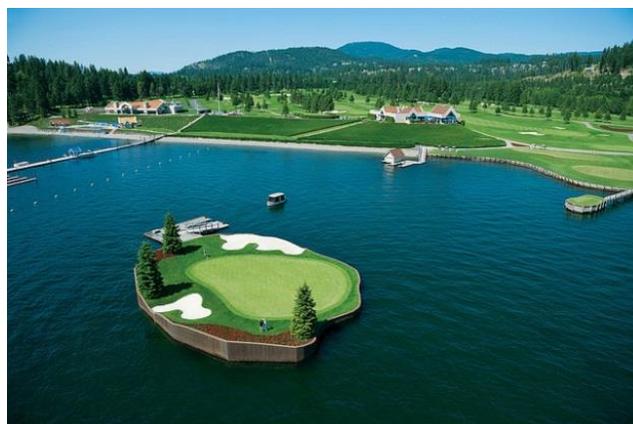
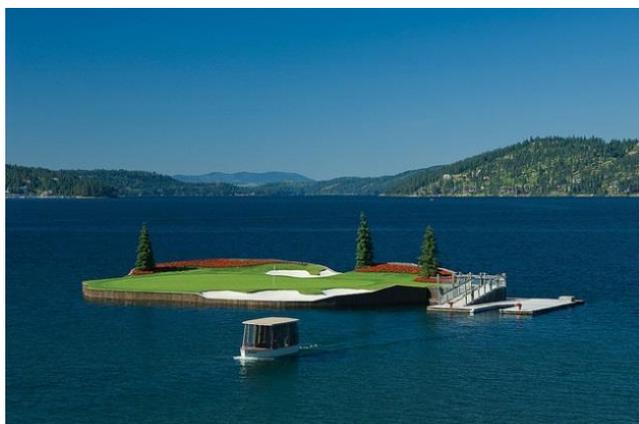
Bring your clubs and come and play The Coeur d'Alene -- "America's most beautiful resort course." The Coeur d'Alene is one of only a select few golf courses in the nation to be honored with the highly esteemed Gold Medal designation and the coveted 5—Star award from Golf Digest.

Engineered to maximize an exhilarating round of golf, the 6,803 yard course boasts lush bent grass fairways and greens as well. Distracting views of Lake Coeur d'Alene can be seen from nearly every hole on the course. It's laden with more than 30,000 brilliant geraniums and fragment Junipers for a park-like setting. Most golfers are fascinated by the unique challenge of the 14th hole, a floating, movable island green that is reachable only by boat.

The golf course day rate is \$270 per player, but **we will have a special rate of \$150** for all of our members during our stay at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Our special group rate includes water taxi to the course, 18 holes of golf, golf cart, unlimited floating practice ball, personalized bag tag, forecaddie and complimentary warm-up sports massage. Please note that a forecaddie is provided and is required for each foursome and they do work on gratuities (customary is \$25 per player).

Please contact Janet and Peter Petersen (*Golf Chairman*) at janetnpeter@gmail.com to sign up to play or for more information. Dates of play will be July 1-2-3. Cut-off date for signing up is May 26, 2014.

We are looking forward to playing golf with you.



4th of July in Coeur d'Alene

We hope you are staying for “old fashioned 4th of July” celebration,
here is a brief outline of the events in Coeur d'Alene:



Hero's Parade - 11:00 a.m.

A real home-grown 4th of July Parade, including a fly-by of the A-10 Thunderbolts of the Air National Guard. The parade is held on Sherman Avenue....right in front of The Resort.

All day in Coeur d'Alene Park

The park is next to The Resort and will have activities starting early in the morning, and going until late in the evening! Including live music, food vendors (lots of BBQ), old west and other costumes, games, and just lots of fun!

Activities are not limited to the park...the entire city is full of activities, and, of course, lots of shopping, with emphasis on antiques.

Fireworks over the Lake

At dusk, one of the largest fireworks display in the Northwest begins right over the lake in front of The Resort. If you have a waterfront room, you will have a wonderful view. There are plenty of viewing positions in town and at Coeur d'Alene Park (pictured at right). The fireworks will be displayed for about 30-minutes.



View Fireworks from a boat on the Lake!

Several tour boats take passengers on the lake to view the 4th of July Fireworks show. The Resort will have several boats, and there are private tour boats.

The Resort has no information about tickets this early, but they typically go on sale in April, and sell out by the first part of June. **Mark your calendar to call The Resort's concierge early if you want to have reservations on a boat for the 4th of July Fireworks!** It will be a 4th of July you will remember!!



Convention Speaker

By Sandy Ford, Convention Chairman



Jon Robert Throne AIFD, CFD was inducted into the American Institute of Floral Designers in 2001. His 24-year career started with a spider plant when he was five and his tomato plant when he was 6. From there the passion of growing plants led into his passion for the

unique and unusual use of floral related products. Jon studied Horticulture at Michigan State University.

Jon worked as Design Manager at a multi-shop operation in Michigan before moving to the Northwest. He Recently Purchased Countryside Floral in Issaquah, WA in December 2012 where he had worked as Creative Director and Wedding and Event Specialist for the last 10 years. Although his Specialties in Floral for Weddings and Events and Christmas Home Décor, his Hobbies also include Gardening, Orchids, Water Gardens, and Shade Gardens.

Jon has been a featured designer at programs in California, Idaho, Montana, Michigan, Portland, Greater Seattle-Tacoma area and Several Programs for AIFD Symposiums.

His numerous awards, published articles, NW Flower and Garden submissions, *O'Trees* contributions, and magazine photo shoots have established him as a nationally sought after designer.

San Clemente GC Succulent Wreaths

By Launa Gould, San Clemente Garden Club (California)



San Clemente Garden Club holds their annual succulent wreath workshop in the fall. The wreaths take a lot of time to make but will last a few years.

Attendees bring succulents to share so we always have a variety to choose from. This year we added pumpkins decorated with succulents. We did not cut the pumpkins, just glue-gunned the succulents on top. They should last through Thanksgiving. Several new members attended and were inspired.



Parliamentary Tip

By Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian



You can help meetings go smoothly. Be familiar with basic **parliamentary procedure** (a set of democratic rules to govern meetings and make decisions consistently and fairly) and with your group's bylaws and/or other written rules. Use the rules to help your group do business efficiently. For details on the rules, check your organization's parliamentary authority – the designated rule book (usually, but not always, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*) on parliamentary procedure.

By Verna Pratt, *Native Plants/Wildflowers Chairman*

I have long been an advocate of native plants. Having been raised in their own location from seed to maturity native plants develop a system of survival that is almost uncanny. When you move a plant from another location or plant a nursery grown plant it takes a long while before they adjust and can adapt to the soil, nutrients and conditions in the new location. They, especially perennials, are a lot like humans in many ways, and are more comfortable in their own familiar environment. Unfortunately they cannot move if conditions are not to their liking. Eventually many will adjust to a revised form, but it may not be to their advantage or desirous to a gardener.



Annuals, on the other hand, adapt more readily to changes. They have a built in survival impulse. After all the current year may be their only hope unless they produce copious amounts of long lasting viable seeds. Many weedy species adopt that trait to assure their survival. Actually only a small number of seeds produce plants that survive to maturity which is in their best interest. If they all survived, they would crowd each other out, become attacked by insects or disease, or produce weak plants with inferior seeds. Anyone who has grown lettuce or carrots understands this situation. I don't believe that any plant really likes over-crowding. The "strong guys" win, and then there is no over-crowding. Hopefully the strong guys are native plants to the area.

When I was a child, there wasn't much concern about introduced species. Even though I knew some of the plants along the roadside were not native plants, I don't recall any that were overtaking the native plants. Since then however there has been much more careless use of cover crops in agriculture and not enough rigid rules until after the whole situation got out of hand. In Alaska, this problem has become enormous and probably beyond control. Many areas in agricultural communities are inundated by *vicia cracca*, *Melilotus* species and many other members of

the *Fabaceae* (Pea) family along with members of the *Brassicaceae* (Mustard) family (see picture below). It was many years before anyone really noticed what was happening and many people do not recognize it as a problem until it affects an area that concerns them. It is quite common to hear comments like "but they are so pretty" or "Have you seen those cute little lupines (*Vicia cracca*) along the highway"? (See picture left column)

Alaska does not have many of the invasions of introduced plants that are so prevalent in other states but it is



rapidly increasing as highway reseeding expands. Some of the older highways still have wonderful displays of native plants, but even 2% of weed seeds in a mix is too much. Everyone wants good roads and

likes to see the areas restored by reseeding, but perhaps it is time to require that growers of seed mixes pay more attention to eliminating weed seeds. Yes, many of them are pretty, and yes, they do help prevent erosion, but so would native species. Unfortunately, in Alaska there are very few showy annuals. There have been some attempts at seeding with native plants along with a non-hardy annual grass that fills in the void while the perennials grow, and it seems to be quite successful. Unfortunately there is not a large source of native plant seed available. Many more species of invasive plants are now appearing along the roadsides as highways are improved and reseeded. There are a few governmental entities that are trying to eradicate new species before they bloom and go to seed. With limited funds and personnel it sometimes seems like it is an endless chore even though it is rewarding to see the improvement and the return of native plants. I have been involved in a few attempts at removing invasive plants and am pleased with the results even though they are not totally under control yet. Two books that I have found that are really informative on weeds are: *Weeds of the Northeast*, Published by Comstock Publishing in conjunction with Cornell University, and *Weeds of the Northern U.S. and Canada* published by Lone Pine Publishing.

Habitat for Humanity is For All of Us

By Sally Thompson, Habitat for Humanity Gardens Chairman

How does Habitat for Humanity work in your area? There are so many ways for this organization to be recognized and truly useful in every community.

Some communities auction special prizes to be bid on, silent bid style. Or they may have a raffle with a large donated item. Why not try "passing the hat" at a district or club meeting. Others simply send notices in the mail for donations.

For a group to be successful, either in raising monies or actual building, it is more beneficial to combine several community clubs and service organizations. Strive for groups with members of all ages and capabilities.

Some will be able to provide money donations, and others will provide the skills for building. Garden clubs can assist the landscaping plan and seek plant donations. The actual planting can be a co-op effort also, with the high school students working along with the garden club members.



Our small town of about 24,000 residents has a system with volunteers on a schedule. Thursdays and Saturdays, volunteers do actual building. On Fridays and Saturdays volunteers work at the local ReStore store, accepting donations, stock shelves, assist customers and run a cash register.

Try one or more of these options to really work in your area. Habitat for Humanity is for all of us.

Container Gardening

By Millie Hisey, Container Gardening Chairman



Spring containers are instant gratification, this time of the year you want plants in bloom already with a luxury of flowers. Plants of hyacinths in bud with violas say spring. Tips for care: sun to part shade, moist soil, deadhead violas to keep them blooming longer. When planting a container with crowded plants do as tightly planting as possible, example: hyacinths of mixed colors, (may need staking as they

grow taller) coral bells, squeeze the roots to shoehorn it in, foliage of bacopa will spill over the edge, hakonchace doesn't have a dense root system, so knock little soil off to make it fit. Be sure roots are wet when you start adjusting them, and water thoroughly after the plants are set. Use a general purpose potting mix, the plants will be in pots for a month or two. Continue feeding with a soluble fertilizer to keep the blooms coming. Watch the thermometer, days are warm, evenings cool, if frost they would probably be safe but it would be safer to set them in the garage.



Once flowers fade, I save any of the plants that would stand the heat like bacopa, and use them in summer combos. Plant hyacinths with coral bells in the garden as perennials. Summer containers vary with lush annuals; bulbs and herbs to give a mix of colors and textures. Tropical flair, plant elephant ears with hardy

hibiscus and variegated lantana, water deeply once or twice a week around elephant ears and hibiscus, less around lantana. Feed weekly with balanced liquid full strength fertilizer, part shade with morning sun.

Other lush summer planting: Houseplants are extremely easy to care for and another reason why they're the perfect foundation to start with when planting containers. But they thrive outside with a little bit of planning. Accommodate their needs, such as less water or more sun when you plants them in separate containers. Keep your combos bright, lush and healthy.



Container 12" in diameter: scarlet star, *Guzmania lingulata* 1 plant; Australian tree fern *Cyathea cooperi* 1 plant and *colelus solenostemon* 'Kong Red' 3 plants; variegated airplane plant (spider plant), 2 plants; Algerian ivy *hedera canariensis* 1 plant.

Container 14" in diameter: 1 plant of each: houseplant mother-in-law's tongue, fuchsia, golden club moss, impatiens ('Cherry Splash'), begonia, mother fern.



Now let's get started planting!

Why Public Relations and Publicity Are Important to Your Garden Club

By Juanita Peterson, Publicity/Public Relations Chairman

Public relations and publicity are about connecting your projects with your people. What projects? What people?

As I read through *WACONIAH* I am always impressed by the wide variety of garden club projects: "How to Put a New Twist on Recycling" in Washington; communicating the benefits of being a local affiliate to a national and state organization in Arizona; local and state participation in scholarship programs in California; planting and teaching others how to plant, nurture, and reap the benefits of a community garden in Oregon; Habitat for Humanity Landscaping in Nevada; sponsoring horticulture education and seminars in Idaho; keeping current members and attracting new ones in Alaska; and designing native plant gardens for the public to enjoy in Hawaii.

Wow! Those are some of the projects being done by the 28,648 members of the Pacific Region garden clubs. A wide diversity of projects attracts and keeps a wide diversity of members and piques the interest of the public, who might want to get involved in one of your projects.

Most of us garden club members are interested in gardening in general, certain plants/projects in particular, and love to discuss our successes and, yes, some failures, at growing a favorite specimen.

This is the personal part of public relations. The one to one conversations about where we live, what we're planting, the challenges and rewards of gardening, and trying to answer, or find an answer, to a prickly problem to help someone else "bloom where they are

planted." Often, part of that bloom is a new friendship.

The next step in public relations is to let our public—city, area, state—know about these same things. For our larger public, it is important to get our good deeds some "ink," albeit, these days many of our words get "out there" via the mysterious cyber world.

A good first step is to contact your local newspaper: introduce yourself and your club and learn the preferred format for accepting/printing news. Put notices of your meetings in the paper. And when your fundraisers, special events, or projects bear fruition, request a reporter and photographer to document your work so the public can see what you're doing, "Oh, that's who donated that sculpture—or planted that tree."

If you have a website, publish your good deeds and photos there, too. And, always, publish your contact information. "Our Garden Club welcomes new members. For more information, call _____."

Public relations and publicity build a mutually beneficial relationship between your garden club and your public. Start writing!

Idaho Friendship Garden

By Robyn McCarthy, Trees & Shrubs Chairman



Something very exciting has been happening over the past three years in Idaho Falls. It's the renewal and continued development of the Japanese Friendship Garden located on the bank of the Snake River in downtown Idaho Falls.

History of the one acre garden goes back to 1981 when a Sister City Agreement was signed between Idaho Falls and Tokai-Mura, Japan. At that time two beautiful stone lanterns were gifted to the garden by Tokai. The two cities make a perfect match as both

have nuclear research laboratories and had been exchanging scientists, engineers and technology for many years. The cities were of similar size and shared many artistic and cultural interests. It was the desire to promote a positive relationship with Japan and heal the memories of WWII and the Japanese-American Internment Camps that brought many of Japanese ancestry to Idaho.

Since the Agreement's inception, visiting delegations have been exchanged between the two cities. Thirty people were scheduled to visit Tokai-Mura in 2011. Unfortunately, the March 2011 earthquake 80 miles north of Tokai-Mura caused major destruction in the town and the exchange of the Idaho Falls group was cancelled.

Over the years since 1981, interest in keeping up the garden was lost and it became an embarrassment when the Japanese delegation visited Idaho Falls. Because of the 2011 earthquake and the coming 30th Anniversary of the Garden in July of 2012, interest was sparked to improve the garden. A volunteer steering committee headed by Judy Seydel comprised of Master Gardeners, Southeast District Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. members, Sister Cities members, Master Naturalists, arborists, citizen volunteers, and a landscape architect began in early summer 2011 to revive it.

Over the past three growing seasons great progress has been made in the reconstruction of the garden totally through volunteer work and donations. A Kanji stone depicting Japanese symbols for "Friendship" was purchased with a grant awarded to Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. New plantings were added that closely conform to the traditional Japanese flora yet which also can thrive in Idaho Falls' climate. Since March 2011, the project has attracted significant volunteer efforts and monetary donations of approximately \$59,000. Volunteer work groups have come from Kohl's, the Idaho National Laboratory, Key Bank, McAfee Corporation, the Idaho Falls Civitan Clubs, the Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, a professional artist, and county jail detail groups as well as unaffiliated individuals. Over 200 volunteers have logged approximately 7,500 hours of time at the garden site itself.

Volunteer work groups have made many site improvements beginning with cleaning out overgrown brush, dead trees and weeds. Waterfalls and stream beds were repaired. Plant beds were constructed. Over \$6,000 in specimen plants and trees were added over the past three years from grants awarded by Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. Timber steps and stone stairs have been improved, a wooden footbridge and ponds added and instructional signs placed for visitors. A redwood entrance gate was built. A bog pond was created with a millstones "dragon's path" through the pond. A 40 x 28 foot redwood deck was built over some old fish runs that is now a favorite

location for wedding photographs and yoga classes. Years of graffiti have been cleaned from overhead bridge piers. Two travertine stone benches were gifted by Southeast District Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.

The Japanese Friendship Garden was quite presentable for the 30th Anniversary celebrated on July 2, 2012. It continues to be a rewarding, viable, and successful community volunteer work - in - progress. This past summer our Blue Star Memorial Marker was incorporated into the Japanese plantings. A pavilion is presently in construction. It will have a tile roof and a moon window to greet the Japanese delegation of July 2014.

Many of you will be traveling to Coeur d'Alene this coming June to attend the Pacific Region Convention. If your route takes you through Idaho Falls please stop and visit our beautiful Japanese Friendship Garden. It is located to the south of the Broadway Bridge downtown. Use the Key Bank parking lot to access the bridge which crosses the Snake River to the small island where the garden is located.

Alaska Garden Clubs
Becky Hassebroek, President

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

Ah.....winter in Alaska. So tranquil, so peaceful! Summers are amazingly busy here. Our plants (and weeds) grow so fast - if we could sit still we could actually watch them grow. Now it's time for a bit of relief. We get a break from our outside gardening, replacing lawn mowers with snow blowers and rakes with snow shovels. The holidays are over, the New Year is upon us! We can sit back now and relax for a while! Isn't that your vision - all of us in the North Country just hunkered down awaiting Spring?!



The holiday flower show and parties are behind us, our plans for the coming year are finalized, and we look forward to this time of relaxing visits with friends, great educational programs to expand our minds, bringing members of the community in to join us and learn what we do, sharing garden therapy

Horticulture Therapy – What Does This Mean?

By Debbie Skow, Therapy Gardens Chairman

with shut-ins, workshops to implement new ideas that we've learned, and a myriad of other activities! We find more and more members that have dual memberships in other clubs, willing to share the knowledge they've learned in their own club with their neighbors! There is never a dull moment among Alaskan gardeners!

Alas...we haven't even had a chance to learn to write 2014 before we open up the mail and the seed catalogs are here already! It's time to get up and get moving again – none of this relaxing mode! It's a New Year! And, we're so glad it is!



Some more graceful than others (this little guy's back end came up before his front – maybe we can learn from him?), we rise to the occasion and start planning our summer gardens, our flower shows, our prize entries in the fair, our tours to share the successes (and hard to hide those failures) of the New Year. I believe Alaskans are the supreme optimists. We are ever ready to strive forward (in this picture our friendly young moose is heading for the compost pile!). Did I say that all of our clubs in Alaska have wonderful culinary treats at all of their functions – I've heard that's one of the main draws for new people to come to meetings!?



Before long it will be Springtime in Alaska! We'll be ready. And, we've all had a delightful winter planning for its arrival! See You Soon!



The American Horticulture Therapy Association defines *Horticulture Therapy* as a process that uses plants and plant-related activities through

which participants strive to improve their well-being through passive or active involvement. As gardeners, we know firsthand the therapeutic benefits of gardening. We find simple joy in working the land, sowing seeds, nurturing our vegetables and flowers, planting native plants for wildlife, cutting flowers for bouquets and designs...the list goes on.

It's easy to share your joy of gardening with others through passive and active garden projects. If your club has never ventured into this territory, start small. Two simple projects come to mind:

~ Make floral arrangements for hospital patients or retirement home and assisted living residents. If expense is an issue, keep costs low by using recycled containers and flowers and greenery from your members' gardens. Turn this into an active horticulture therapy project by teaching these residents how to make the floral arrangements with you.

~ A no cost idea is to invite these residents to join your club on its next garden tour. Recreation Therapists and Activity Directors welcome these invitations and provide transportation for their patients and residents at no liability to your club. In advance, please ensure the garden's paths are wheelchair and electric scooter accessible so those joining your tour can experience the garden to its fullest.

For active garden therapy programs, ideas abound. Your club may have access to a plot of land or may be limited to container gardening. Either way, your club can



provide patients and residents a pleasurable active gardening experience by growing flowers and vegetables from seed or planting a perennial garden or planting a sensory garden filled with fragrant herbs. Encouraging patients and residents to tend their gardens keeps their hands in the dirt and adds a fulfilling experience to their lives.

Two excellent resources for both passive and active gardening projects are ones created by NGC. The *Garden Therapy Manual* is included in NGC's

President's Kit available at www.gardenclub.org for \$10. The second, *Horticulture Therapy: A Guide for All Seasons*, is available at www.Amazon.com for \$16 - 22.



Make it a new year's resolution to accomplish at least one horticulture therapy project. You'll be pleasantly surprised by the true joy you'll receive in return.

School Days

By Sheila Parcel, Schools Chairman

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

February 5-7, Course II, Livermore, CA
Contact: Victoria Lucido, (925) 838-9922
vlucido@comcast.net

March 4-6, Course I, Eugene, OR
Contact: Helen Ellis, (503) 661-1003
LnHELLIS@proaxis.com

March 13-14, Course IV, Phoenix, AZ
Contact: Buff Harrington, (207) 751-9330,
buffharrington@yahoo.com

April 1-3, Course IV, Tacoma, WA
Contact: Judy Swartz, (253) 582-0373
judyswartz@comcast.net

TRI REFRESHER

June 4 & 9, CGCI Convention, Glendale, CA
Contact: Julie West, (707) 829-9342
JulieAWest@aol.com

Calendar of Events

Mar 7	California Arbor Day
Apr 6-8	California Wildflower Conference, Tehachapi
Apr 6-12	Oregon Arbor Day
Apr 9	Washington Arbor Day
Apr 25	Arizona, Idaho, Nevada and National Arbor Day
April 30 – May 3	2014 NGC Convention, Norman, Oklahoma
June 1-7	National Garden Week
Jun 27-30	PR Pre-Convention Fundraiser Tour – Northern Idaho & Glacier Nat'l Park
July 1-3	2014 Pacific Region Convention, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Apr 20-22	2015 PR Convention, Eugene, OR

Director's Travel Schedule

2014

April 30 –
May 4 NGC 85th Convention – Norman, OK
May 4 – 17 Travel to Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin
June 1 – 4 WSFGC 81st Convention – Tukwilla, WA
June 23 – 25 OSFGC Convention – Wilsonville, OR
June 27 – 30 PR Pre-Convention Fundraiser Tour – Glacier Nat'l Park & Northern ID
June 30 –
July 4 PACIFIC REGION 70th Convention – Coeur d'Alene, ID
Sept 24 -28 NGC Fall Board Meeting – Des Moines, IA
Sept 30 – Oct 10 Civil War Tour to Pennsylvania, Washington DC, Maryland & Virginia

2015

Jan 26 – 28 NGC Winter Executive Committee Meeting – Las Vegas, NV
Jan 29 – 30 NGC FS Symposium – Las Vegas, NV
Apr 9 -12 AFGC 80th Convention – Yuma, AZ
Apr 20-22 PACIFIC REGION 71st Convention – Eugene, OR
May 12 -18 NGC 86th Convention – Louisville, KY
June 9 – 12 CGCI 83rd Convention – Reno, NV

Advice from our Region Fundraiser



Advice from a Ladybug
Spot new opportunities
Spend time in your garden
Be well-rounded
Enjoy the wonders of nature
Don't let the small things bug you
Keep family close by
Be simply beautiful

Schools Information

By Greg Pokorski, NGC Schools Coordinator

Make a world of difference to your members, your clubs and your communities by planning schools and refresher events.

Effective January 1, 2014, **the NGC requirement to collect *The National Gardener* labels** for all NGC school courses and refreshers **is eliminated**. This does not change the requirement to subscribe to and read *The National Gardener*, the official source of news about our school programs.

Itinerary

Friday, June 27: Arrive at the **Wingate Wyndham at the Spokane Airport;** 2726 S. Flint Rd., Spokane, WA. (509) 838-3226. Shuttle Service from airport to hotel is available, or you may park your car at the hotel for the three days of the tour. Dinner is on your own.



Saturday, June 28: Breakfast is included at the hotel beginning at 5:30 a.m. Bus departs at 8:00 a.m. We head north and stop in Newport,

Washington for Tea at **Foxwood House.** You will step back in time and enjoy a home where each room is lavishly decorated with authentic antiques from the Victorian Era. We then head to Sandpoint, Idaho where we will visit the **North Idaho Native Plant Arboretum.** Lunch is on your own. We will then head on to Libby, Montana, and see **Ross Creek Cedar Grove** where many of the ancient western red cedars are more than eight feet in diameter and loom 175 feet tall. We will have a light lunch in Libby before we head to Kalispell, Montana and our hotel, the Holiday Inn Express. Dinner is included at



Famous Dave's.

Sunday, June 29: Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we depart at 8:00 a.m. We will drive to the East Entrance of **Glacier**

National Park and along the way see attractions such as Izaak Walton Inn, Marias Pass, East Glacier Lodge. Lunch is provided and we will enter the Park and leave the bus at **St. Mary's Visitor Center.** We will board a **Red Jammer** tour bus at 2:30 p.m. for our journey on the **Going-To-The Sun Road."** As we travel through the Park on the jammers, our bus will travel back around the south end of the Park and

meet us at **Lake MacDonald Lodge** near the west entrance. As we leave Glacier Park we will stop at the **Huckleberry Patch Restaurant** for dinner on your own, then head back to the Holiday Inn Express in Kalispell.



Monday, June 30:

Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we depart at 9:00 a.m. We will have a scenic drive past a Bison Range and around **Flathead Lake**, the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi, stopping for lunch and a tour of **St. Ignatius Mission.** It is a Catholic Church built in the 1890s with 58 original paintings on the ceiling and walls. It is located on the Flathead Indian Reservation. We will arrive at **The Coeur d'Alene Resort** by 5:30 p.m. The bus will continue back to the Wyndham at the Spokane airport for those who need to pick up their vehicles (about a 40-mile one-way trip).

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- * Tea at Foxwood House
- * Idaho Native Plant Arboretum
- * Ross Creek Cedar Grove
- * St. Ignatius Mission

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Pacific Region Awards

By Julie A. West, Awards Chairman



There is an excellent sample of completing the three-page application form on NGC's website using the following link: http://gardenclub.org/media/20586/VFGC_Award_Sample_Web.pdf. Since the PR's award application is based upon NGC's award application, we hope you find it helpful when completing your entries for PR Awards. You will find both the Award Application and Award List posted on PR's website under "Forms": <http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org/forms.htm>. The deadline is March 1, 2014 for the majority of awards.

Please note that since this year's Pacific Region Convention is July 1-3, 2014, all award certificates and checks will be mailed to the state awards chairman prior to the state conventions as stated under *Monetary Awards and Certificates of Merit*. We are confident that each state will want to recognize and celebrate their respective Pacific Region award winners at their state awards banquet. An awards ceremony will still be held at the evening banquet July 3, 2014 in Coeur d'Alene.

If you have questions, contact any member of the Awards Committee (Julie West, Robin Pokorski or Dave West). Their contact information is listed in the Pacific Region Directory. We are here to assist wherever possible. Good luck and may all your ribbons be **blue!**

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