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



**2013 – 2015
Pacific Region Director
Elaine Gunderson**

**CALL to
CONVENTION**
Registration deadline:
April 1, 2015
Hotel deadline:
April 3, 2015

Convention information
on pages 7-13

Director's Message

Entering 2015 is the time when state and local clubs plan the coming 2015-2016 year.

A garden club should be asking itself, where are we headed? What are our successes and what did not work out as planned? Are our programs meeting the desires and needs of the majority of the members? Is there some aspect of horticulture, design or the environment for everyone? Are you reaching out to existing non-NGC groups that could partner with your state or local club on a worthy project?

After state and local club programs and projects are decided, set a goal and a target date. Ask members and friends to join you in attending your programs, flower shows, garden tours and plant sales. The key to a successful club is an active membership. Participation makes it happen. When your goal is reached, remember to celebrate. Reward your success.

PACIFIC REGION TEAM

Congratulations to each of the Pacific Region States. Pacific Region did it. For the first time in 10 years, each State submitted a report of how it "made a difference" and how it "expanded horizons by planting seeds of knowledge and stewardship". Pacific Region Director's Project Chairman Sandy Ford is compiling the results. Isn't this exciting? Three PR States will win monetary PR Director Awards and now Pacific Region will be able to apply for NGC Regional Award of Excellence #25. Pacific Region is a TEAM - Together Each Accomplished More.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND BOOK OF RECOGNITION

Spring is the time of year to recognize and award members with a *Pacific Region Life Membership* or *Book of Recognition Award*. Celebrate their guidance and commitment of strengthening your club, state organization or region.

PR RAINBOW FUNDRAISER will continue through *April 1, 2015*. Match the garden and nature themed rainbow colored T-shirts, caps and/or mugs to your personality. Rainbow themed T-shirts will be worn at one of the convention events. Please contact Chairman Maxine Smolowitz via 208-523-0373 or msmolowitz@yahoo.com.

PACIFIC REGION CONVENTION

April is coming and Pacific Region's 72nd Convention in Eugene, Oregon, April 20-22.

Spring is a beautiful time of year. Why not attend? It will bring camaraderie with fellow garden club members. Friendships are formed or renewed. Ideas and knowledge are gained and exchanged. Come join in the fun and fellowship!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Elaine

**Nevada Garden Clubs
Vicki Yuen, President**

Theme: "Growing in Nevada"



We are proud to announce that we have a new club starting in Boulder City - after a hiatus of over ten years since a prior club folded. The excitement is so infectious! They have had several good programs, and are working on deciding what projects to undertake.

And we continue to work hard on the 2016 Pacific Region Convention. You'll hear more about it in Eugene.

**Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs
Brynn Tavasci, President**

Theme: "Garden Club — Outside the Box"



"The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size." – Gertrude S. Wister

We all need the room to grow. Starting early to help develop a love and appreciation for horticulture can help maintain a lifelong dedication that benefits everyone. WSFGC has an

active scholarship program that we are very proud of. We award a minimum of \$750 in each of seven different categories related to forestry, landscaping, ecology, and more, at three different universities. We also award a scholarship for the further education of a teacher in a study area related to conservation. Many clubs and districts in our state offer scholarships for students who will be attending college in a

horticulture-related field. Enumclaw Garden Club in Chinook District awards a \$1000 scholarship to a lucky student. These students are most likely in the youth clubs that are sponsored by Enumclaw. Interest in gardening can start in the early years of a child's growth. Teachers of our youth have a special opportunity to nurture this potential. Many of our garden clubs and districts give grants to K through 12 programs at our local schools.

Nordland Garden Club in the Olympic Peninsula District



provides a grant to the horticultural segment of the Chimacum Schools Pi Program. This year they doubled their donation enabling the director to broaden their reach in the school. Participants have the opportunity to plant, harvest, and sometimes cook their produce.

East Lake Washington District has a grant program titled, "Give Kids a Hand," which is funded by its clubs and individuals. Their application states, "The main goal of GKAH is to foster hands-on student opportunities as part of the classroom curriculum. A few of the many projects GKAH has funded include native plantings, vegetable gardens and the study of plant life cycles. One of our teachers said, "It is a powerful experience for students to sow seed in ground they have prepared, and then see plants grow and flourish with their care." This is a wonderful program that the district has promoted and supported successfully with great results.

Olympia Garden Club in the Black Hills District offers grants to elementary, middle school, and high schools in Thurston County. An excerpt from an application describing what the grant would go towards, "Currently both of our fifth grade classrooms work on environmental science together. We have an Edible Forest garden, a garden for the Common Good, and a Water Wise Garden. We are currently looking to expand our Garden for the Common Good." These are wonderful, worthwhile activities that will make a big impression on these fifth graders, and they will never forget the experience and the help that they received from Olympia Garden Club.

Awarding grants to the youth and their teachers who are seeking to expand their knowledge of horticulture, gardening, and ecology is an investment in our future. If we don't "Give Kids a Hand," who will? Let's continue to help our youth grow, it is for the "Common Good" of all of us.



Alaska Garden Clubs
Becky Hassebroek, President

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



Alaska Garden Clubs' members were greatly saddened by the sudden loss of our friend and mentor **Della Colver Barry** in December (for more information on Della's life, please read her obituary in this issue). Della was a beautiful woman with strong convictions and she just LOVED garden club and all that it stands for. When I say "garden club" I don't just mean her hometown Anchorage Garden Club and Wildflower Garden Club, which she did love dearly and to which she was very much devoted. She loved **National Garden Clubs** and understood what a difference we can make when individuals from all across our great country think together and work together to make our world a better place in which to live – not only for ourselves but for our future generations! She was very proud of her involvement on the regional and national levels – and we are proud of her accomplishments! I know she still had so much she wanted to do! She may have been a small woman – but that was only in appearance. Inside she was a definite force. She was kind and thoughtful. She was intelligent and insightful. She was strong. She was untiring! She cared so much! She knew how to love and, boy, did she love us all!! Let's make Della proud and carry on where she left off....!

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Rita Desilets, President

Theme: "Growing Together"

By Jane McKee, CGCI Communications Director



California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) is pleased to announce the release of its new website. The site has been completely redesigned but retains all of the same great content plus a few new features. The website is not only

the public face of CGCI but a major information resource for its 21,000+ members.

CGCI continues to offer its member organizations a website or email address hosted through the CGCI website - it's a benefit of membership and it's FREE!

Email addresses can be assigned to individuals (local, district or state officers, chairmen, etc) or organizations (clubs, districts, councils).

Ex: myclubpresident@cagardenclubs.org

- Website hosting: In addition to having an organization website (created outside of CGCI) linked to the CGCI website, organizations have two options for creating a CGCI-hosted site.
 - A single webpage created by the CGCI webmaster containing the group's basic information: location, meeting place/time, membership, president, point of contact and a brief description of activities.
 - A CGCI account assigned to an organization's website administrator. The local administrator is responsible for creating and maintaining one or more webpages.

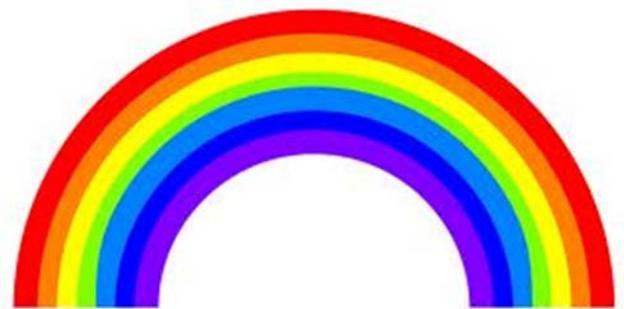
Either option provides the organization with a website presence and domain name (californiagardenclubs.com/myclub).

Go to californiagardenclubs.com and check it out.

Pacific Region Fundraiser

By Maxine Smolowitz, Fundraiser Chairman

Garden-themed t-shirts are still available for orders of 12 or more. In a Rainbow of colors. Direct ship to you. Contact Maxine Smolowitz at msmolowitz@yahoo.com for more information.



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

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



It's that time of year. The garden is cleaned up and tucked away for the winter. Now we can turn our thought to friends and family. Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

I attended the NGC Fall Board Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa the last

week in September. The big news from that meeting is that NGC will be raising our dues from fifty cents to a dollar per person. We will be voting on it at Louisville, Kentucky. The good news is that the AFGC dues will not go up, since it is such a minimal amount.

Southern District had their district meeting on September 22 at Mimi's Café at the Tucson Mall. It was well attended and the President-Elect Tina Box was present. It is a pleasure to attend these meetings and hear what the clubs are doing.

Tina and I both attended the wonderful Blue Star Memorial dedication at the McCormick Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale on November 11. The military band played several songs before the ceremony began. It was a moving ceremony with posting of the colors by the Scottsdale Police and Fire Departments Honor Guards. There were several speakers: Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane; Andrea Little, NGC Blue Star Memorial Chairman; myself, AFGC President; and Steve Borden, Director of the Pat Tillman Veterans Center.

AFGC's fundraiser 'Garden Treasures' was held on November 15. There were 93 people in attendance. I don't have the official amount raised yet, but Tina Box and Orvalita Hopkins did a great job putting it on. Everyone in attendance went home with a small garden treasure.

I'd like to pay a special tribute to Val Colvin, former AFGC President, whose memorial was on November 16. Her husband John picked that day, so it would not interfere with our fundraiser.

Many of you will remember Val for her work with the youth in Yuma, the Yuma County Fair Flower Show and being our Grant's Chairman for many years. Thank you, Val, for your dedication, you are greatly missed.

Tina, Orvalita, Karley and I attended the Western District Meeting on November 18. The district meeting was held at the University of Arizona Agriculture Center. We were taken on an informative open bus tour of their test and seed plots. We saw entomologists

counting the number of pests on heads of lettuce; test plots of different varieties of lettuce, to see which variety of lettuce bolts the slowest; test plots of switch grass to be used for alternate fuel; and a greenhouse with clean wood for citrus trees, in case our citrus trees get infected.

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

Theme: "Growing for the Future, Planting in Special Places"
Excerpts from Clackamas Review; written by Ellen Spitaleri



Before every meeting of the Clackamas District Garden Clubs, all members recite a pledge vowing 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, forests, land and wildlife."

That's a big job, but the group is up for it, said Dolores Smith, co-district director. She added, "All of our 300-plus members in the 11 clubs in the Clackamas District are dedicated and active in their clubs and communities. We could not accomplish what we have done and will continue to achieve if it were not for the participation of all our members."

Gardeners by their very nature are people who are willing to share, Smith said, adding that members of the local clubs donate their time and money to a huge list of organizations. They support local libraries and community gardens, work at the Sara Hite Rose Garden at the Milwaukie Senior Center, serve meals at senior centers, work with local youth at schools, adopt families at Christmas, support Clackamas Women's Services, Clackamas Animal Shelter, Clackamas Services for Abused Children, Fill-a-Stocking-Fill-a-Heart program, and maintain flower beds at adult centers and the Milwaukie Pioneer cemetery. And this is just a partial list from six of the Clackamas District clubs, Smith noted.

Although all the local clubs had their own community-service projects, Smith said that in June 2013, when she and Darby Walker became co-directors for the Clackamas District clubs, they decided that the district should also give back to the community.

Gardens of Enchantment

And yet another venue supported by local clubs is the Gardens of Enchantment, a five-senses garden for the blind in Oral Hull Park near Sandy. It was created and dedicated in 1971 as a garden therapy project by the garden clubs in Clackamas and Multnomah districts.

By Mary Lou Waitz, Chairman

A gentle and sloping wheelchair-friendly path winds through the gardens, and the elevated beds in the taste, touch and fragrance areas make it easy for the blind and physically challenged to see and experience new sensations. A fountain at the entrance to the garden is what contributes to the sound sense along with the many birds in the gardens.

"Many of the clubs in the Clackamas District donate funds, and/or club members work at the garden. Clubs are assigned certain beds and maintain them during the year starting in March, when we wake up the beds, and until the last week in October, when we put the beds to sleep. The gardens are open to the public year-round," Smith said.

Membership important

"Membership and growth is an important part of our existence, the more members we have, the more we are able to achieve for our communities. We have, just this month, activated a website, clackamasgardenclubs.org, that will give anyone interested in becoming a garden club member in the Clackamas District the information to help them make that decision," Smith said.

The Clackamas District mainly raises funds for projects through the generosity of their members by donating items for sale tables and raffles held at semiannual meetings and then purchasing items from the sale tables and tickets for the raffle items. In the past, the district also has promoted garden tours to raise funds, she said.

The 11 clubs in the Clackamas District have many different fundraisers, including plant sales, garden tours, garage sales, bake sales, silent auctions at their meetings, box socials and sale tables just to name a few.

Smith added that people can help support the clubs' many projects by attending and purchasing items at club fundraisers; these will be posted on the website.

As for longevity of the organization, Smith noted that the Lake Grove Garden Club recently celebrated 90 years of being a garden club and Milwaukie Garden Club will have its 75th anniversary celebration in November.

But, she added, the group is still looking for a community garden to donate to for one more community service project for the next semiannual meeting in April 2015.

Visit clackamasgardenclubs.org for more information about the Clackamas District Garden Clubs. These clubs are part of the National Garden Clubs and the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs.



This year, **Global Partners Running Waters Inc.** is a nonprofit organization established to build relationships through collaboration on water, food and health projects in Latin America. As part of NGC's World Gardening Committee,

NGC has chosen to raise funds to bring safe drinking water to villages in Guatemala.

Global Partners Running Waters Inc. is building on the mission experiences of Sister Jan Gregorcich, SSND, who lived and worked with the people of Guatemala and Honduras during a period of 12 years. Shortly after Sister Jan returned to the States she was invited to find ways of sharing her mission experiences with others. NGC has partnered with GPRW to **increase access to safe water** in Latin America. More than one billion people around the world currently get their water from rivers, ponds or other sources subject to contamination. Donations made through NGC will help to bring safe drinking water to villages. NGC's goal is to raise approximately \$25,000 to \$40,000. You can choose to donate as an individual, a club, a district or a state.

How to donate:

1. Donations may be made in any amount.
2. Make checks payable to: **National Garden Clubs, Inc.** Please indicate "**Global Partners**" on the memo portion of your check.
3. Complete the form on our Region website and mail with your check to:
National Garden Clubs, Inc., 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110-3492



What Are You Doing at the End of April?

By Alexis Slafer, Chairman: NGC 2013-2015 President's Special Projects -- Education

Are you thinking, "What kind of a question is that?" It is one that should be easy to answer. The last Friday in April is *National Arbor Day*. I hope that you, your garden club, district, or state are starting to plan an Arbor Day event in your community. The diversity of each of the eight states in Pacific Region reflects a unique environment that requires not only attention to the proper planting season, but also the selection of appropriate trees to enhance the appearance of our neighborhoods and improve the quality of life of all inhabitants.

Linda Nelson, NGC President, has invited us to participate in her project named "*Making a World of Difference: Choices Matter.*" Linda's project and the goals of the Arbor Day Foundation are similar; as reflected in their motto: "Trees Make a World of Difference." Trees create greener and healthier neighborhoods. As the Arbor Day Foundation mentioned in a recent letter: "Every new tree you allow to take root and flourish is a positive step to help our planet fight the accelerating threats of climate change and air pollution...give wildlife shelter and food...and add colorful breathtaking beauty we can all enjoy." This is definitely synced with our President's invitation to participate in promoting educational opportunities and completing a project related to a local concern.

Plan a project to plant a tree on the last Friday in April. Include an educational opportunity in your community – especially for children – to promote the benefits of environmental stewardship of our planet. Take action by planting a tree and embrace the NGC Conservation Pledge to *...become better caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife.*



Grow Your Own Backyard Paradise in a Pot

By Millie Hisey, Container Gardening

Create a backyard escape with the help of container gardens. Whether you're looking for a visit to the desert, an English garden or tropical paradise, a few planters can help create the mood.

Reduce your workload and increase your enjoyment with a bit of planning, and proper planting. Select a container with drainage holes and one that mimics the color and feel of the location you are trying to recreate. Use trough, stone or other containers made from neutral colors when growing succulents. The container should complement the simple beauty of the desert plants.

Other natural materials work well with the lush foliage and vibrant colors of tropical plants. Add a few terra cotta, metal, or basket type containers when creating an English cottage setting.

Place them on your patio, steps or in your garden to create focal point.

And don't forget about garden accents – a wattle fence and arbor of twigs and branches works well for an English garden setting, while a water feature can enhance a tropical paradise. Southwest garden art can complement a desert scene. So start your vacation this year with a visit to your garden center. Invest in a few containers, potting mix and plants. Then plant your way to your retreat of your dreams.

Ed Note: What's a wattle fence, you ask? See below



Valentine's Day Fun Facts

- ♥ In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to teachers, children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.
- ♥ Parents receive one out of every five valentines.
- ♥ About 3% of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.



PACIFIC REGION of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

72nd Annual Convention – April 20 – 22, 2015

“From the Mountains, to the Valleys, to the Waters”

Hilton Eugene, 66 E 6th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401

Telephone: 541-342-2000 Reservations: 800-937-6660

(Mention group code **NGC** to obtain the special group rate)

Each convention attendee must complete 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 ___ Alternate Delegate

BADGE INFORMATION – Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC President | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Design Consultant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Director | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> First-Time Attendee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former Pac. Region Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse or Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-voting attendee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Consultant | |

PACKAGE PLAN REGISTRATION:

Plan includes: Registration (\$35 - \$25 for Oregon members), 3 Banquets, 2 Lunches, all workshops.

Full-time Package – received by April 1	\$261	\$ _____
Full-time Package, Oregon Members – received by April 1	\$251	\$ _____
Full-time Package – received after April 1	\$286	\$ _____

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. \$ _____

Monday, April 20	Banquet	\$ 50	\$ _____
Tuesday, April 21	Luncheon	\$ 38	\$ _____
Tuesday, April 21:	Design Banquet	\$ 50	\$ _____
Wednesday, April 22:	Luncheon	\$ 38	\$ _____
Wednesday, April 22:	Installation Banquet	\$ 50	\$ _____

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

OPTIONAL TOURS:

Four Oregon Gardens, Columbia River, Multnomah Falls, Aviation Museum

2½ -day Pre-Convention bus tour; April 18-20; *See separate flyer for details.* Payment made directly to tour company (OregonWest Excursions. Cost: \$610 per person double, \$715 – single due March 3).

Hendricks Park Rhododendron Gardens & Museum of Natural & Cultural History

(Wednesday, April 22; 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.) \$20 \$ _____

Tea at historic Shelton-McMurphy-Johnson House (Monday, April 20; 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.) \$30 \$ _____

PACIFIC REGION CONVENTION TOTAL: \$ _____

Diet Restrictions: _____

No Refunds after April 6, 2015

Make check payable to **“National Garden Clubs, Inc.”** (Please note **“PR 2015 Convention”** on memo line).

Mail registration and check to: Jennifer Rabner, 567 Lynnbrook Drive, Eugene, OR 97404 (telephone: 541-607-2969)

CONTACT: Sherry Cossey, Convention Chairman cossey@rioussa.com or 541-515-5839

Tentative Convention Schedule

Pre-Convention Tour -- out of town 2½ days, leave from Eugene, Saturday 8:00 a.m. thru Monday noon including: Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum; McMinnville's historic downtown; Portland's Lan Su Chinese Garden and Japanese Garden; McMennamin's Kennedy School; Columbia Gorge - Scenic Viewpoint & Multnomah Falls; Portland Grotto; The Oregon Garden in Silverton.

Sunday, April 19, 2015

2:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Registration	East Lobby
Self-guided tours		See overall list of recommendations
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Setup	Lobby – Designs, Registration area, etc. Service Corridor area for preparation

Monday, April 20, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration	East Lobby
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Design Preparation	Service Corridor area
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Self/Guided Tours	Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House – tea + tour 1:00 Individual choices. See list of recommendations
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Exhibits & Vendors Set-up	Ferber – Wilder – Hansberry Also Set up Suite for Continental Breakfast Oregon folks bring baskets & auction items for fundraiser
1:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Studio B
2:15 p.m.	Policies & Procedures	Studio C
3:30 p.m.	Executive Committee	Studio B
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Reception	No Host Bar – Lobby
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Dinner	Hellman - Kay Huston Program

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration	East Lobby
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits & Vendors	Ferber – Wilder – Hansberry
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Design Preparation	Service Corridor area
9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Joplin-Seeger
10:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies	Joplin-Seeger
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Joplin-Seeger
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Hellman – David Droppers Program
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Workshops, Lectures	Studios B & C
	2:00 p.m. Scott Sunderland; 3:30 p.m. Mark Bloom	
Optional tours walking distance or city bus or private cars		
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Reception	No Host Bar – Lobby
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Dinner	Hellman – Char Mutschler Design Program

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration	East Lobby
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits & Vendors	Ferber – Wilder – Hansberry
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Design Preparation	Service Corridor area
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Joplin-Seeger
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Hellman – Harold Greer Program
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Bus Tour	Hendricks Park and Museum of Natural & Cultural History
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Optional tours	See recommended optional tours
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Reception	No Host Bar – Lobby
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Dinner	Hellman – Installation of 2013-2015 Officers New Horizons Band program

Thursday, April 23, 2015

8:30 a.m.	2015 – 2017 Board of Directors Meeting	Joplin-Seeger
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Continental breakfast available in suite center room upstairs, Tuesday & Wednesday & possibly Thursday

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~Monday evening banquet~ “Jane Franklin Mecom, 18th Century Woman”

Kay Huston is a retired teacher who has taught approximately 30 years in Oregon. Her classroom experience includes teaching grades 2–8, middle school librarian, coordinator of Talented & Gifted programs for grades 4–8, and authorship of a series of language art books for grades 6–8.

In 1963 she received a B.S. from Los Angeles State College and an M.A. from the University of Portland in 1981. Kay has done extensive research and study in 18th century history, specifically the history and personalities of the American Revolution.

Currently, she teaches classes to senior citizens throughout Lane County and has taught Elderhostel groups through George University in Newberg, Oregon. She also offers living history presentations, done in first person and costume, of Abigail Adams, Martha Washington, Eliza Lucas Pinckney, and Jane Franklin Mecom



~Tuesday luncheon~ “Gardening for Butterflies in the Pacific Region”

David Droppers has been studying butterflies and moths for over 10 years. His primary interest is reaction to populations and community composition after management actions. He has put his skills to work for the National Park Service, Forest Service, Woodland Park Zoo, among many others. An all-around naturalist, he enjoys working with a variety of wildlife and plants.

David received his Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Resource Management from the University of Washington, and is currently completing his Master's degree at Western Washington University.



~Tuesday evening banquet~

“From the Mountains, From the Valleys, From the Waters”

Char Mutschler is an accredited NGC instructor of Floral Design, instructing Flower Show School classes, Symposia, seminars and workshops throughout the U.S. She served six years on the NGC Flower Show School Committee as an Accrediting Chair and currently serves as NGC Symposium chair for four eastern regions.

Among her many accomplishments she is a speaker and presenter on innovative floral design with 30+ years of experience and travels throughout the U.S. giving floral design presentations at state conventions, judges councils' special events, arrangers' guilds and NGC meetings.

She is an American Rose Society (ARS) Accredited Horticulture and Arrangement Judge and served as the Pacific NW District Arrangement Chair for 10 years and is certified as a Consulting Rosarian.



~Wednesday luncheon~ “If I Were a Rhododendron”

Harold Greer needs little introduction to members of the rhododendron world. He is undeniably one the leading authorities on the genus...and many consider him the best! Having worked with rhododendrons and azaleas for 50 years, Harold has a depth of knowledge that few can match.

He and his wife, Nancy, own Greer Gardens, a wonderful nursery located in Eugene, OR that specializes in “rhodies” and azaleas. Harold is renowned author, a celebrated hybridizer, a phenomenal photographer, and an entertaining speaker.



~Wednesday evening after banquet~ *Band Concert*

New Horizons Band is a part of a nationwide band program that was initiated in New York State about 20 years ago for older adults who want to be part of a concert band. Every September, the group adds a "beginning" level group for people who always wanted to learn to play a band instrument but didn't or who played an instrument many, many years ago and want to pursue playing again!

Our directors are Sherry Cossey and Tim Prendergast. Sherry taught band at Kennedy Middle School for 32 years, is retired, plays clarinet with the Eugene Symphonic Band, and is active in Eugene Garden Club. Tim, recently retired, is a guitarist, taught band and choir in Cottage Grove at Lincoln Middle School and also conducts the One More Time Marching Band in Eugene.



~Tuesday afternoon workshop~

"Dealing With Your Garden After Significant Weather Events"

Mark Bloom was born and raised in the Willamette Valley and began his career in the nursery business in 1965, at a local retail nursery & landscape company called Brechtbill's Nursery. It was there that he began learning the science and art of growing healthy plants and the forces, both natural and manmade, that can keep that from happening. Though he didn't know it at the time, it would lead him on a life-long journey into nearly every aspect of the green industry.

He began his own business in 1978 as a wholesale nursery which worked best with his full-time teaching career. Ironically, though he taught for 25 years at every level, it wasn't until his last year that he taught a course dealing with horticulture. Mark's been witness to many of the weather extremes that have affected plant health throughout the west coast. From the "Big Snow" in 1969, the "Big Freeze" (the first one) in 1972, the "Siberian Express" in 1989, the most recent "Big Freeze" in 2013, and numerous other climatic events which have had various effects on plant health.

~Tuesday afternoon workshop~

"Natural Floral Design with Textures & Elements from the Garden"

Scott Sunderlund was born and raised in Oregon. Scott says his mom took pride in creating a beautiful garden and yard where he enjoyed helping her and learning about the annuals, perennials and shrubs that came second nature to her. That experience and the time he spent in natural forests near home instilled a great appreciation of nature and the flowers and plants that were available to create a pleasing colorful yard. While going to college he began working at a flower shop during Valentine's Day and eventually became a floral designer. After graduating the job prospects were few so he continued his work as a floral designer at The Shamrock Flowers and Gifts. Two years later he became a partner in the business and for 25 years has been the sole owner of The Shamrock. During the past 30 some years he has seen many trends in the floral industry. Scott spends most of time dealing with the challenges of running a small business and overseeing an excellent floral team that creates beautiful, unique designs. He continues to appreciate nature and enjoys gardening and creating seasonal plantings in his yard and, of course, bringing flowers, twigs, and foliage into to his home, creating simple natural bouquets.

Convention Reports

By Kristie Livreri, Convention Reports Coordinator

The convention is fast approaching and we are all excited to see one another again. We would love to hear from all of the chairmen. Officers and Executive Committee members are expected to report. Reports are limited to two minutes, an additional minute is available if requested in advance. I will be coordinating the reports for the business session of the convention. Oral reports will be presented during convention. All written reports should be submitted in writing to me, no later than two weeks before the convention, that being Monday, April 6, 2015. These reports may be submitted via e-mail to Kristabelle7@aol.com or via snail mail to Kristie Livreri, 5608 Great Gorge Court, Las Vegas, NV 89149.

These reports are very important and we look forward to hearing about the exciting things we are doing in the Pacific Region. Should you have any questions about your report and/or how it is to be presented, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 3, 2015

Hilton Eugene, 66 E 6th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401
Telephone: 541-342-2000
Reservations: 800-937-6660 (Mention group code NGC to obtain the special group rate)
\$99.00 Single/Double occupancy (call early for handicapped rooms)
Check-In Time: 3:00 p.m.
Check-Out Time: 12:00 p.m.
Group rate will be available three days before and after the convention.

Hotel Parking and Amenities:

Complimentary self-parking (on-site) and internet access in each room.
Complimentary fitness center with indoor heated pool.
Complimentary business center.
Complimentary shuttle service to/from Eugene Airport.

Travel Information

BY CAR: From I-5, merge onto I-105 W/OR-126 W via Exit 194. Take the Coburg Rd exit (Exit 2) toward Downtown. Keep left to take the ramp toward Downtown/Univ. of Oregon. Merge onto Coburg Rd. Take the ramp toward OR-126/OR-99 N/Downtown Hult Center. Make a slight right turn onto E 6th Ave/OR-99/OR-126 Bus. Your destination is on the right just past Oak St. If you reach Willamette St. you've gone a little too far.

BY AIR: When you land at the Eugene Airport please call 541-342-2000. It usually takes about 15-20 minutes for the shuttle to get to the airport. Gather your luggage, then proceed to the shuttle pick-up area located outside the front doors by baggage claim and across the first driveway. There will be a sign that says "Shuttle and Limo Pickup." Pickups are not scheduled due to the inconsistency of flights arriving on time; however, return trips to the airport are pre-scheduled so make those reservations upon arrival so that enough staff to accommodate everyone is assured. The first return shuttle leaves at 4:15 a.m. and then on the top of the hour with the last one leaving at 11:00 p.m.

Spouse Tours

There will be planned activities for spouses and guests. Possibly included: Ninkasi Brewery; a distillery in Eugene; Woodcrafters; and the Air Space Museum? Information will be available when you check in at the Registration Table.

Afternoon Tea at the Historic Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House

Monday, April 20, 1 p.m. By car or walking. See Registration Form.



Nicknamed "The Castle on the Hill" The SMJ House was built in 1888 and is the best example of late Victorian Queen Anne style architecture in Eugene. The house features furniture original to the former owners. To learn more visit smjhouse.org



Cascades Raptor Center

Tuesday, April 21, after lunch. By Car, organized at Registration table.

CRC is a 501c3 non-profit nature center and wildlife hospital founded in 1987. With over 60 non-releasable birds of 30 native species - hawks, owls, eagles and more - our Nature Center has an unparalleled ability to engage visitors of all ages. These permanent resident birds are housed in large outdoor aviaries on our wooded hillside property and are an integral part of our educational mission to create awareness and respect, and to foster care of the wild world. Website eraptors.org

Hendricks Park and the Museum of Natural and Cultural History

Wednesday, April 21, 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.
By bus. See Registration Form.



Hendricks Park is the oldest city park in Eugene, Oregon. Just blocks away from the University of Oregon campus, its 78 acres contains mature forest, a world-renowned 12-acre rhododendron garden, and a native plant garden. The park is laced with trails, making it a haven for hikers, joggers, and birders. Website friendsofhendrickspark.org/index.html



The **Museum of Natural and Cultural History** is the premier natural and cultural history museum in the State of Oregon and is home to hundreds of

thousands of ethnographic and archaeological objects, fossils, and biological specimens from Oregon, the Pacific Northwest, and around the world.

The Museum, which is the primary repository of Oregon for anthropological and paleontological collections, began when Thomas Condon became a professor for natural history at the University of Oregon. He then brought an extensive collection of fossils to the University, which was later known as the Condon Museum or Condon Collection.

Website: natural-history.uoregon.edu

University of Oregon's Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art



Wednesday, April 21, after lunch By Car, organized at Registration.

The only academic museum in Oregon accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The JSMA's collections galleries present selections from its extensive holdings of Chinese, Japanese, Korean and American art. Special exhibitions galleries display works from the collection and on loan, representing many cultures of the world, past and present.

Website: jsma.uoregon.edu/about

Other Places to See in Eugene

(not including places on the Pre-Convention Tour which is all to the NORTH).

To the WEST:

The Oregon Coast -- beautiful scenic views and lots of seafood in restaurants.

1. Florence has a wonderful Old Town and is not quite an hour from downtown Eugene. (Not far)

- Siuslaw Pioneer Museum siuslawpioneermuseum.com

- Darlingtonia State Botanical Wayside oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=parkPage.dsp_parkPage&parkId=81

Heceta Head Lighthouse hecetalighthouse.com

2. Sea Lion Caves is a little north of Florence and there are beautiful scenic coast views.

3. Newport has the Mark Hatfield Aquarium and more. 2 hours.

4. Lincoln City has a nice downtown and also Factory Outlet Stores.

5. Tillamook has a Cheese Factory.

6. Seaside has a wonderful downtown practically on the ocean.

7. And then the Lewis and Clark Expedition's Fort Clatsop National Memorial near Warrenton.

8. Finally, Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia River.

To the SOUTH: Cottage Grove Area – 1/2 hour away. *We will try to arrange chances to go there during registration on Monday.

1. Three historic covered bridges

cottagegrove.net/history/covered_bridges

2. Historic downtown -- All-American Garden installed & maintained by the Cottage Grove GC.

3. Village Green Resort gardens -- well worth a visit.

villagegreenresortandgardens.com

4. Territorial Seed Company

To the EAST: McKenzie Scenic Highway

1. Belknap Springs with hot springs and a wonderful "multi-acre secret garden area" –1 hour away.

belknaphotsprings.com/gardens.html

2. Sahalie Falls fs.usda.gov/recarea/willamette/recreation/recarea/?recid=4404

3. Christmas Treasures christmas-treasures.com/#gsc.tab=0

LOCAL:

1. Cascade Raptor Center -- *We will try to arrange chances to go there during registration on Monday.

eraptors.org

2. University of Oregon Campus -- *We will try to arrange chances to go there during registration also.

Scenic -- many many trees and shrubs. Spacious. Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art jsma.uoregon.edu

3. Historic Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House -- a couple of blocks from our hotel on Skinner Butte.

Gardens are maintained by the Eugene Garden Club. smjhouse.org/w

4. Owen Rose Garden -- less than a mile from hotel. eugene-or.gov/facilities/Facility/Details/124

5. 5th Street Public Market -- shopping district a block from hotel. 5stmarket.com

6. Farmers' Market is in downtown park blocks on Tuesday afternoons -- a block from hotel.

Travel Lane County, eugenecascadescoast.org, is a good source for more information.

By Jeanette Pruin, Historian

Saturday, April 18 - Portland

- 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast in Hilton Eugene
7:30 a.m. Luggage ready for pick up
8:30 a.m. Depart from Hilton Eugene to McMinnville
10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Tour of Evergreen Aviation Museum McMinnville
12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch on own in old town McMinnville
2:45 – 4:00 p.m. Tour Lan Su Chinese Gardens
4:15 – 5:30 p.m. Tour Japanese Gardens Portland
5:15 – 5:30 p.m. Travel to Shilo Inn Airport
5:30 p.m. Check into Shilo Inn Portland Airport (close to the gorge)
6:45 – 8:30 p.m. Dinner at McMenamin's Kennedy School

Sunday, April 19 - Silverton

- 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Shilo Inn Airport hotel
8:00 a.m. Luggage ready for pick up
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Women's Forum Viewpoint, Crown Point & Vista House, Multnomah Falls
12:45 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch and tour The Grotto
4:15 – 5:00 p.m. Tram tour of the Oregon Gardens
5:00 p.m. Check into Oregon Garden Resort - Full access to the Oregon Gardens
6:30 p.m. Farwell dinner at the Resort

Monday, April 20 - Eugene

- 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at the Resort
8:00 a.m. Luggage ready for pick up
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee, pastries on covered bridge & nature walk of area
12:00 p.m. Drop at the Convention Hotel, Hilton Eugene

See flyers attached to the electronic version of this newsletter

Pacific Region States' Websites

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

There was probably a greater commitment by the 1943-1945 Director, Mrs. Samuel Guiberson. She died in office and it was written "She has done good work for the garden club and her heart was in it."

A little history on Life Members – it was during the 1977-1979 term of Mrs. Raymond Elstrom that Pacific Region Life Memberships were first mentioned. Her write-up states "the Regional Life Membership was started and a large sum of money was collected." It did not say how much a "large amount" was and the purpose for the funds was not mentioned.

During the 1987-1989 term of Mrs. Robert Frankes, \$50 awards were offered to the state with the largest number of Life Members and to the state with the largest percentage of Life Members.

In the 1991-1993 term of Mrs. Wil Tebo it is mentioned that Life Memberships were \$25 and 175 signed up with the funds going for scholarships.

Our logo was designed by Mrs. Jack Lindsay during her 1981-1983 term. The wagon wheel depicts the move west, with eight spokes, one for each state, the hub represents National Council with its seal.

Also in this term *WACONIAH* was inaugurated. To be published four times a year with a \$300 budget, it was to be self-supporting. In 1983-1985, three issues per year were published with a circulation of 450. It went back to four issues per year in the 1995-1997 term of Mrs. Carl Klingberg.

Perhaps a few of you are wondering about the names. Well, that was the "garden club way" until about 20 years ago. I am proud to say that during my 1995-1997 term I was one of the first state presidents to be listed and introduced by my given name.

Now the answer to the question.

In the 40 years from 1933 to 1973 there were 30 conventions but they only numbered to 29. Mrs. Slosson had two conventions in her four-year term, 1936 in Portland and 1937 in Phoenix. The 7th convention was held during the 1941-1943 term. Because of the war there were no conventions from 1943 to 1949. When conventions were resumed in 1950 they repeated number 7. Since then there were two terms with only one convention.

As a result we are having our 71st convention but the number is only 70.

The history books were reprinted in 2009 for our 75th anniversary. They are in sets of three, *We Were There - 1933-1973*, *The Second Twenty Years - 1973-1993* and *The Next Fifteen Years - 1993-2009*. There are still a few sets available.

DESIGN SCALE OF POINTS **(Major Change for Flower Show Judges)**

By Marva Lee Peterschick, Flower Show Schools Chairman

Please note: As of January 1, 2015 the Design Scale of Points change goes into effect. If you are writing schedules for flower show in the coming months, and you are including the Design Scale of Points, make sure you make the correct changes in the distribution of points.

If you are judging flower shows, mark your handbooks to the correction on the Design Scale of Points.

For two years, if the design exhibitor ignored the requirements to a **DESIGN TYPE**, they would be penalized 10 points under Conformance to Type, along with 10 points to all other requirements. This has now been changed to **(7 points to Conformance to Type of Design and 7 points to Conformance to all other requirements.)**

The other big change is **(each Design Principle is worth 8 points)** instead of seven points.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Flower Show Committee made the above change at their 2014 fall board meeting. The reasoning for the change: The Conformance to Type issue removing 10 points had been in effect for two years and caused much confusion among judges and exhibitors. With the change, judges must still deduct 7 points if the design is not the correct design type and also penalize under Distinction. However, it will allow more opportunity for the panel of judges to recognize a superior design.

In Memoriam: Della Colver Barry 1928 - 2014

By Becky Hassebroek, Friend

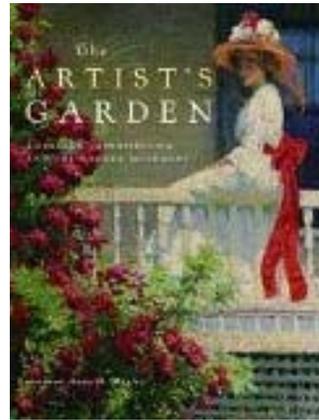


Della Colver Barry passed away suddenly at her home in Anchorage, Alaska, on December 2. Della served as the Alaska State Garden Club President from 1991 – 1993, Pacific Region Director from 1997 - 1999, and held leadership positions for National Garden Clubs for over 20 years, currently serving the region as Landscape Design Chairman and as a member of the Advisory Committee. In 2014, National Garden Clubs, Inc. honored Della for her many years of service by welcoming her into the coveted Golden Circle. She was very proud!

She will be greatly missed by her many, many friends! She was indeed "one of a kind" who was a pleasure to know!

Book Review: The Artist's Garden

By Linda Larsen, Book Review Chairman



Tracing the connection of garden and art is the just released book *The Artist's Garden, American Impressionism and the Garden Movement*, edited by Anna O. Marley, focused on the period 1887-1920. This collection of essays was published to accompany the art exhibition of the same name which will

open Feb. 13, 2015, in Philadelphia at the Academy of Fine Arts. The 91 full color plates show the images in the exhibition and the text details the significance of these art works to American gardens. This book connects the elements of social history, art and gardeners in a relationship which still exists today. Particularly in painting artists were guilty of painting the roses larger and more perfect than reality and photographers artfully framed the view to include just the best bits of a garden, these actions greatly influence our perceptions of how a garden should be. Art would be significantly poorer without the beauty of flowers and our own gardens would lack inspiration without art.

The exhibition will travel to three additional venues:

June 16 - September 6, 2015

Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA

October 1, 2015 - January 3, 2016

Reynolda House Museum of American Art, Winston-Salem, NC

January 23 - May 9, 2016

The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA

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.

Pacific Region Life Members

Inadvertently the following was left off the list of Pacific Region Life Members in the last issue but we are no less glad that she is a Pacific Region Life member!:

Jan Conley, Oregon

Therapeutic Garden Characteristics

According to the American Horticulture Therapy Association (AHTA), therapeutic gardens are being built with increasing frequency across the country especially in health care settings. We can apply AHTA's guidelines for a successful therapeutic garden be it at a hospital, senior center, rehabilitation facility and perhaps even in our own gardens. AHTA offers the following guidelines for creating a therapeutic garden:

1. Scheduled and programmed activities: A horticultural therapy program guiding and promoting activities and experiences in the garden is ideal. However, even in gardens designed for the passive/independent enjoyment by visitors, special events increasing the number of visits, classes encouraging routine garden tasks, and publicizing activities of all kinds familiarize special populations, facility staff, families of clients/patients/residents and nearby community residents with the garden.

2. Features modified to improve accessibility: Garden elements, features and equipment are all selected or modified to provide accessible places, activities and experiences to the greatest extent possible. Each modification to the therapeutic garden environment eases the task of gardening and or enhances the horticultural experience for the visitor/gardener enabling them to see and even to study plants, to touch or smell them, to encounter the luxuriant garden growth in their own way, on their own terms and at their own pace.

3. Well defined perimeters: Edges of garden spaces and special zones of activities within the garden are often intensified to redirect the attention and the energies of the visitor to the components and displays within the garden.

4. A profusion of plants and people/plant interactions: Therapeutic gardens introduce individuals to planned, intensive outdoor environments in which the conscious provisions of spaces and places for restoration, horticulture education, therapy, and for social exchanges are organized into legible and verdant, plant-dominated open spaces with simple patterns of paths and workplaces. The garden promotes four seasons of sensory stimulation.

5. Benign and supportive conditions: Therapeutic gardens provide safe, secure and comfortable settings for people. The avoidance of potentially hazardous chemicals such as herbicides, fertilizers, and insecticides, the provision of shade and other protective structures, the flourishing plants, and the protected and protective nature of the therapeutic garden offer personal comfort and refuge to the garden user.

6. Universal design: Therapeutic gardens are designed for the convenience and enjoyment for people with the widest possible range of conditions. As practical and pleasurable landscapes for people of all ages and all abilities, these gardens commonly stimulate the full range of senses including memory, hearing, touch, smell and sometimes taste as pleasurable alternatives to the visual experience of gardens. The therapeutic garden exploits the most complete range of people/plant interactions and experiences possible within its enclosures.



7. Recognizable placemaking: Therapeutic gardens are frequently simple, unified and easily comprehended places. An intensified recognition of garden patterns and garden experiences enhance the unique identity of a garden as a special place for the people it serves. Placemaking, an important strategy in all landscape design efforts, heightens the visitor's focus on plant-related sensuality, comfort, and independence experienced within a therapeutic garden.



You can share your joy of gardening with others by creating a therapeutic garden for a facility in need or by simply coordinating then accompanying the facility's residents on a garden tour. For more information about therapeutic

gardens and ideas, please visit ahta.org.

Director's Travel Schedule

Apr 9-12	AFGC 80 th Convention – Yuma, AZ
Apr 18-20	Pacific Region Pre-Convention Fundraiser Tour
Apr 20-22	Pacific Region 72 nd Convention – Eugene, OR
May 12 -18	NGC 86 th Convention – Louisville, KY
June 9 – 12	CGCI 83 rd Convention – Reno, NV

How Healthy Is Your Local Garden Club?

By Juanita Peterson, Public Relations/Publicity Chair



Grow New Ideas!

And what does that have to do with PR?

Public Relations begins from within. To be a healthy garden club working in your community doing public service and creating good will, you must have a vital core. To remain vibrant, you must be relevant. To be relevant, you have to evolve.

Does your local garden club have a wide cross section of community projects? Are your members actively and enthusiastically involved in those projects?

What projects generate the most participation? Are they long-term projects? Do you regularly introduce new ones? How do you assess the needs of your community to determine where/how your garden club can meet those needs?

What type of speaker brings the most members to your regular meetings? How do you gain input from your members to suggest speakers/topics? How do you advertise your meetings to the public to let them know you welcome visitors?

Is your club made up of long-time members with many years of gardening experience or do you have several new members, who have perhaps just retired or moved to your area and want to meet friends and learn about their new environment?

Learning what grows in our gardens is at the core of an interesting, sustainable garden. It is so with our garden clubs as well. Make it easy for both long-time and new members to thrive by offering a variety of projects and program topics.

Our local club learned from a recent membership survey that most people join us to meet new friends who are also interested in gardening. They remain because they like our program topics and community service projects.

Ensure that your individual members have a voice in your club's decisions by offering them a variety of methods to give input and contribute to their club and community.

If you provide a milieu that encourages new ideas and a wide variety of programs, projects, and fun social/work events, you can keep your membership vital. And if your members develop camaraderie by learning and doing community service together, their obvious enjoyment will attract new members to continually revitalize your ranks.

To remain vibrant you must be relevant. And to be relevant, you need to evolve to meet the needs of your members first. Members are the impetus and the core of a healthy community service oriented garden club.

Calendar of Events

Mar 7	California Arbor Day
Apr 5-11	Oregon Arbor Day
Apr 8	Washington Arbor Day
Apr 18-20	Pacific Region Pre-Convention Tour , Oregon
Apr 20 – 22	72nd Pacific Region Convention , Eugene, Oregon
Apr 24	National Arbor Day and Arizona, Idaho, Nevada Arbor Day
May 12 – 18	NGC 86 th Convention – Louisville, KY

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April 5-7	73 rd Pacific Region Convention, Henderson, Nevada
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School Days

By Sheila Parcel, Schools Chairman

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

April 14-16, 2015, Course I, Kent, WA
Contact: Marianne Wilkins (425) 391-4284
marianne2w@msn.com
Co-Chair: Bonnie McEachern, (425) 941-0732
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FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

July 18-19, 2015, Anchorage, AK
Contact: Sheila Parcel (907) 223-9371,
parcel@alaska.net

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

April 23 – 24, 2014, Course II, Santa Rosa, CA
Contact: Mary Ann Swanson (707) 762-3118,
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Parliamentary Procedure – Pacific Region Convention

By Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian



The board of directors of the Pacific Region is comprised of the Executive Committee, past directors of the region, all Pacific Region chairmen, and all NGC officers, chairmen and nominating committee members who reside in the region. Board members are voting members of the organization and should attend all board meetings and convention business sessions as well as meetings of any committees to which they belong.

In addition, member states are entitled to two to twelve delegates and alternate delegates each, depending on membership, as defined in NGC bylaws. Each state determines who its delegates will be. Credentialed delegates represent their states and are entitled to vote at convention sessions to help conduct the business of the organization.

Get the most out of your board or delegate position by your active involvement in the convention. We all have convention responsibilities: to be familiar with our governing principles (Pacific Region is governed by NGC bylaws, our own *Policy and Procedure Guidelines* which is posted on the Region website, and the Convention Rules which will be published in the Convention Program booklet); to know which meetings we are to attend; to attend and participate in all business meetings; to be informed about business items expected to come before the convention assembly; to report on the accomplishments or goals of our office or chairmanship; to take advantage of educational and informational opportunities offered (workshops, speakers, tours); and to report back to our state garden club or individual garden club regarding action taken and information received.

We can all be part of parliamentary procedure in action. We should all be in Eugene, Oregon April 20-22!

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What was **green** and a great trick shooter???

Annie Okra. Get it? Annie Okra!!! Ha, ha, ha!