



Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

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“The Next Fifteen Years – 1991-2009”

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edited by Brynn Tavasci in 2019 utilizing the 3 booklets
listed above, historical files dating back to the beginning
and adding in the following 10 years,
2009-2019. To be continued in the digital format.



Carol Norquist

Alaska

2023 – 2025

Theme

***“Unleash the Wild –
Bring Nature Home”***

Carol Norquist, 2007 – 2011 President of Alaska Garden Clubs, accepted as Pacific Region Director April 19, 2023, in Lynnwood, Washington.

Carol’s theme was “Unleash the Wild – Bring Nature Home,” emphasizing the “Need to learn to live in the midst of nature for the future good of the earth.” Carol encouraged everyone to increase wildlife habitat in their own yards, including adding plants, nesting materials, and water sources to “Bring Nature Home.” She had many ideas to support the pollinators, which in turn supports all life. Carol’s theme reflected the NGC Conservation Pledge beautifully.

The 80th Annual Pacific Region Garden Club, Inc., convention was held August 21 – 23, 2024 in Anchorage, Alaska at the BP Energy Center. The theme of the convention was “Into the Wild.” Speakers included Matthew Carlson, director for the Alaska Center for Conservation Science and professor of Biology at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Katie DiCristina, an ecological horticulturist, shared knowledge with the unique perspective of having worked at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Gorgeson Botanical Garden, the farthest north accredited botanical garden in the USA. Becky Myrvold, Head Gardener at the Alaska State Fair for 40 years gave us the inside scoop about Alaska’s giant vegetables and beautiful fair gardens. Attendees of the convention also enjoyed the presence of the 48th National Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Brenda Moore promoting her theme of “Go Green – PLANT AMERICA.”

The 81st Annual convention was held April 28 – 30, 2025 in Tempe, Arizona at the Wyndham Phoenix Airport/Tempe hotel. The theme of the convention was “Wild and Water Wise.” Keynote speakers included Kim Gray, speaking about the Boyce Thompson Arboretum and Karen Cesare of the Central Arizona Project, sharing her special knowledge of local water rights and water management. Linda Larson, the Traveling Gardener shared her incredible journey of visiting 1000 gardens worldwide with colorful slides and stories. Rebecca Davidson informed everyone about Holistic Reforestation and the value of public lands. Educational workshops included grafting, color theory, low water usage, sustainable landscaping and building a bee and insect hotel. The post-convention tour of Sedona was hosted by Sedona Area Garden Club.

Director	Carol Norquist	Washington	Suzanne Stahl
Alternate Director	Debbie Hinchey	Arizona	Judy Kennedy
Recording Secretary	Diane Franchini	California	Carol Vallens
Corresponding Secretary	Sheila Parcel	Oregon	Carolyn Olley
Treasurer	Mary McKinnon	Nevada	Karen Elliott
Historian	Brynn Tavasci	Idaho	Tom Martin
Parliamentarian	Greg Pokorski	Alaska	Sharron Carlson
		Hawaii (Rep.)	Marian Dean



Lana Finegold

Washington

2021-2023

Theme

“One Green World”

Lana Finegold, 2001-2003 President of Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, accepted as Pacific Region Director August 11, 2021, in Silverton, Oregon. Lana's theme was “One Green World,” emphasizing her desire for

all to participate in activities that promoted clean green living practices in all areas of our lives. Lana expressed herself best in her poetry which she shared in the publication, “The Pollinator,” which promoted scholarships, the “WACONIAH,” our Pacific Region newsletter, and “Third Thursday Thoughts,” where Lana shared warm wishes to the membership.

The 78th Annual Pacific Region Garden Club, Inc., convention was held April 25-27, 2022, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The theme of the convention was “RESPECT the Region - Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose.” The keynote speaker was television personality, Mark Hall-Patton from the Clark County Museum system. Entertainment included a recycled fashion show, “Re-style the Runway,” with state presidents as the models. All meetings were held in the Nevada Garden Club clubhouse located in the historic and beautiful Lorenzi Park. NGC President Mary Warshauer was the honored guest.

The 79th Annual Pacific Region Garden Club, Inc., convention was held April 17-20, 2023, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Lynnwood, Washington. Speakers at “Going Green - Together” included the Director of Bellevue Botanical Garden, James Gagliardi, and local, favorite garden speaker, Marianne Binetti. Tory Bennett provided a design program, “Putting on Another Hat,” featuring designs that coordinated with the various hats that she changed during her program. Entertainment included “Fairy Tales from the Garden,” a collection of humorous skits acted out by costumed Pacific Region members. A bus tour of Roozengarde, Tulip Town, Historic La Conner, and the Fiber Arts Museum was held on the last day.

<u>Director</u>	Lana Finegold
<u>Alternate</u>	Terry Critchlow
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Diane Franchini
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Alexis Slafer
<u>Treasurer</u>	Susan Nash
<u>Historian</u>	Brynn Tavasci
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Greg Pokorski
<u>Webmaster</u>	Launa Gould
<u>WACONIAH Editor</u>	Vicki Yuen
<u>Advisor</u>	Robin Pokorski

<u>Washington</u>	Anne Sullivan
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<u>California</u>	Lynn Batchelor
<u>Oregon</u>	Cheryl Drumheller
<u>Nevada</u>	Marcia Brown
<u>Idaho</u>	Karen Lowe
<u>Alaska</u>	Sharron Carlson
<u>Hawaii</u>	Rep. Donna Kanealii



Robin Pokorski

California

2019-2021

Theme

“Reconnect to YOUR Pacific Region”

Unified Project

“Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region”

Robin Pokorski, 2007 – 2009 president of California Garden Clubs, Inc., accepted as Pacific Region Director April 9, 2019 in Van Nuys, California. Robin’s theme was “Reconnect to YOUR Pacific Region,” and her Unified Project was “Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region.” The Covid19 pandemic shutdowns restricted many gatherings including conventions during Robin’s term. She persevered and found new ways to stay connected to garden club members even well beyond our Pacific Region borders.

Virtual meetings utilizing Zoom became the norm and Robin used the technology to hold “Workshop Wednesdays.” These free Zoom workshops held every Wednesday for a total of 14 sessions provided a variety of speakers and topics to entertain, educate, and connect those who attended. Hundreds of attendees participated from all across the states. The “Lil’ Moose Garden Club” scholarship fundraiser was a garden club where all donations went to the Pacific Region scholarship fund. Members joined from all across the states and over \$7,000 was raised. “Blues Stars Shine in the Pacific Region,” listed 82 projects in process for the region, some on hold due to the pandemic. “Photo Phundraiser” raised over \$400. Robin oversaw the production of several educational and informative publications during her term including, “What’s Cookin’ in the Pacific Region,” “Installation Ideas,” “Live, Laugh, Garden in the Pacific Region,” and “Fundraising & FUN-raising.”

<u>Director</u>	Robin Pokorski	<u>Washington</u>	Dorrie Carr
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Sue Bennett	<u>Arizona</u>	Judy Shelton
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Gail Vanderhorst	<u>California</u>	Shane Looper
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Alexis Slafer	<u>Oregon</u>	Tanja Swanson
<u>Treasurer</u>	Becky Hassebroek	<u>Nevada</u>	Judy Stebbens
<u>Historian</u>	Brynn Tavasci	<u>Idaho</u>	Karen Lowe
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Greg Pokorski	<u>Alaska</u>	Chris Wood
<u>WACONIAH Editor</u>	Vicki Yuen	<u>Hawaii</u>	Ann Swider
<u>Website</u>	Judy Tolbert		
<u>Advisor</u>	Peggy Olin		



Peggy Olin

Oregon

2017-2019

Theme

*“Spreading Your Butterfly Wings to Fly,
Sharing Your Knowledge of Gardening”*

Unified Project

*“Plant Pacific Region with Native and
Pollinator Plants for each State’s Region”*

Peggy Olin, 2013-2015 president of Oregon Federation of State Garden Clubs accepted as Pacific Region Director April 20, 2017 in Tukwila, Washington. Peggy’s theme was “Spreading Your Butterfly Wings to Fly, Sharing Your Knowledge of Gardening.” The Unified Project was “Plant Pacific Region with Native and Pollinator Plants for each State’s Region.”

The 74th Pacific Region Convention, “Whoopin’ It Up at the Hot Springs II,” was held April 6-9, 2018 at Chena Hot Springs Resort in Fairbanks, Alaska. Highlights included a midnight snow coach tour to view the Aurora Borealis, dog sled ride, “Laughter Yoga,” tour of the resorts geothermal plant, hydroponic greenhouses, and the ice museum including an “appletini” at the ice bar. Several informative workshops were held.

The 75th Pacific Region Convention, “Soaring to New Heights,” was held April 7-10, 2019 at Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys, California. Highlights included a pre-convention tour to the Getty Museum and Gardens, a fundraising “Dinner with the Stars” at the home of Hank and Gail Vanderhorst, and a “Diva Design” banquet with Shane Looper, Phyllis Olson, and Brynn Tavasci as the Diva Designers.

We were incorporated in the State of Nevada and we have a new name, Pacific Region of Garden Clubs, Inc.

<u>Director</u>	Peggy Olin	<u>Washington</u>	Joyce Lounsberry
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Sherry Cossey	<u>Arizona</u>	Marcie Brooks
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Brynn Tavasci	<u>California</u>	Krystal Migliore
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Sandy Ford	<u>Oregon</u>	Gaye Stewart
<u>Treasurer</u>	Becky Hassebroek	<u>Nevada</u>	Nancy Lee Loesch
<u>Historian</u>	Jeanette Pruin	<u>Idaho</u>	Caudia Hambacker
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Greg Pokorski	<u>Alaska</u>	Chris Wood
<u>WACONIAH Editor</u>	Robin Pokorski	<u>Hawaii</u>	Ann Swider
<u>Website</u>	Carol Norquist		
<u>Advisor</u>	Kristie Livreri		



Kristie Livreri

Nevada

2015-2017

Theme

“Look to the Garden through the Eyes of a Child

A Kaleidoscope of Possibilities”

Unified Project

“Pacific Region works with Children”

Kristie Livreri, past president of Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc., 2007-2011 accepted as Pacific Region Director April 22, 2015 in Eugene, Oregon. The theme for her term was “Look to the garden through the eyes of a Child – A Kaleidoscope of Possibilities,” and the Unified Project was “Pacific Region works with Children.”

The 72nd Pacific Region Convention “Beyond the Neon,” was held April 5-7, 2016 at Green Valley Ranch Resort in Henderson, Nevada. There was a pre-convention tour to Hoover Dam and Lake Mead. Other highlights included a Blue Star Memorial rededication and tour of the beautiful Springs Preserve and a design program by Helga Salmon. Workshops included “Kids Growing Strong” and “Parliamentary Procedures for Garden Club Meetings.”

The 73rd Pacific Region Convention, “Best of the Northwest-the Pause that Refreshes” was held April 18-20, 2017 at the Embassy Suites in Tukwila, Washington. The Honored Guest was NGC President-elect, Nancy Hargroves.

Pacific Region voted to continue as a region, achieved 502c(3) status, and approved new Bylaws.

<u>Director</u>	Kristie Livreri	<u>Washington</u>	Terry Critchlow
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Vicki Yuen	<u>Arizona</u>	Judy Tolbert
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Sheila Parcel	<u>California</u>	Sue Bennett
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Sherry Cossey	<u>Oregon</u>	Shirley Schmidt
<u>Treasurer</u>	Becky Hassebroek	<u>Nevada</u>	Nancy Lee Loesch
<u>Historian</u>	Jeanette Pruin	<u>Idaho</u>	Janet Peterson
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Greg Pokorski	<u>Alaska</u>	Marti Black
<u>WACONIAH Editor</u>	Robin Pokorski	<u>Hawaii</u>	Ann Swider
<u>Website Chairman</u>	Carol Norquist		
<u>Advisor</u>	Elaine Gunderson		



Elaine Gunderson

Arizona

2013-2015

Theme

“Expand Horizons – A Conservation Rainbow”

Unified Project

“It’s Our World! It’s Our Responsibility! Plant Seeds of Knowledge and Stewardship”

Elaine Gunderson, past president of Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs 2001-2003 accepted the Pacific Region directorship on April 24, 2013 in Santa Rosa, California. Her theme was “Expand Horizons – A Conservation Rainbow,” and the Unified Project was “It’s Our World! It’s Our Responsibility! Plant Seeds of Knowledge and Stewardship.”

The 70th Pacific Region Convention, “A Jewel in the Gem State,” was held July 1-3, 2014 at The Coeur d’Alene Resort, in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. NGC President Linda Nelson was the honored guest. There was a pre-convention tour to Glacier National Park. Highlights were a boat cruise luncheon on Lake Coeur d’Alene with a tour of Casco Bay Gardens, tour to the Wallace, Idaho Silver Mine, design program by Jon Throne and presentation on “Remarkable Trees” by Linda Larson. The 71st Pacific Region Convention, “From the Mountains, to the Valleys, to the Waters,” was held at the Hilton Eugene Hotel in Eugene, Oregon April 20-22, 2015. NGC President-elect Sandra Robinson was the honored guest. Highlights of the convention included a pre-convention tour to Oregon Gardens and Multnomah Falls. There was a “18th Century Woman” presentation by Kay Huston, “Gardening for Butterflies” by David Droppers, “If I Were a Rhododendron,” program presented by Harold Greer, and a design program by Char Mutschler. The “Painted Lady” was selected as the Pacific Region butterfly.

<u>Director</u>	Elaine Gunderson
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Carol Parrott
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Sheila Parcel
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Kristie Livreri
<u>Treasurer</u>	Gale Baullinger
<u>Historian</u>	Jeanette Pruin
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Greg Pokorski
<u>WACONIAH Editor</u>	Robin Pokorski
<u>Website Chairman</u>	Carol Norquist
<u>Advisor</u>	Debbie Hinchey

<u>Washington</u>	Brynn Tavasci
<u>Arizona</u>	Carol Mossholder
<u>California</u>	Rita Desilets
<u>Oregon</u>	Peggy Olin
<u>Nevada</u>	Vicki Yuen
<u>Idaho</u>	Janet Peterson
<u>Alaska</u>	Becky Hassebroek
<u>Hawaii</u>	Ann Swider



Debbie Hinchey

Alaska

2011-2013

Theme

“Looking In and Reaching Out”

Unified Project

“Reaching Out, Let Us Count the Ways”

Debbie Hinchey, 2011-2013 President

of Alaska State Federation of Garden Clubs, accepted as Pacific Region Director April 16, 2010 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Her theme was “Looking In and Reaching Out.” The Unified Project” was “Reaching Out, Let Us Count the Ways.”

The 68th Regional Convention, “Midnight Sun Reflections,” was held July 26-28, 2012 at the Clarion Suites in Anchorage, Alaska. NGC President Shirley Nicolai was the honored guest. There was a pre-convention tour from Fairbanks to Denali National Park, and an afternoon tour to Portage Bay, the Wildlife Conservation Center and Alyeska.

The 69th Regional Convention, “Celebrating Nature’s Beauty & Bounty,” was held April 22-24, 2013 at the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country, Santa Rosa, California. There was a pre-convention tour to 3 wineries with tastings, entertaining design program by Wil Gonzalez, presentation on the Quarryhill Botanical Gardens, program about Luther Burbank and design program by Nancy Colvin.

During Debbie’s term there was an increased amount of information available on the website to help all members. Due to her Unified Project task of tallying the hours and dollars spent by their clubs and members on garden club projects garden club’s impact was better understood.

<u>Director</u>	Debbie Hinchey
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Carol Norquist
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	June Willard
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Sheila Parcel
<u>Treasurer</u>	Betty Burkhart
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Greg Pokorski
<u>Historian</u>	Jeanette Pruin
<u>WACONIAH Editor</u>	Robin Pokorski
<u>Advisor</u>	Sandy Ford

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Judith Juno
Carol Parrott
Julie West
Garnet Ascher
Vicki Yuen
Robyn McCarthy
Becky Hassebroek
Ann Swider



Sandra Ford

Idaho

2009-2011

Theme

and

Unified Project

*“Birds, Bees and Butterflies – Protect,
Feed and Enjoy”*

Sandra Ford, 1997-2003 president of Idaho Garden Clubs Inc., accepted as Pacific Region Director April 2, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Her theme and Unified Project was “Birds, Bees, and Butterflies – Protect, Feed and Enjoy.” Every garden club member was challenged to do at least one thing to support birds, bees, and butterflies.

The 66th Annual Pacific Region convention, “Near Nature Near Water,” was held April 22-24, 2010 at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park, located in downtown Spokane. Highlights of the convention included a program featuring live raptors brought by Elizabeth Paragamian from the Bureau of Land management. It was called “Nature Adventures.” David BrownEagle, Educator and Storyteller from the Spokane Tribe gave a spiritual story to go with the Spokane Pow Wow Dancers.

The 67th Annual Pacific Region convention, “Desert Splendor” was held April 14-16, 2011 in Scottsdale, Arizona at the Scottsdale Hilton Resort & Villas. Tours included Cosanti – Soleri Windbells, the Desert Botanical Gardens and Butterfly Pavilion, and Scottsdale Old Town/Ollie the Trolley Guided Tour.

<u>Director</u>	Sandy Ford	<u>Washington</u>	Carolyn Erickson
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Dottie Hurd	<u>Arizona</u>	Sharron Luoma
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Elaine Gunderson	<u>California</u>	Maryanne Lucas
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Debbie Hinchey	<u>Oregon</u>	Karen Brown
<u>Treasurer</u>	Betty Burkhart	<u>Nevada</u>	Kristie Livreri
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Greg Pokorski	<u>Idaho</u>	Robyn McCarthy
<u>Historian</u>	June Willard	<u>Alaska</u>	Carol Norquist
<u>Advisor</u>	Jeanette Pruin	<u>Hawaii</u>	Ann Swider



Jeanette Pruin

Washington

2007-2009

Theme

“Preserve Our Gardening Heritage”

Unified Project

“Cultivate Heirloom Seeds”

Jeanette Pruin, 1995-1997 president of Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, accepted as Pacific Region Director April 22, 2007 in Burbank, California. Her theme was “Preserve Our Gardening Heritage.” The Unified Project, “Cultivate Heirloom Seeds,” challenged clubs to present programs about the importance of heirloom seeds to agriculture and individuals to grow heirlooms in their gardens.

The 64th Pacific Region Convention was held April 3-5, 2008 at the Doubletree Hotel in Portland, Oregon. The theme was “April Showers.” The hotel staff presented a program and a tour of their “Green Seal Certified” facility. A tour to the Portland Classical Chinese Garden and the design program “A Floral Art Celebration” by Char Mutschler were other highlights. Nevada Garden Clubs hosted the 65th annual convention March 31 to April 2, 2009 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. “Desert Daze and Neon Nights” was the theme. NGC President Barbara May was our honored guest. Highlights included a tour of the Las Vegas Springs Preserve and a design program by Linnea Miller Domz and five Nevada designers.

Achievements of Jeanette’s term included two \$1000 scholarships awarded, 2006 post-convention Tri-refresher tour of the Columbia Gorge, the “Owl” was selected as Pacific Region “bird,” and the 2008 *WACONIAH* won the Tommy Donnan Certificate. In celebration of our 75th anniversary, two history books, “We Were There 1933-1973” and “The Second Twenty Years 1973-1993,” were reprinted. “The Next Fifteen Years 1993-2008” was written. Award of Honor winners were Myrtle Findley from California for 2008 and Pat Baker from Idaho for 2009.

<u>Director</u>	Jeanette Pruin	<u>Washington</u>	Marva Lee Peterschick
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Lana Finegold	<u>Arizona</u>	Fran Harkey
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Jan Iseli	<u>California</u>	Robin Pokorski
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Elaine Gunderson	<u>Oregon</u>	Sherry Cossey
<u>Treasurer</u>	Sandra Ford	<u>Nevada</u>	Kristie Livreri
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Greg Pokorski	<u>Idaho</u>	Dotty Hurd
<u>Historian</u>	June Willard	<u>Alaska</u>	Carol Norquist
<u>Advisor</u>	Beverly Brune	<u>Hawaii</u>	Ann Swider



Beverly Brune

California

2005-2007

*Theme and Unified Project
"Embrace Our Public Gardens"*

Beverly Brune, 1997-1999 president of California Garden Clubs, Inc., accepted as Pacific Region Director April 5, 2005 at the Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, Arizona. Her theme was "Embrace Our Public Gardens." Her Unified Project bore the same name with states being encouraged to visit, volunteer at, donate to and enjoy public gardens.

The 62nd Pacific Region convention, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," was July 22-24, 2006 in Boise, Idaho. Highlights were a train ride to the Idaho Botanic Garden and a slide presentation in which each president spoke about the public gardens in their state. California hosted the 63rd annual convention, "Celebration Pacifica," April 20-22, 2007 at the Burbank Airport Marriott. NGC President, Kitty Larkin, was the honored guest. A tour to the Getty Center in Los Angeles and a "Tribute to Elvis" impersonator were highlights of the convention.

Achievements of Beverly's term included awarding of two \$1000 scholarships, 2006 donation to "Green the Gulf," and hosting two successful fund raising tours, a March 2006 tour to Costa Rica and an April 2007 post convention "Sideways" tour to Lotusland, Ronald Reagan Library and Solvan and California wineries. Award of Honor winners were Marilyn Nelson from Washington in 2006 and Jean Reiley from California in 2007.

<u>Director</u>	Beverly Brune
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Virginia Bennetts
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Patricia Babcock
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Sandra Ford
<u>Treasurer</u>	Jeanette Pruin
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Greg Pokorski
<u>Historian</u>	Ruth Berger
<u>Advisor</u>	Linda Nelson

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June Willard
Elin Doehne
Elisabeth Tufo
Marcis Kay Whitelock
Jane Macia
Dotty Hurd
Debbie Hinchey
Andrea Binkley



Linda Nelson

Oregon

2003-2005

Theme

"Imagine How We Can Grow"

Unified Project

"Imagine Growing Native"

Linda Nelson, 1995-1997 president of Oregon Federation of State Garden Clubs, accepted as Pacific Region Director April 8, 2003 at Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, Washington. Her theme was "Imagine How We Can Grow." The Unified Project of "Imagine Growing Native" encouraged states to promote the use of native plants in residential and civic plantings.

The 60th Pacific Region Convention was held July 8-10, 2004 in Anchorage, Alaska. The theme was "Wild About Growing." Twenty members cruised to Alaska. A Tri-refresher was offered during the cruise and at the convention. Dinner at Alpenglow included a native plant tour via chairlift. The 61st annual convention was held April 3-5, 2005 at the Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, Arizona. The theme was "Desert Extravaganza." NGC President, June Wood, was the honored guest. A Blue Star dedication, a four-hour "Hummer" desert tour and a "Desert Extravaganza" design program were highlights of the convention.

Achievements of Linda's term included the development of the region website www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org, the revision of Convention Guidelines and Policy and Procedure, a new Personnel form was adopted, a new PR Life Member pin designed, and two \$1000 scholarships were awarded. \$75 was given to PH&E "Gems of Honor" and Pacific Region won the Emerald Award. The Award of Honor winners were Barbara Hepler from Idaho for 2004 and Ruth Berger from Oregon for 2005.

<u>Director</u>	Linda Nelson	<u>Washington</u>	Phyllis Danielson
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Nan Jean Roller	<u>Arizona</u>	Irene Jensen
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Elaine Gunderson	<u>California</u>	Robert Gordon
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Jan Iseli	<u>Oregon</u>	Jeanne Marie Davis
<u>Treasurer</u>	Jeanette Pruin	<u>Nevada</u>	Jane Macia
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Carol Klingberg	<u>Idaho</u>	Bob Hanson
<u>Historian</u>	Beverly Brune	<u>Alaska</u>	Patricia Babcock
<u>Advisor</u>	Lee Pearn	<u>Hawaii</u>	Andrea Binkley



Evalee Pearn
Nevada
2001-2003

Theme
***“Plant a Tree for Food,
 Plant a Tree for Shade”***
Unified Project
“Habitat for Humanity”

Evalee Pearn, 1995-1999 president of Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc., accepted as Pacific Region Director, March 28, 2001 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Her theme was “Plant a Tree for Food, Plant a Tree for Shade.” The Unified Project of “Habitat for Humanity” encouraged clubs to help landscape Habitat homes. Jackson Perkins furnished rose bushes for this project.

The 58th Pacific Region convention, “Experience Hawaii – Maui Style” was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Maui, Hawaii, June 5-9, 2002. Highlights included a luau hosted by the convention chairman and a tour of the neighboring island of Lanai.

Washington hosted the 59th annual convention, “Powwow at Semiahmoo,” April 6-8, 2003, at Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, Washington. NGC President, Lois Shuster, was our honored guest. The design program “Legends,” featured Harvest Moon, a Quinault tribal storyteller, with five designers interpreting the Indian legends she told.

Achievements of Lee’s term included regional dues being raised to \$30 per voting delegate, awarding of two \$1,000 scholarships, a post-convention tour to Victoria in April 2003 and the introduction of state banners for conventions.

<u>Director</u>	Evalee Pearn	<u>Washington</u>	Lana Finegold
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Linda Nelson	<u>Arizona</u>	Elaine Gunderson
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Sandra Ford	<u>California</u>	Virginia Bennetts
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Mary Cantrell	<u>Oregon</u>	Beverly Seibel
<u>Treasurer</u>	Jeanette Pruin	<u>Nevada</u>	Lee Heenan
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Arlene Chasson	<u>Idaho</u>	Betty Jabora
<u>Historian</u>	Ruth Berger	<u>Alaska</u>	Patricia Babcock
<u>Advisor</u>	Lisa Stephens	<u>Hawaii</u>	Dorothy Dale



Lisa Stephens

Arizona
1999-2001

Theme
“Splendors of the Pacific Region”
Unified Project
“Showing off Our Signature Plants”

Lisa Stephens, 1993-1995 president of Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., accepted as Pacific Region Director April 17, 1999 in Sacramento, California. Her theme was “Splendors of the Pacific Region.” The Unified Project of “Showing Off Our Signature Plants” was all about what local garden clubs can do with one plant that grows easily in the club’s nearby area.

The 56th Pacific Region convention, “Rogue River Splendor” was held April 13-15, 2000 at the Red Lion Inn in Medford, Oregon. Our honored guest was NGS GC President Deen Day Smith. A workshop featuring “Pot-et-Fleur” designs was lead by Pacific Region members. The design program was titled “Ikebana Splendid Designs.”

Nevada hosted the 57th annual convention, “Bright Lights – Silver Glow” at the Monte Carlo Resort in Las Vegas, March 26-28, 2001. The design program “Nevada Wonders” featured designs by Pacific Region members.

Achievements of Lisa’s term included the awarding of two \$1000 scholarships, a \$1000 paver purchased for the NGC Butterfly Garden in the National Garden in Washington DC and California hosted the NGS GC Convention, “2000-A Virtual Reality.”

<u>Director</u>	Lisa Stephens	<u>Washington</u>	Marianne Larson
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Bunny Gladhart	<u>Arizona</u>	Juanita Harelson
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Shirley Monger	<u>California</u>	Dorothy Roton
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Sandra Ford	<u>Oregon</u>	Ruth Berger
<u>Treasurer</u>	Jeanette Pruin	<u>Nevada</u>	Jane Matthey Henderson
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Peggie Garrison	<u>Idaho</u>	Betty Jabbora
<u>Historian</u>	Beverly Brune	<u>Alaska</u>	Letti Delk
<u>Advisor</u>	Della Colver Barry	<u>Hawaii</u>	Elizabeth Russe



Della Colver Berry

**Alaska
1997-1999**

Theme
***“Treasures of Our Land and Peoples”
Unified Project
“Young People, Our Greatest
Treasures”***

Della Colver Barry, 1991-1993 president of the Alaska State Federation of Garden Clubs, accepted as Pacific Region Director April 12, 1997 in Phoenix, Arizona. Her theme was “Treasures of Our Land and Peoples.” The Unified Project, “Young People, Our Greatest Treasures,” encouraged clubs to organize youth garden clubs, work with established clubs, promote NCSGC youth contests and raise money for scholarships.

The 54th Pacific Region convention was held June 25-27, 1998 at The Grove Hotel in Boise, Idaho. NCSGC President Barbara Barnette was our honored guest. A Snake River “Birds of Prey” trip was a highlight. California Garden Clubs, Inc. hosted the 55th annual convention April 15-17, 1999 at the Sacramento Hilton Inn. The theme was “Gold Country Enchantment.” With partial funding from a Shell Oil PETALS grant many environmental programs were presented. A design program by the Sacramento Arrangers Guild and a bus tour to the waste management facility at UC Davis were convention highlights.

Achievements of Della’s term included the awarding of two \$1000 scholarships, Pacific Region Speech and Essay contest winners receiving \$50 each and \$20 WACONIAH Boosters were instituted. Ruth McCombs from Idaho was the 1998 Award of Honor Winner.

<u>Director</u>	Della Colver Barry
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Roberta Rice
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Betty Hedtke
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Elizabeth Morfitt
<u>Treasurer</u>	Jeanette Pruin
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Floyd Vandervelden
<u>Historian</u>	Roberta Lothian
<u>Advisor</u>	Carol Klingberg

<u>Washington</u>	Shirley Monger
<u>Arizona</u>	Val Lee
<u>California</u>	Beverly Brune
<u>Oregon</u>	Jan Iseli
<u>Nevada</u>	Evalee Pearn
<u>Idaho</u>	Sandra Ford
<u>Alaska</u>	Debbie Hinchey
<u>Hawaii</u>	Elizabeth Russe



Carol Klingberg

Washington

1995-1997

Theme

"Jewels of the Pacific Region"

Unified Project

"Our Environment, Our Future"

Carol Klingberg, 1983-1985 president of Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, accepted as Pacific Region Director April 20, 1995 in Everett, Washington. Her theme was "Jewels of the Pacific Region." The Unified Project of "Our Environment, Our Future" encouraged individual clubs to promote environmental issues with programs and projects.

The 52nd Pacific Region Convention was held July 10-12, 1996 in Wasilla, Alaska. The theme was "Midnight Sun Magic." Fifty members cruised to Alaska for the convention. NCSGC President Mary Louise Michie was our honored guest. A wildflower tour to Hatcher Pass was a convention highlight.

The 53rd annual convention was held April 10-12, 1997 at the Executive Suites in Phoenix, Arizona. The theme was "Fiesta Fantastico." Mary Louise Michie was again our guest. A workshop on the new 1997 *Handbook for Flower Shows* and a tour of the Desert Botanical Gardens were highlights.

Achievements of Carol's term included Pacific Region receiving a PETALS Grant for the "The Christmas Tree" video. WACONIAH expanding to four issues a year, and one \$1000 scholarship being awarded. A pre-convention cruise to Alaska in 1996 and post-convention tour to the Grand Canyon in 1997.

<u>Director</u>	Carol Klingberg
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Ellen Swenson
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Della Colver Barry
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Edith Cleaveland
<u>Treasurer</u>	Violet Singler
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Barbara Appel
<u>Historian</u>	Roberta Lothian
<u>Advisor</u>	Connie Riccio

<u>Washington</u>	Jeanette Pruin
<u>Arizona</u>	Bunny Gladhart
<u>California</u>	Peggy Northon
<u>Oregon</u>	Linda Nelson
<u>Nevada</u>	Evalee Pearn
<u>Idaho</u>	Sandra Ford
<u>Alaska</u>	Roberta Rice
<u>Hawaii</u>	Marion Lash



Connie Riccio

Hawaii
1993-1995

Theme
“Pride in Our Heritage”
Unified Project
“Youth Gardening”

Connie Riccio, 1983-1985 president of the Hawaii Federation of Garden Clubs accepted as Pacific Region Director April 1993 in Bend, Oregon. The theme for the term was “Pride in Our Heritage.” Her Unified Project “Youth Gardening” led to the establishment of many youth gardens in Pacific Region.

March 28-30, 1994, Nevada hosted the 50th annual convention “Where Silver Meets Gold” at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. NCSGC President Eleanor Yates was the honored guest. Nevada designer, Helga Sallmon, presented the design program “A Trip thru the Past Fifty Annual Meetings.”

Washington hosted the 51st Pacific Region convention “Let Washington Tickle Your Senses” April 18-20, 1995 at the Everett Pacific Hotel, Everett, Washington. The programs were based on the senses such as Sense of Touch: “Creepy Crawlies” by Cisco Morris and Sense of Taste: “Breakfast Trays” by Georgia Farman.

Achievements of Connie’s term included a regional flower show at the Las Vegas convention in celebration of our 50th annual meeting, newly designed Pacific Region personnel form and one \$1000 scholarship awarded, the Award of Honor winner was Blanche Wold.

<u>Director</u>	Connie Riccio	<u>Washington</u>	JoAnn Goldman
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Carol Klingberg	<u>Arizona</u>	Lisa Stephens
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Christie Bininger	<u>California</u>	JoAnn Van Deventer
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Linda Nelson	<u>Oregon</u>	Marian Allen
<u>Treasurer</u>	Roberta Lothian	<u>Nevada</u>	Barbara Appel
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Arleen Chasson	<u>Idaho</u>	Beverly Green
<u>Historian</u>	Nan Jean Roller	<u>Alaska</u>	Roberta Rice
<u>Advisor</u>	Mary Tebo	<u>Hawaii</u>	Marion Lash



Mrs. Wil J. Tebo
California
1991-1993

Theme
“The Earth is Our Home”
Unified Project
“Care for the Earth – Plant a Tree”

Mary Tebo, past president of California Garden Clubs Inc. accepted the Pacific Region directorship on April 11, 1991 in Boise, Idaho. Her theme was “The Earth is Our Home” and her Unified Project for the region was “Care for the Earth – Plant a Tree.”

Pacific Region 48th Convention was held in Costa Mesa, California March 19-22, 1992. Mrs. James C. Dawson, National President was the honored guest. The theme was “This Land is My Land.” It was followed by an Environmental Awareness Conference, “Challenges and Choices for a Better World” sponsored by Pacific Region and Shell Oil. The next day was a group tour to Mexico.

In April 1993 the 49th convention took place in Bend, Oregon. The convention theme was “High Desert Spectacular.”

Achievements of Mary’s term included the creation of Region Life Memberships at the price of \$25 each. A funding project for scholarships was started called Bookworm Buddies. For \$25 or \$100 donors could become a green or gold bookworm. One \$1000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship were given.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Wil J. Tebo	<u>Alaska</u>	Della Colver Barry
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Mrs. Roy F. Hedke	<u>Arizona</u>	Val Colvin
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Mrs. John H. Lewis	<u>California</u>	Mary Lou Van Deventer
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Mrs. Carl L. Klingberg	<u>Hawaii</u>	Eunice Antosik
<u>Treasurer</u>	Alice Elmstrom	<u>Idaho</u>	Edith Cleaveland
<u>Advisor</u>	LaVane M. Bigelow	<u>Nevada</u>	Barbara Appel
<u>Historian</u>	Mrs. Gerard B. Heilman	<u>Oregon</u>	Elaine Belts
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Mrs. Leon Chasson	<u>Washington</u>	Roberta Lothian



Mrs. LaVane M. Bigelow
Oregon
1989-1991

Theme
“Spirit of the Pacific”
Unified Project
“Source Reduction”

Mrs. Bigelow’s theme was “Spirit of the Pacific” and her unified project was “Source Reduction,” with an emphasis on taking a closer look at what we dispose of and how.

Pacific Region Convention was held in Anchorage, Alaska on June 26-27, 1990 in conjunction with a solid Waste Management Conference on the 25th. The convention focus was on education, recycling, and composting. National President Mrs. C. Manning Smith was our honored guest.

Idaho hosted the 47th Pacific Region Convention in Boise, Idaho on April 10-11, 1991. The theme was “Follow Your Dreams.”

The National Convention was held in the region by Washington State on May 14-16, 1990 at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in Seattle, Washington.

Achievements included two new awards, Historic Preservation and an Environmental Awareness Award. A Ways and Means project of a week on the island of Maui, provided by a garden club member and a donation was made to the Friendship Garden at the National Arboretum.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. LaVane Bigelow
<u>Alternate</u>	Mrs. Ben Andrews
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Mrs. Ben Andrews
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Mrs. Fred Spores
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. Raymond Elmstrom
<u>Advisor</u>	Mrs. Elred G. Franke
<u>Historian</u>	Mrs. Leon Chasson
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Mrs. Carl Klingberg

<u>Alaska</u>	Mrs. Albert Silk
<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. Harry Wagner
<u>California</u>	Mrs. Allan Nielsen
<u>Hawaii</u>	Mrs. John Johnson
<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. F. Ruth Thacker
<u>Nevada</u>	Mrs. Charles Gorley
<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. Sam Roller
<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. Ralph Swenson



**Mrs. Robert L. Fish
(Franke)
Arizona
1987-1989**

*Theme
"Wings of Friendship"
Unified Project
"Membership"*

The theme for the Pacific Region was "Wings of Friendship" to carry out the Unified Project, "Membership."

The 44th Pacific Region Convention was held in Seattle, Washington March 28-29, 1988 at the Edgewater Hotel with the theme "Goin' Fishin'." A successful Groundwater Protection Conference in Seattle had more than 200 in attendance.

The 45th Pacific Region Convention was held in Tucson, Arizona on April 25-27, 1989 with the theme "People, Places, and Pleasures of Arizona." A Waste-Awareness-Environmental Conference followed.

A new award was established to give the state with the largest number of new life members \$50 and \$50 to the state with the largest percentage of new life members based on membership. National Scholarships were won in 1988 by Arizona, California, Idaho and Washington, and in 1989 by Arizona, Hawaii and Washington.

Director Mrs. Eldred G. Franke
Alternate Mrs. Barney Upchurch
Recording Secretary Mrs. Carl Klingberg
Corresponding Sec. Mrs. Lloyd Johns
Treasurer Mrs. Robert Bininger
Parliamentarian Mrs. Tom Pethtel

Historian Mrs. Leon Chasson

Alaska Mrs. Richard E. Garrison
Arizona Mrs. W. O. Ulrich
California Mrs. Roy Hedtke
Hawaii Mrs. Roger Wickenden
Idaho Mrs. Randall Cone
Nevada Mr. Leo Cook
Mrs. Charles Gorley
Oregon Mrs. Robert Fariss
Washington Mrs. J. Edmund Deming



Mrs. Tom Pethtel

Idaho

1985-1987

Theme

“Cooperate”

Unified Project

“Garden Therapy”

Mrs. Tom Pethel was Pacific Region Director 1985 – 1987 with the theme of “Cooperate.” The Unified Project was “Garden Therapy,” with emphasis placed on districts of states rather than clubs.

The 42nd Pacific Region Convention was held March 16-18, 1986 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Sahara Hotel. All eight state presidents were in attendance. The convention was followed by an Energy Awareness Conference about hazardous waste. This was held at the Nevada Garden Center.

The 43rd Pacific Region Convention was held April 1-4, 1987 in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel with all eight state presidents in attendance. The 1987 convention was followed by a tour.

The Abraham Lincoln Alternate Energy Scholarship for \$1000 from the Pacific Region has been renamed the Pacific Region Scholarship now being awarded to students majoring in Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Conservation, Forestry, Agronomy, Plant Pathology, Environmental Concerns, City Planning, Land Management and/or other allied subjects including Alternate Energy. In 1986 scholarships were given to Idaho (two), Hawaii, Oregon, Arizona and Washington.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Tom Pethtel
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Mrs. John Morfitt
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Mrs. Carl Klingberg
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Mrs. Leo Cook
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. Ralph Swenson
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Mrs. James M. Donahue
<u>Historian</u>	Mrs. Leon Chasson

<u>Alaska</u>	Mrs. Edward Belyea
<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. E. G. Franke
<u>California</u>	Mrs. R. Nelson Nicholson
<u>Hawaii</u>	Mrs. August Riccio
<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. Randell Cone
<u>Nevada</u>	Mr. Leo Coe
<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. W. N. Stanaland
<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. Max Armstrong



Mrs. James M. Donahue
Washington
1983-85

Theme
“Fifty Years and Growing-Forever Gardening”
Unified Project
“Growing with Pacific Region”

Mrs. James M. Donahue was Pacific Region Director 1983-1985. Her theme was “Communicate” and the Unified Project was “Feeding our Hungry Neighbors.” Money from the Bicentennial Flower show provided money for the prizes associated with the award, one for large states and one for smaller states. A new gladiola, tall and clear yellow, was named “Our Lois” by Washington State to honor our Director, Lois Donahue.

The 40th convention of the Pacific Region was held on March 19-22, 1984 at the Mansion Inn, Sacramento, California. Seven of the eight states were represented. The theme was “Fifty years and Growing-Forever Gardening.” The 41st convention was held March 31-April 3, 1985 at the Red Lion Inn, Lloyd’s Center, Portland, Oregon with all eight states in attendance. The theme was “Growing with Pacific Region.”

Voluntary contributions funded the Abraham Lincoln Alternate Energy Scholarship, \$1000 a year from the region. Pacific Region was in attendance at the Environmental Education Conference in the D.C. area resulting in increased awareness of the environment. In conjunction with the 1985 meeting of Pacific Region, was a Regional Wildflower conference held in the Columbia River Gorge.

Director Mrs. James M. Donahue
Alternate Director Mrs. Abner Belcher
Recording Secretary Mrs. John Cochran
Corresponding Sec. Mrs. Kenneth Martin
Treasurer Mrs. Ralph Swenson
Advisor Mrs. Jack Lindsey
Historian Mrs. Leon Chasson
Parliamentarian Mrs. William E. Sieverts

Alaska Candy Nugent
Arizona Mrs. Alfred Sigwalt
California Mrs. Wil Tebo
Mrs. William V. Hughes
Hawaii Mrs. August Riccio
Idaho Mrs. John Morfitt
Nevada Mrs. Russell Stanley
Oregon Mrs. Lane Smith Jr.
Washington Mrs. Carl Klingberg



Mrs. Jack Nason Lindsey

Hawaii

1981-1983

Theme

“Aspire -To Dream the Impossible

Dream Act-To Put into Motion

Accomplish to Succeed”

Unified Project

“ The Dream”

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

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

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

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Jack Nason Lindsey	<u>Alaska</u>	Mrs. Darrel Rexwinkle
<u>Alternate</u>	Mrs. Ronald Nole	<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. John A. Cochran
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs. James Donahue	<u>California</u>	Mrs. George Daiber
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. William Laskey		Mrs. Wil J. Tebo
<u>Historian</u>	Mrs. R. E. Elmstrom	<u>Hawaii</u>	Mrs. Harold Horne
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Mrs. Wallace Hirsch	<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. John W. Morfitt
		<u>Nevada</u>	Mrs. Reese E. Roberts
		<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. Donald Bigelow
		<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. Abner Belcher



Mrs. Henry Dolezal

California

1979-1981

Theme
***“Organize-Anticipate Need-
Communicate-Work in
Harmony”***
Unified Project
***“Youth takes over tomorrow
where we stand today”***

Mrs. Henry Dolezal was the Pacific Region Director from 1979 – 1981. Her theme was “Organize-Anticipate Need-Communicate-Work in Harmony.” The Unified Project was “Youth takes over tomorrow where we stand today.”

The 37th Pacific Region Convention was held in Bellevue, Washington at the Greenwood Inn April 15-17, 1980. The theme was “Together- learn more-do more.” The 36^h Pacific Region Convention was held in Scottsdale, Arizona with the theme of “Projections Two Thousand.” A Triple E Conference was held following the convention March 23-25, 1981.

The Rucker Regional Award in Landscape Design was established to be given annually to a member state of the region sponsoring the most outstanding activity in the area of landscape design. Given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rucker the award was to be retired at the end of 20 years by the state that won the most times. She began the category panel group reports with a coordinator. There was also the Get Acquainted Night with sale of costume jewelry to help defray future directors fees.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Henry Dolezal
<u>Alternate Director</u>	Mrs. Henry T. Read
<u>Honorary Regional Director</u>	Mrs. J. W. Scheel
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs. James Donahue
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. William Laskey
<u>Historian</u>	Mrs. Raymond E. Elmstrom
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Mrs. Barney Upchurch

<u>Alaska</u>	Mrs. Horace F. Drury
<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. Robert E. Lee
<u>California</u>	Mrs. Robert Busher
	Mrs. George W. Daiber
<u>Hawaii</u>	Mrs. Roger C. Wickendon
<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. George Riggers
<u>Nevada</u>	Mrs. Reese E. Roberts
<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. L. R. Lynam
<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. Abner B. Belcher



Mrs. Raymond Elmstrom
Oregon
1977-1979

Theme
“Pacific Region Joins Hands with
Nature”
Unified Project
“Blue Star Markers”

Alice Elmstrom was Regional Director from 1977-1979. During her administration the Policy and Procedure Book was printed and updated. She donated a gavel to the region. The Unified Project was the Blue Star Markers. Each state was to endeavor to purchase two markers. Fundraising was done for the start of the Regional Life Membership program and efforts were made to launch the awards program.

Oregon hosted the 35th Pacific Region convention In Eugene on April 24-25, 1978 with the theme “Oregon Welcomes You,” at the Valley River Inn. It was voted to name a new Honorary Pacific Regional Director. An Environmental Education workshop was held prior to the 35th annual meeting.

On May 22-23, 1979 the 36th Pacific Region Convention was held in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Dunes Hotel. The theme was “Kaleidoscope.”

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Raymond Elmstrom
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs. Edward T. Donohoe
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. Reese Roberts
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Mrs. Leon Chasson
<u>Historian</u>	Mrs. Paul B. Hagglund

<u>Alaska</u>	Mrs. Herbert Abbas
<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. Ronald F. Abate
<u>California</u>	Mrs. Eugene Woesner
	Mrs. Robert Busher
<u>Hawaii</u>	Mrs. Roland Nole
<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. Winifred Johnson
<u>Nevada</u>	Mrs. B. W. Shriner
<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. Carl H. Krauspe
<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. Glenn Crawford



Mrs. Herbert W. Umbs

**Alaska
1974-1977**

***Theme
"Our Heritage"
Unified Project
"To Care is to Share"***

Mrs. Herbert Umbs stepped in when Mrs. Gretchen Smith passed away during her term April 13, 1974. Her theme was "Our Heritage." The Unified Project, "To Care is to Share," was a gift card carrying the message and has been made available for use in the Pacific Region. Each member was asked to send two plants with a card attached to a shut-in, sick, new neighbor or friend.

The 30th Pacific Region Convention was held in Anchorage, Alaska on July 30-31, 1974 Mrs. Herbert Umbs presided. The theme was "Alaska Calls." The 31st Pacific Region Convention was held in Tucson Arizona May 8-9, 1975. All states were represented and the theme was "Communication is our Link." The 32nd Pacific Region Convention was held in Boise, Idaho on Mary 3-4, 1976 at the Downtown Ramada Inn. The 33rd Pacific Region Convention was held in San Mateo, California on April 27-29, 1977. The theme was "Castles in the Air," at the Dumphey Hotel.

Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. received the National Arbor Day Champion award for planting 10,000 trees throughout the state.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Herbert Umbs	<u>Alaska</u>	Mrs. A. Wingren
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs. John N. Fehrer		Mrs. Wm. Stroecker
	Mrs. Edward T. Donohue	<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. A. J. Ochsner
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. Val Whiteman		Mrs. Noble Hoyne
	Mrs. Reese Roberts	<u>California</u>	Mrs. Wallace F. Hirsch
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Mrs. Gordon Gose		Mrs. Sal Woesner
	Mrs. Leon Chasson	<u>Hawaii</u>	Mrs. Jack Lindsey
<u>Historian</u>	Mrs. Edward S. Grandt		Mrs. Joseph Lynch, Jr.
<u>Honorary Life RD</u>	Mrs. Peter Corpstein	<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. Mrs. Stanley Hepler
			Mrs. Robert E. Tillotson
		<u>Nevada</u>	Mrs. Reece E. Roberts
		<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. Raymond Elmstrom
			Mrs. Ben Andrews
		<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. James Donahue
			Mrs. Mark Titlow



Mrs. Sidney Smith
Idaho
1973-1974

Theme
"Our Heritage"
Unified Project
"To Care is to Share"

Gretchen J. Smith was the 22nd Pacific Region Director, serving only one year of the two year term, 1973-1974. Mrs. Herbert Umbs of Alaska served out the remainder of her term following her death on April 13, 1974 at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

She married in 1927 in Omaha and came to Idaho with her husband, Sidney, to pioneer their farm out of the sagebrush. She was president of her state from 1957-1959 and chaired the first two symposiums held in Idaho.

Director
Secretary
Treasurer
Historian
Parliamentarian

Mrs. Sidney Smith
Mrs. Wendell Newell
Mrs. Herbert Umbs
Mrs. Edward S. Grandt
Mrs. Gordon Gose

Alaska
Arizona
California

Mrs. A. Wingren
Mrs. A. J. Ochsner
Mrs. John H. Fehrer
Mrs. Wallace F. Hirsch
Mrs. Jack Nason Lindsey
Mrs. Stanley Hepler
Mrs. Reese Roberts
Mrs. Raymond Elmstrom
Mrs. James Donahue

Hawaii
Idaho
Nevada
Oregon
Washington



Mrs. Kenneth Barrett
Washington
1971-1973

Theme
“Concern, Communication and Action”
Unified Project
“Plant a Tree for Every Garden Club
Member in the Region”

Mrs. Kenneth Barrett (Elizabeth) served as Region Director 1971-1973. Her theme was “Concern, Communication and Action.” The Unified Project was “Plant a Tree for Every Garden Club Member in the Region.” All the states responded with enthusiasm by planting over 144,000 trees and 39,000 shrubs.

Mrs. Barrett’s first Region Convention, the region’s 28th was held in Las Vegas Nevada, May 1-2, 1972, with the theme “Expanded Horizons.” Headquarters was the Dunes Hotel and Country Club.

The 29th Region Convention was held May 11-13, 1973, at the Olympic Hotel. The theme was “Love is The Reason.” This convention preceded the National Council Convention, May 13-18, hosted by Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs held at the same hotel.

Pacific Region welcomed the Hawaii Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., into full membership in National Council on May 15, 1972. Mrs. Barrett gave a personal annual award of \$25.00 to the state showing the greatest increase in membership. This was presented to Alaska at the 1972 Las Vegas convention.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Kenneth Barrett	<u>Alaska</u>	Mrs. Gordon Green
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs. J. W. Scheel	<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. Wendell Newell
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. Barney W. Upchurch	<u>California</u>	Mrs. Henry Dolezal
			Mrs. John N. Fehrer
<u>Historian</u>	Mrs. Edward S. Grandt	<u>Hawaii</u>	Mrs. William V. Hughes
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Mrs. J. Gordon Gose	<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. Tom Pethtel
<u>Honorary Region</u>		<u>Nevada</u>	Mrs. L. John Heenan
<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Peter Corpstein	<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. T. Roy Fettis
		<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. R. Adrian Mabry



Mrs. Vincent T. Gilchrist
California
1969-1971

Theme
“Through the Development of a More Beautiful Environment”
Unified Project
“Sowing Seeds of Worth at Home”

Mrs. Vincent T. Gilchrist (Charli) was elected 20th Director of Pacific Region at the National convention in Dallas, Texas, May 1969. The theme for her term was “Through the Development of a More Beautiful Environment.” The Unified Project was “Sowing Seeds of Worth at Home,” had 100 percent participation with individuals, clubs, and member states sending more than \$1,500.00 to The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc., to assist in their restoration of beauty program following the Camille storm devastation.

Idaho hosted the 26th Regional Convention, May 31-June 2, 1970, at Sun Valley. The theme was “Our Environment, Its Growth and Beauty.” Featured speakers included Mrs. William H. Barton, National President, and Mrs. Howard S. Kittel, National Civic Development Chairman. Mrs. Philip G. Brueckner of California gave a demonstration entitled. “Arrangements of Glass and Wood in Creative Design.”

The 27th Regional Convention was held in Sunriver, Oregon, May 10-12, 1971, with the theme, “Now Is The Time.” The theme was exemplified through the flower arranging program by Mrs. Henry Dolezal of California and Mrs. Joe E. Wolff of Washington.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Vincent T. Gilchrist	<u>Alaska</u>	Mrs. Kenneth T. Christensen
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs. Roderick R. Black	<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. L. C. Kimpel
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. John N. Fehrer		Mrs. Barney W. Upchurch
<u>Historian</u>	Mrs. Robert B. Bartlett	<u>California</u>	Mrs. Milton R. Bell
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Mrs. J. Gordon Gose		Mrs. Henry Dolezal
		<u>Hawaii</u>	Mrs. William V. Hughes
		<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. Kenneth Sadler
		<u>Nevada</u>	Mrs. Ronald N. Lane
		<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. Richard H. Westerfield
		<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. Joe E. Wolff



Mrs. Jean W. Scheel
Oregon
1967-1969

Theme
“Knowledge Is The Seed”
Unified Project
“Support the 4-H Korean Projects in
World Gardening”

Mrs. Jean W. Scheel (Ada) served as Pacific Region Director 1967-1969. Her theme was “Knowledge Is The Seed.” She made a special effort to convey to the member states the feeling of a closer relationship to National Council by acquainting them with the background workings and aims of the organization. The Unified Project was “Support the 4-H Korean Projects in World Gardening.” The name of Pacific Region was placed on the Roll of Honor in National Council Headquarters through a donation of \$100.00 in regional funds to the Permanent Home and Endowment Fund and \$50.00 was contributed to the American-Korean Foundation for two earth block machines in support of the Unified Project in World Gardening.

Alaska hosted its first Regional Convention, the region’s 24th in Anchorage at the Westward Hotel, August 3-4, 1967. The theme, “A Century In The Golden North,” programs centered around the Fabulous history of our 49th state which was celebrating the Centennial of its purchase from Russia in 1867.

California hosted the 25th Regional Convention at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco, May 3-4, 1969. The theme was “Understanding, Cooperation, Accomplishment.”

Director Mrs. Jean W. Scheel
Secretary Mrs. Allen B. Scott
Treasurer Mrs. Abe P. Miller
Historian Mrs. Allan B. Scott
Parliamentarian Mrs. J. Gordon Gose

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Mrs. Vincent T. Gilchrist
Mrs. Milton R. Bell
Mrs. A. L. Lyons
Mrs. Robert B. Bartlett
Mrs. Edward S. Grandt
Mrs. Fred Larsen



Mrs. Bernard M. Mergen

**Arizona
1965-1967**

Theme
“Knowledge is the Seed”
Unified Project
“Seeds for Peace”

Mrs. Bernard Mergen (Earline) was appointed Pacific Region Director by the Board of Directors of National Council to complete the term of office of Mrs. Thomas Woodman who resigned due to illness. She served as Region Director 1965-1967. Her theme was “Knowledge is the Seed” and the Unified Project was “Seeds for Peace.” The 23rd Regional Convention was held in Yuma, Arizona, April 29-30, 1966.



Mrs. Thomas W. Woodman

**Arizona
1965-1967**

Resigned January 1966

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Mrs. James R. Jennings
Mrs. A. H. Mason
Mrs. Marvyn R. Ambuhl
Mrs. John J. Kennedy

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Mrs. W. W. Weissbach
Mrs. Lawrence A. Winship
Mrs. Vincent T. Gilchrist
Mrs. Julian T. Ricketts
Mrs. Joseph E. St. Denis
Mrs. Marvyn R. Ambuhl
Mrs. John Whiteley



Mrs. Bert Ralstin

Idaho

1963-1965

Theme

“Multiply, Not Divide”

Unified Project

“4-H Clubs of Korea”

Mrs. Bert Ralstin (Grace) was Director of Pacific Region 1963-1965. Her theme was “Multiply, Not Divide,” stressing membership, civic improvement and patriotism. The United regional Project was to help establish 4-H Clubs at Hwang-Ji, South Korea. This area was given exclusively to Pacific Region by the America-Korea Foundation. A talk was given showing why, where and how the \$2,118.10 donated by the states of the region was used to aid Korea.

The 21st Regional Convention, with the theme “Open the Door to the Pacific Region,” was held at Corvallis, Oregon, June 28-30, 1964, on the campus of Oregon State University.

The 22nd Regional Convention, with the theme “We Gather Together,” was held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Seattle, Washington, May 18-19, 1965.

The first Pacific Regional Civic Development Conference was endorsed to be held in San Francisco in 1966 with expenses to be partially defrayed by Sears, Roebuck and Company.

Nevada State Federation of Garden Clubs was organized in 1963 and accepted into National Council membership in 1964.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Bert Ralstin
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Mrs. H. G. Marshall
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. A. H. Mason
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Mrs. Leander Anderson

<u>Alaska</u>	Mrs. Ralph C. LaSalle
<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. Bernard M. Mergen
<u>California</u>	Mrs. Henry T. Read
	Mrs. Lawrence A. Winship
<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. Louis Koehler
<u>Nevada</u>	Mrs. Abe P. Miller
<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. J. W. Scheel
<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. Harold E. Goody



Mrs. Philip L. Bardon
Washington
1961-1963

Theme
“To Promote Friendship Through
World Gardening, Happily and
Humbly”
Unified Project
“To Help Restore Kyoto Botanical
Gardens”

Mrs. Philip L. Bardon (Marjory V.) was Pacific Region Director 1961-1963. Her theme was “To Promote Friendship Through World Gardening, Happily and Humbly.” The Unified Project was “To Help Restore Kyoto Botanical Gardens.” These gardens had been occupied by American Forces for twelve years and had just been returned to the Japanese. Each state participated. Pacific Region received a certificate “In recognition of distinguished service in World Gardening,” from National Council. This was the first Unified Regional Project Award won by the region.

The 19th convention, with the theme “Echo’s of the Pacific Region,” was held at the Statler-Hilton in Los Angeles, May 11, 1962 preceding the National Council Convention which was also hosted by the California Federation.

The 20th convention with the theme, “Gardening, The Pathway to Friendship,” was hosted by the Idaho Federation at Hotel Lewis and Clark, Lewiston, April 8, 1963.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Philip L. Bardon	<u>Alaska</u>	Mrs. Paul B. Haggland
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Mrs. Seth Coleman	<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. Marie Stainaker
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. Lawrence A. Winship	<u>California</u>	Mrs. Charles P. Scott
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Mrs. Leander Anderson		Mrs. Henry T. Read
		<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. H. G. Marshall
		<u>Nevada</u>	Mrs. Abe P. Miller
		<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. A. H. Mason
		<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. Kenneth Barrett



Mrs. Joseph J. Gallagher
California
1959-1961

Theme
"A Member for a Member"

Mrs. Joseph J. Gallagher (Ethel) was elected Director of Pacific Region at the National Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri, May 10-14, 1959. Here theme was "A Member For A Member."

The 16th Regional Convention was held in Portland, June 15, 1959. The National President, Mrs. Jamie Johnson, was present and participated in the program.

The 17th Regional Convention was held in Seattle, June 13, 1960, hosted by Washington federation. The theme was "Seattle, City of flowers, With Many Faces and Interesting Places."

The 18th Regional Convention and Mrs. Gallagher's third annual meeting was hosted by the Arizona federation in Tucson, May 8, 1961, at the Pioneer Hotel with a reception and banquet at the Lodge on the Desert.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Joseph J. Gallagher
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Carol Coleman
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. Davidson

<u>Alaska</u>	Mrs. George Sharrock
<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. Howard Davidson
<u>California</u>	Mrs. Harry F. Hunter
	Mrs. Charles P. Scott
<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. Orval Johnson
<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. Verne I. Brader
<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. A. Victor Johnson



Mrs. Milton E. Winters

Oregon

1957-1959

Mrs. Milton E. Winters (Doris) served as Director of Pacific Region 1957-1959. Mrs. Winters held two Regional Conventions.

The 14th convention was held in San Carlos Hotel, Monterey, California, May 15, 1957. The 15th convention was held in the Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Washington, May 20, 1958 in conjunction with National Council's 29th Annual Convention. Idaho was the host federation for the region. The meeting was in the form of an extended Regional Breakfast. The theme was "Camera Reflections."

The eight garden clubs of Alaska, which were members of the Washington federation until ready to federate, met at Anchorage, May 22-23, 1959 and voted to form their own federation.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Milton E. Winters
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Carol Coleman
<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. Thomas W. woodman
<u>California</u>	Mrs. C. C. Henry
	Mrs. Harry F. Hunter
<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. Sidney Smith
<u>Oregon</u>	Mrs. A. O. Floyd
<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. Rudy Hensel



**Mrs. Merritt H.
Starkweather
Arizona
1955-1957**

Mrs. Merritt H. Starkweather (Jetty) served as Director of Pacific Region 1955-1957. Mrs. Starkweather's main objectives in the region were: To raise money for National Council's Permanent Home; to encourage conservation projects and environmental control; and to help Nevada federate and come into the region.

The region's 13th Regional Convention was hosted by the Arizona federation at the Westward Ho Hotel and The Phoenix Country Club, October 3-5, 1956. A most interesting program was planned around Indian lore. National Second Vice President, Mrs. Jamie Johnson, and Senator Barry Goldwater were the principal speakers.

The region's 14th Regional Convention, "The Joy of Giving" was held at the San Carlos Hotel, Monterey, California, May 15 - 17, 1957.

<u>Director</u>	Mrs. Merritt H. Starkweather
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Mrs. Nelle M. Scott
<u>Arizona</u>	Mrs. T. M. Elliott
<u>California</u>	Mrs. J. J. Gallagher
	Mrs. C. C. Henry
<u>Idaho</u>	Mrs. J. N. Leggat (Mrs. John Booth)
<u>Oregon</u>	Miss Claire Hanley
	Mrs. Milton E. Winters
<u>Washington</u>	Mrs. Philip L Bardon



Mrs. J. Gordon Gose
Washington
1953-1955

Unified Project
“Roadside Development”

Mrs. J. Gordon Gose (Violet) served as Regional Director 1953-1955. The Unified Project during her term was “Roadside Development,” with special stress on Clean-Up and Litter-Bug campaigns. Idaho was accepted into National Council membership in February 1954 (the 43rd state federation), bringing 811 new members to Pacific Region and National Council. Mrs. Gose is very proud of the scholarship in Urban Land Planning which is named for her and given by the Washington federation to a worthy student in the School of Forestry at the University of Washington.

The 11th annual meeting of the Pacific Region of National Council of State Garden Clubs was held June 6, 1954 at Southern Oregon College in Ashland Oregon. The honored guest was the National President, Mrs. Wm. Walters.

The 12th annual meeting was held April 14, 1955 in Tacoma, Washington.

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Mrs. J. Gordon Gose
Rose Wolff
Mrs. Andrew Chayka
Mrs. C. W. Schrist
Mrs. Weston Walker
Mrs. J. J. Gallagher
Mrs. Bert Ralstin
Mrs. L. W. Franks
Miss Claire Hanley
Mrs. Myron Harmon



Mrs. John O. England
California
1951-1953

Unified Project
“Curbing the Litterbug”

Mrs. John O. England (Orlean) served as Regional Director 1951-1953. The Unified Project during her term was “Curbing the Litterbug.” The project “Seeds for Democracy,” which had its roots in the Pacific Region, was successful with Washington state sending \$100 to National Council for the program. Mrs. England received a letter from the White House, signed by Lady Bird Johnson, in appreciation for her fine work and for the dedication of her time and talent to her community.

Two Regional conventions were held during her term. The 9th was held in Phoenix, Arizona, March 4, 1952. The 10th was held in San Francisco, April 1953, in connection with the convention of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., which were both hosted by California Garden Clubs, Inc. The meetings were followed by a post-convention tour to Hawaii.

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Mrs. John O. England

Mrs. Kort H. Meier

Mrs. C. M. Tally

Mrs. J. E. Harton

W. Paul Merrill

Mrs. J. George Eisenhauer

Mrs. L. W. Franks

Mrs. J. Gordon Gose



Mrs. Daniel J. Heffner
Oregon
1949-1951

Unified Project
“Let Us Use Our National
Resources Wisely”

Mrs. Daniel J. Heffner (Eva) served as Regional Director 1949-1951. The Unified Project during her term was “Let Us Use Our National Resources Wisely.” The following resolutions were adopted: (1) Forest Land Management to provide technical assistance to private owners of timberlands in the protection and wise use of forests; (2) Hoover Commission recommendation-to group all major soil, grazing and forest conservation activities in the Department of U. S. Agriculture; (3) Establish wild flower preserves in all member states; (4) Billboard control; and (5) Eliminate outdoor advertising on park benches, garbage cans, etc.

The 8th convention of the region was held in Seattle at the Women’s University Club, June 19-20, 1951. Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs hosted the meeting.

Director

Arizona

California

Oregon

Washington

Mrs. Daniel J. Heffner

Mrs. Philip G. Corliss

Mrs. John O. England

Mrs. Ralph E. Fowler

Mrs. J. George Eisenhower

Mrs. R. C. Markille (Mrs. Boyd Andreus)



Mrs. Byron J. Showers
Arizona
1947-1949

Mrs. Byron J. Showers (Naomi) served as Regional Director 1947-1949. She was interested in conservation and encouraged this project throughout the region. The "Seeds of Peace" program was a National Council project. All the states were active in its promotion.

No formal Regional Conventions were held in Pacific Region (formerly known as Pacific Coast Region.) However, Arizona was host to the National Council Fall Board Meeting at Tucson in 1948. At this meeting National Council adopted the project of buying a 40-acre grove of redwoods in California to be presented to the Nation on the Twentieth Anniversary of National Council in May 1949. Individuals and garden clubs contributed toward this goal that was accomplished May 21, 1949.

Director
Arizona
California
Oregon

Mrs. Byron J. Showers
Mrs. Homer D. Lininger
Mrs. William D. Shearer
Mrs. Walter E. Wilhelm
Mrs. Ralph E. Fowler
Mrs. H. D. Hayes

Washington



Mrs. Harry L. Stinson
Washington
1945-1947

Mrs. Harry L. Stinson, who served as regional director 1945-1947 was Past President of Washington State Federation of garden Clubs, and like other Regional Directors who served during the war years, was unable to hold regional conventions. War activities continued. Victory gardens increased. Encouragement and information was sent out to the states and the clubs by Mrs. Stinson. There were queries from all the states of the region asking about victory garden programs, canning centers, etc. Mrs. Stinson wrote, "My term became a correspondence course...I recall most newspapers and magazines were printing articles on why garden clubs should not disband, some did, more in the East than on the West coast."

Director

Arizona

California

Oregon

Washington

Mrs. Harry L. Stinson

Mrs. R. C. Kline

Mrs. Walter G. Brendel

Mrs. Harry O. Smith

Mrs. Walter E. Wilhelm

Mrs. Frank B. Knight

(Mrs. John Morris Holcomb)



Mrs. Samuel A. Guiberson

Mrs. Frederick N. Scatena

Mrs. Frederick N. Scatena served as regional director 1943-1945. She and her secretary Mrs. William E. Lodge continued the works of Mrs. Samuel A. Guiberson who passed away mid-term. They continued to adhere to the National objectives: Expand the educational programs, start more victory gardens, conserve all essentials to life and strengthen the morale. Victory Bonds were sold in all the states.

In Washington state, a regional convention was cancelled because of the emergency on their coast. All the states shipped thousands of cases of fruits and vegetables abroad, in care of Allied Relief Funds. The United Nation's Conference opened in San Francisco, April 22, 1945. National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., was represented by Mrs. Scatena, Pacific Coast Regional Director, and Mrs. Walter G. Brendel, President of California Garden Clubs, Inc., as arranged by Mrs. E. Wesley Frost, National Council President.

Director

Mrs. Samuel A. Guiberson

Arizona

Mrs. Charles Woolf

Mrs. Fredercik N. Scatena

Mrs. Byron Showers

Secretary

Mrs. William E. Lodge

California

Mrs. E. B. Wyman

Mr. Charles Gibbs Adams

Oregon

Mrs. Margaret P. Lamb

Mrs. Harry O. Smith

Washington

Mrs. Walton Howard



Mrs. Ernest C. Dalton

Oregon

1941-1943

Mrs. Ernest C. Dalton served as Regional Vice President 1941-1943. These were war years, marked by the beginning of World War II for the United States of America. Due to rules and regulations restricting public meetings at this time, only one Regional Convention was held. It was at the Westward Ho Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona, April 1943.

Mrs. Dalton maintained a preserve for birds, trees and wildflowers on her 90-acre ranch overlooking the Columbia River near St. Helens, Oregon. She had copies of the "Oregon Wild Flower Act" printed and distributed to schools, organizations and all garden clubs.

Garden Clubs were busy helping with the operation of canning centers. Victory Gardens were being promoted including in schools. Garden clubs landscaped camps and hospitals. A "Conservation Handbook" was edited by Mrs. L. H. McFarland of Arizona.

Director
Arizona
California
Oregon

Mrs. Ernest C. Dalton
Mrs. Walter Reed
Mrs. Frederick N. Scatena
Mrs. Daniel J. Heffner
Mrs. Margaret P. Lamb
Mrs. Harry L. Stinson

Washington



Mrs. Killian J. Weiler

Washington

1939-1941

Mrs. Killian J. Weiler (Verna V.) served as Pacific Coast Regional Vice President 1939-1941. Mrs. Weiler was elected at the National Council Convention in May 1939.

The 5th Regional Convention was held in Portland, Oregon June 4-5, 1940, at the time of the Rose Festival. The Convention Chairman, Mrs. Daniel J. Heffner, honored Mrs. Weiler by initiating her into the Order of the Rose.

The 6th Regional Convention was held in Phoenix, Arizona, May 1941. Activities included breakfast at South Mountain Park, a tour of Encanto Park, a picnic in Colonel Thompson's olive grove, a botanical tour and tea in Papago Park and a flower arrangement display at the Valley Garden Center.

Director

Secretary

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Washington

Mrs. Killian J. Weiler

Miss Charlotte Driskell

Mrs. Ben L. Rudderow

Mrs. Z. E. Page

Mrs. Frederick N. Scatena

Mrs. U. G. Smith

Mrs. Daniel J. Heffner

Mrs. Arthur Holmes

(Eva Scott Simms)



Mrs. Peter Corpstein

Arizona

1937-1939

Honorary Life Regional Director (1972)

Mrs. Peter Corpstein (Iva) served as Regional Director 1937-1939. She was honored by being designated Honorary Life regional Director at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the region on October 31, 1972.

The 3rd Regional Convention was held in Seattle by the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, July 29-30, 1938 at the Olympic Hotel. Activities included a tour and tea at Duffy's Gardens and a salmon bake and flower show at Point Defiance in Tacoma. Also included was a tour of the Art Museum and the University of Washington Arboretum where a planting of rhododendrons took place honoring the first two Regional Vice Presidents of Pacific Region, Mrs. Leonard B. Slosson and Mrs. Peter Corpstein.

The 4th Regional Convention was held in San Francisco, April 27-29, 1939, at the time of the golden Gate Exposition. Tour destinations included Treasure Island, Berkeley Campus and Botanical Gardens and Piedmont Gardens.

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Mrs. Peter Corpstein
Mrs. G. M. Dean
Mrs. Ernest C. Dalton
Mrs. Harlow D. Phelps
Mrs. Alexander Murry
Mrs. Samuel a. Guiberson
Mrs. Z. E. Page
Mrs. Ernest C. Dalton
Mrs. U. G. Smith
Mrs. Gilbert D. Brown
Mrs. Bruce Nelson



Mrs. Leonard B. Slosson
California
1933-1937

Mrs. Leonard B. Slosson (Elvenia) served as the first Regional Vice President of Pacific Coast Region. After serving in this capacity she became the 11th President of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., 1949-1951. In 1933 the region was composed of five potential member states - California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Idaho. Mrs. Slosson's final report to National Council, May 1937, stated "Idaho has asked for information as to procedure to be followed in forming a state federation...Pacific Coast Region may be numerically small...but its achievements rank with those of larger and older ones." The first Regional Convention was held in Portland, Oregon in 1936. The second was held in Phoenix, Arizona in 1937.

Director

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Mrs. Leonard B. Slosson

Mrs. Claude Smith, Mrs. G. M. Dean

Mrs. William T. Steinhardt

Mrs. Peter Corpstein

Mrs. Harlow D. Phelps

Mrs. Richard W. Kirkley

Mrs. Edward Seymour

Mrs. Ernest C. Dalton

Mrs. Killian J. Weiler

Mrs. L. Houston Reusch