



▶ NGC CERTIFIED GARDEN STUDY SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR ANDREW GARDNER1



▶ VLD MEETING GUEST SPEAKER FEATURING JACQUIE WILLIAMS, OWNER ALDEN LANE NURSERY.....1



▶ GETTING THE MOST FROM THE DISTRICT – FIND EVENTS IN THE HILLS AND IN THE VALLEY2

THE Valley Lode

Valley Lode District of California Garden Clubs, Inc, Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc, National Garden Clubs, Inc
HIGHLIGHTING THE ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND CLUBS SO THAT WE "LEARN AND GROW". [THEME]

CLUBS GATHER FOR DISTRICT WIDE MEETING



The 19 member garden clubs within the 7 counties of the Valley Lode District met to share experiences, successes and to provide an opportunity for friendship and socialization on October 8. Hosted by the Modesto Garden Club at the *Seasons Event Hall* offering a lovely venue and catered luncheon, the guest speaker, Jacquie Williams, owner Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore and popular TV host, entertained as she educated on unique plants perfect in any landscape.

With nearly 80 garden club members from all district garden clubs in attendance, each club president(s) or representative reported on their club activities promoting the values and principles for garden clubs as established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. and California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Announcements of upcoming club events were also presented for those interested to attend. The recommendation from the Finance Committee to grow surplus funds through investment was ratified by the membership.



Valley Lode District Director, B Hendrix announces the date for upcoming NGC certified Gardening Study School at the Valley Lode District meeting, October 8.

Gardening Study School: First Come - First Serve



The four courses of the NGC Gardening Study School will be held in 2020. Dates for the School are:
February 15, 16 - Course 3; March 7, 8 - Course 1;
March 28, 29 - Course 2; April 18, 19 - Course 4.

To be held in the Floriculture Building, StanCo Fairgrounds, the district will provide snacks, beverage and a lunch daily. The school will be open for attendance by the general public. Non-members can join a garden club of choice during the school in order to become certified. Only garden club members are eligible for NGC Certification with a passing grade of 70% on the tests. Tuition is \$75 for each Course which includes the test fee. Fee does not cover books nor required reading. Required reading is 'The National Gardener' Magazine which all school attendees must subscribe online at: www.gardenclub.org.

Each Course will feature a field trip and a unique activity from multiple instructors during each course. Primary instructor for Course 3 is Andrew Gardner, PhD Botany, CSU Stanislaus. Andrews' interests include plant systematics, morphological and floral evolution, and



biogeography; and is very active in developing the CSU Stanislaus botanical garden, to which the Valley Lode District will donate native plants.

Left: pictured is Andrew Gardner, Gardening Study School Instructor for Course 3, February 15,16, 2020.



CHAIR REPORT

Valley Lode District Chairmen

Submitted by Charlotte Tucker
VLD YOUTH POSTER CHAIRMAN
Reprint from Lisa Cosand
YOUTH CHAIRMAN, CGCI



Emphasis is on engaging YOUR family- kids, in several Thanksgiving Day hands-on activities.

Buy several sheets of paper 11x17 (Staples print center) and washable markers to have kids draw Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl. Award #60.

Mentor the kids with a box full of stuff you normally trash i.e. cans, box, packaging material, paper roll center, pull tops, ribbon, paper, etc. Tell them to make something, and tell a story about it. Now take a photo and enter it in the YOUTH SCULPTURE Award #61. Then, give them an extra slice of pie!

Engage them with words to write a story about "The Flowers in My Garden" (Jr Essay Award #64). And try out different sorts of poems for Poem Award #62, titled:

"Adventures in the Garden." Poems do not have to rhyme; may be traditional verse;
acrostic – 1st letter of each line vertically spells out a word;
blank – unrhymed;
cinquains – 5 lines that do not rhyme with each line having a set of syllables;
diamond – 7 lines follow a pattern;
limerick – silly 5 lines;
haiku – unrhymed of 17 syllables in 3 lines with 5,7,5 syllables.

See rules online or call Lisa 818-929-2841; Charlotte 209-533-9300



Valley Lode District

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District Calendar

LEARNING opportunities GROW friendships
Getting the most from the District

NOVEMBER 3 Pumpkin Roll Fund-raiser, Knights Ferry. Family fun. Stock-up on the historically famous Knights Ferry Garden Club Pumpkin SWEET ROLLS

NOVEMBER 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends

NOVEMBER 9 Garden of Tablescapes Luncheon, Newman GC fundraiser. Viewing starts at 11:00 a.m., Anderson's Pea Soup 209-862-3567 for reservations.

NOVEMBER 12 VL District Board Meeting, starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. Ceres Community Center, upstairs meeting room. Lunch will be provided.

NOVEMBER 15 DEADLINE CA & IRS tax filing, fiscal year end June 30

NOVEMBER 15 DEADLINE – ROCT Annual Report due

DECEMBER 1 DEADLINE – Award applications to CGCI, PR & NGC

DECEMBER 2 Elegant Holiday Table Viewing, 1-7pm Del Rio Country Club \$10 Modesto GC fundraiser

DECEMBER 8 Bus Tour to Grass Valley Christmas Festival. Seating limited to first come. Modesto GC fundraiser; call Patte' Williams 209-505-3526 for cost and space.

DECEMBER 21 First Day of Winter

FEBRUARY 2-5 CGCI Winter Board

FEBRUARY 11 DISTRICT MEETING, Manteca Golf, Chez Shari Hall

LEARN AND GROW DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETINGS

CALAVERAS: Potluck Christmas Party @ Copperopolis Armory & Auction fresh cut holiday swag
CERES: Holiday Lunch Out and Ornament Exchange
ESCALON: "Jars of Deliciousness" Fruit Canning by Sheer Hill
FOOTHILL: Christmas Luncheon @ Highway House Banquet Rm
LODI: Christmas Program & Catered Lunch
MODESTO: no meeting
OAKDALE: Holiday Lunch and Ornament Exchange
PATTERSON: Holiday Pot Luck & Gift Exchange
SIERRA MADRE:
TUOLUMNE: 'Make It-Bake It-Grow It' Gift exchange
TURLOCK: Christmas Party
VALLEY FLORAL: Angular Design "Winters Storm" meeting at home of Judi Picinini

FLORAL DESIGN



Above: Creative Line Mass, by Deb Clipper
Valley Floral Arrangers' Guild
Photo by Barbara Coelho

Design Type:
Creative Line
Creative Line Mass
Creative Line - "A Creative Design in which line direction is dominate, characterized by open silhouette, a minimum of plant material, and other optional components."
Creative Line Mass - "A Creative Line, same as above, except additional plant material and other components are included to add strength and depth to the design."

Interpretation is uniquely individual as members of the newly formed Valley Floral Arrangers' Guild monthly put into practice one of the NGC Floral Design Types.

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