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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)

SECOND DISTRICT BOARD MEETING



Leaders from the 19 garden clubs in the Valley Lode District gathered for the second time this term on November 12. Hosted by the Ceres Garden Club with a catered lunch, the business of the district included a new *Boutique* by Ways & Means Chair, Michele Blomberg.

Boutique generated \$150 for the general fund. Additionally, \$63 was generated by the Donations Chair, Janice Vaughn. Both Chairpersons thank those leaders who donated items and those leaders who purchased the donations.

Agenda item bringing much discussion was the California Raffle Rule for non-profits of 90%/10%. 90% to be donated to the non-profit with no more than 10% expensed.

Another agenda item with high discussion was the 'members attend FREE' at the upcoming VLD sponsored NGC *Garden Study School*. Free attendance is for those who assisted with the CGCI Convention in 2018.

Newly ratified to appointed positions serving the district is: Ann Mootz, Corresponding Secretary; Carol Mann, Finance Committee member; Linda Starnes, Scholarship Chair; Lauren Dutch, Social Media. Welcome to these new board members!

ABOVE LEFT Pictured, left to right:

Top-Bob Taylor, Bylaws; Lauren Dutch, Social Media; Beverly Endsley, Treasurer Manteca GC; Linda Starnes, Scholarship Chair & Pres Tuolumne CGC.
Middle-Beverly Endsley, Manteca; Donna Benjamin, 2nd VP Ripon GC; Paula Elias, PennyPines & Pres Manteca GC.
Bottom-Barbara Coehlo, Water Resource; Carolyn Cooper, Pres Patterson GC; Ida Tucker, Parliamentarian.



ABOVE RIGHT Pictured left to right:

Top-Linda Starnes, Scholarship & Pres Tuolumne CGC; Mary McNicholas, Pres Modesto GC; Berni Hendrix, VLD Director; Ida Tucker, Parliamentarian.
Bottom-Martha Lind, Pres Lodi GC; Janice Vaughn, Donations; Diane Davis, Co-Pres Turlock.



Garden Study School

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

Being held in the Floriculture Building, StanCo Fairgrounds, 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 \$5 test fee. Fee does not cover books nor required reading. Required reading is 'The National Gardener' Magazine: subscribe online at: www.gardenclub.org.



REWARD: Tuition Free

Those clubs who donated time and product for hosting the 2018 CGCI Convention at Black Oak Resort are eligible to have members attend the Garden Study School FREE of tuition (\$75/course). With four courses over four weekends, this is a \$300 value to each and every garden club member from participating clubs. This is an opportunity of a lifetime to become nationally certified as a Consultant. National Garden Clubs, Inc. Certification is recognized worldwide. Space is limited to first come, first served, with preference given to those paying full tuition. FREE TUITION does not include books, required reading materials, required subscription to the National Gardener Magazine, \$5 tests, or lunch.

CHAIR REPORT

Valley Lode District Chairmen

by Michele Blomberg

WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN



Definition of WAYS AND MEANS is: *methods and resources for raising the necessary revenues for the expenses.* Or just old-fashion fundraising.

The challenge has been to establish a fundraising project that does not interfere with the shared raffle at the three hosted district meetings. The solution is in what this Chairman enjoys and is known to do well.... BOUTIQUE. This Chair will offer a Boutique at all other district functions. Credit/Debit cards accepted.

Other district functions would be at Board Meetings, the Annual Hot Topics Workshop, and at the upcoming *NGC Garden Study School* in February, March, April.

Be prepared and plan ahead to donate leftover plants from club plant sales; white-elephant items; gently used garden tools or décor; household décor; accessories especially jewelry. Any items containing wine will be passed to the Valley Lode District Donations Chair, Janice Vaughn for auction.

The first Boutique held at the VLD Board Meeting on Nov 12 resulted in generating \$150 for the general fund. Thank you heartily VLD board.



Valley Lode District

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Ceres, CA 95307

District Calendar

LEARNING opportunities GROW friendships

Getting the most from the District

DECEMBER 1 DEADLINE – Award applications to California Garden Clubs, Inc, Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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

EARLY DECEMBER order fresh forest cut holiday centerpiece or swag
Calaveras Garden Club 209-736-2900

DECEMBER 7 Holiday Luncheon and musical choral benefits the Linden Community Garden Club. CGCI President Shane Looper will be attending. \$25 Linden Baptist Church Lynne Armanino 209-931-3471

December 7 – Holiday Home Tour, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets at the home of Brian and Denniz Wistow, 1025 Magnolia Ave., Modesto.

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

DECEMBER 21 First Day of Winter

FEBRUARY 2-5 CGCI Winter Board Meeting aboard the Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA. New updated information from National GC and California GC will be presented at the following VLD General Meeting on February 11.

FEBRUARY 11 VLD DISTRICT MEETING, Manteca Golf, Chez Shari Banquet Hall DEADLINE to register is January 31, fee \$30. Featured speaker is co-owner of 'IN SEASON MARKET & NURSERY, Julie Morehouse, presenting "Healing and Inspiring Gardening".

Learn to appreciate nature, earth, sea, and sky- all these are treasures money cannot buy.

Kathryn Murray

LEARN AND GROW

JANUARY MONTHLY MEETINGS

- CALAVERAS: Ken Jones-Water Features
- CERES: Arbor Day History & Hands-on Proper Tree Planting
- ESCALON: Gordon Schmierer-Best Trees for Home Gardens
- FOOTHILL: Susan Port, Master Gardener – Building Your Soil
- LODI: Holly Krahenbul Morris Nursery-Tips & Tricks on Propagation
- MANTECA: Barry Boulton, Audubon Society-Birds in the Garden
- MODESTO: Linda Reavley-Your Garden into A Pollinator Haven
- OAKDALE: Janie Archibeque-Chili the spice
- PATTERSON: Amy Thorp, Dir Rising Sun- Garden & Beauty Products
- TUOLUMNE: Emily Kilgore, Fire Council-Prevention Home Defense
- TURLOCK: Geisel Schoniger, Dist Rep-Kellogg Garden Products
- VALLEY FLORAL: Transparency Design "Space Brightly Seen"

Request is being made for cards to be sent to former VLD Director, Penny Binney, recently diagnosed with ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease. 3704 Affirmed Drive, Modesto 95355

FLORAL DESIGN



Above: Creative Line Mass, by Marina Knudsen
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."

Now accepting signup for the next Guild. Space is limited to 8-16 members due to the format for individualized training and instruction.

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