

THE Valley Lode

Newsletter of the Valley Lode District
California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. National Garden Clubs, Inc.

HIGHLIGHTING THE ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND CLUBS TO "LEARN AND GROW". [THEME]



▶ ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AS PART OF PLANT AMERICA1



▶ GARDENING SCHOOL RESULTS IN 21 NEW NGC PROVISIONAL CONSULTANTS1



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

Gardening School a Success



33 Attend Course 3

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. **GARDENING SCHOOL**, Course 3, held February 15, 16 resulted in 33 registering for the first of four Courses with 22 students completing all 10 hours of instruction and 21 passing the Course 3 open book/open note Test.

Inspiring young instructor, Andy Gardner, PhD Botany, UC Stanislaus presented with PowerPoint, handouts and provided for a tour of the campus *TransCal Pathway* of all native plants and trees from the valley up to the Sierras; tour and instruction



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in the green house; and hands-on planting of culinary lavender, lavender, and succulents.

By completing two of four Courses, students become Provisional Consultants and are eligible to join the **California Consultants Council**, a prestigious council of stimulating advanced learning. To become a Consultant must complete all four Courses within 7 yrs.

Register NOW for Course 1, 2, 4 FREE to VLD members. **Gardening School** Class begins at 8:30 a.m. at the StanCo Fair, Floriculture Bldg. Learn from highly qualified instructors who will have hands-on projects and tours.

Refurbish Project Memorial Marker to Get Facelift

Thank you Valley Lode District for the generous donations collected at the Feb 11 VLD Meeting. A total of \$250 was collected to complete the payment to the technician who specializes in the refurbishment of the Marker. With a total cost of \$750, the project has received a grant of \$100 from the Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.



Arbor Day Celebration Tree Planting Ceremony, March 8



In celebration of **Arbor Day California**, week of March 7-14, and **PLANT AMERICA** the Valley Lode District with California Garden Clubs, Inc. will hold a ceremony at the StanCo Fairgrounds, on Sunday, March 8 at 7:30 a.m. just prior to the start of the Gardening School.

The tree, a CA native, is provided by CGCI Arbor Day Chair, with the CGCI President, Shane Looper attending. All are invited to the ceremony where members of the StanCo Board will participate in the ceremony. Two informational brochures from the Arbor Day Foundation will be given out on how to plan an Arbor Day Celebration, and on how to correctly plant a tree.



Julie Morehouse, shared her inspirations for gardening and provided choice plants were auctioned off.



2nd Valley Lode District Meeting

79 members registered for the the second of three district meetings per term. Most inspiring were the reports from each of the member garden clubs on programs and events since the previous district meeting. Each reporting club president or representative kept the reports concise and motivating as each inspired new ideas for activities. With the informative presentation by Julie Morehouse of **In Season**, her all organic demonstration plants were auctioned off exceeding retail price allowing the Valley Lode District to benefit.

CHAIR REPORT

Valley Lode District Chairman

by Charlotte Tucker
YOUTH POSTER CHAIRMAN



It only takes a spark to start a fire. The Valley Lode District is on fire with contest winners to be announced at the May 12 district meeting, Foothill G C hosts.

Put a spark for poster making into a child who is in Grades 1 to 5 as they learn fire safety. Could be your grandchild, a neighbors kid, kids at church, Scout Troup. Or go to where there are LOTS of kids with nothing to do – After School Program. Your school district office will direct you to the right person.

Use the right size of paper with color crayons, color markers or pencils. Provide the correct slogan and a picture of Smokey Bear and/or Woodsy Owl and tell them to draw a picture. Let them draw to enter as many pictures/posters as they like.

On the back lower right corner put their name, address, phone, grade level, school, teacher, city and state, then roll it carefully and give to your garden club Poster Chair.

Rules are very specific for the US Forest Service and National Garden Clubs Youth Poster Contest. It's fun and it's easy. Go to:
<http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/smokey-bear-poster-contest>

District Calendar

LEARNING opportunities GROW friendships

Getting the most from the District

MARCH 5 Game Day & Luncheon
Lodi Garden Club

MARCH 7 – 14 ARBOR DAY CALIF

MARCH 7, 8 Gardening School 8:30 a.m. Stanislaus County Fair, Floriculture Bldg. Instructors: Mrs Taylor Doo, Denair High Ag Dept and hands-on training on propagation at the MJC green houses by Dale Pollard, Professor Environmental Horticulture, MJC

MARCH 8
7:30 a.m. Arbor Day Celebration, StanCo Fair Floriculture

MARCH 8 Daylight Savings Time begins- turn clock forward

MARCH 7, 8 DAFFODIL FLOWER SHOW, Ironstone

MARCH 10 Valley Lode District Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Stanislaus County Fair, Building E5

MARCH 13 HOUSEPLANT SWAP
Annual bring a houseplant to swap. Tuolumne County Garden Club

MARCH 25 11AM & 4:30 PM \$45 SUCCULENT GARDEN PARTY Tour, Appetizers, Soap Making, Planter Rising Sun Farm & Garden plus FREE Tour March 26, 30, 31, April 1 – Reservation for snacks & beverage

APRIL 2 SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW, Cal Expo

APRIL 4 HUGH PLANT SALE 9am-2pm Linden Community Garden Club

APRIL 18 SPRING GARDEN TOUR \$35 Modesto Garden Club

APRIL 25 HOME GARDEN TOUR Turlock Garden Club

APRIL 24, 25 ANNUAL SPRING FLING EVENT Wildflower Display w Gourd Artists Sierra Madre Garden Club

APRIL 24 FILOLI HOUSE BUS TRIP \$60 Reservation Dealine April 10 Bus leaves 8am from Newman, 2nd stop to pick-up at Patterson Walmart Newman Garden Club 209-862-3567

MAY 1 **DEADLINE:** Contact info CGCI online update of your club officers

LEARN AND GROW APRIL MONTHLY MEETINGS

CALAVERAS: Olive Tree Cultivation & Care, by Terry Beaudoin

CERES: Camellia – How To Grow, by Royce Rhoads

ESCALON: Grow Tomatoes, by Scott Reed

FOOTHILL: Emily Way Hats, by Mariane Anderson, owner

LODI: Flower Show & Arbor Day Tree Planting, students Vinewood

MANTECA: Garden Tour Planning

MODESTO: 10:30am Floral Arranging & Products, Carolyn Pelligrini

MODESTO: 11:45am Bonsai Creations, by Dan Balsley

OAKDALE: Gopher Prevention/Cure: IRIS, by Ted Hawkins

PATTERSON: Design with Flowers, by Patti Williams

RIPON: Master Gardener Program, by Ann Schellman Dir StanCo

SIERRA MADRE: SPRING EVENT

TUOLUMNE: Crafting by Joyce Richardson

TURLOCK: Pollinator Attraction Garden, by UCCE Mstr Gardener

VALLEY FLORAL: Traditional Mass Arrangement

FLORAL DESIGN



Design by: Sharon Searls
Theme: "A Space Brightly Seen"
Valley Floral Arrangers' Guild

Design Type:
Transparency Design

Transparency Design -
"A Creative Design with see-through elements."

- can be translucent, diaphanous, grid-like materials, or any other
- must be an integral part of the design
- must permit some components to be viewed through others.

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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