

# 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 AMERICA: PLANT ONE, EACH ONE .....1



▶ GARDENING SCHOOL COMPLETES 2 OF THE 4 COURSES; TAYLOR DOO, DALE POLLARD INSTRUCT .....1



▶ GETTING THE MOST FROM THE DISTRICT – FIND EVENTS IN THE HILLS AND IN THE VALLEY .....2

## Arbor Day Celebration



CGCI President, Shane Looper presents Proclamation to Ray Souza, Chairman of the Board, StanCo Fair.



Back Row Left to Right: Olga Psomothitis, Berni Hendrix, Diane Mendonza, Rachel Dyer, Manjeet Dosanjh, Diane Davis, Susie Nystrom, Linda King, Bob Taylor, Sandy Mann, Tammy Lucich. Front Row Left to Right: Linda Zier, Barbara Cox, Mary Deleon, Marilyn Taylor, Nancy Compton, Anne Abruzzini, Deborah Clipper.

**Arbor Day California**, week of March 7-14, resulted in the Valley Lode District with California Garden Clubs, Inc. planting a native Chiltapa tree at the StanCo Fairgrounds, Sunday, March 8 at 7:30 a.m.

The tree was provided by CGCI Arbor Day Chair, with the CGCI President, Shane Looper presenting the tree and Proclamation which was accepted by Ray Souza, Chairman of the Board of Directors StanCo Fair. Proper tree planting was demonstrated with handouts from the Arbor Day Foundation.



### Refurbish Project Memorial Marker Facelift Postponed

The Valley Lode District Blue Star Highway Maker refurbishment has been postponed. When completed, a re-dedication ceremony will be planned with invitation to attend by all VLD members and the CGCI President and Pacific Region Director.

## Gardening School

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. **GARDENING SCHOOL**, Course 1, held March 7, 8 resulted in all 27 registered students completing all 10 hours of instruction and passing to be eligible to be Provisional Consultants of the *California Consultants Council*.

Inspiring young instructor, Taylor Doo, Ag Instructor Denair High and Dale Pollard, Enviromental Horticulture MJC presented with PowerPoint, handouts and provided for a tour of the MJC greenhouses and propagation program.

Taylor Doo will be instructing Course 2 on March 28, 29 via virtual platform. See back page CHAIR REPORT.



Taylor Doo, Ag Instructor Denair High School is instructor for Course 1 and 2.



Dale Pollard, Enviromental Horticulture MJC is instructor for Course 1 and 4.

## CHAIR REPORT

Valley Lode District Chairman

Bridget Foster, Chairman  
GARDEINING SCHOOL

### The Virtual Experience



Practicing self-quarantine, the GARDENING SCHOOL **Course 2** was held as planned on Saturday and Sunday, March 28, 29 on the virtual platform by ZOOM (like FaceTime or Skype). The 10-hour course with Taylor Doo, Instructor, was viewed **LIVE** from home by 22 students, all of whom completed the course for credit.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, instructor Doo spoke **LIVE** as each student was able to see and hear. The Question/Answer was done **LIVE** after each session presentation, and had the ability for students to 'CHAT' (type a question during the presentation held for the instructor to answer later).

TESTs (open book/notes) for each of the five sessions was emailed to each student. TEST was completed in the email, then 'REPLY' back to the school Proctor for grading, who then returned the graded TEST back to each student.

The required SUPPLEMENTAL SUBJECT, (1 hour) selected by the instructor, and the CGCI Gardening School Chairman was viewed in advance to the session to allow for informed discussion of the two YouTube videos and one NGC pdf "RECONCILIATION ECOLOGY" see plus others at:

<http://www.gardenclub.org/scho>

# District Calendar

LEARNing opportunities GROW friendships

Getting the most from the District

APRIL 2 SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW, Cal Expo CANCELLED

APRIL 18 SPRING GARDEN TOUR \$35 Modesto Garden Club CANCELLED

APRIL 25 HOME GARDEN TOUR Turlock Garden Club CANCELLED

APRIL 24, 25 ANNUAL Wildflower Sierra Madre GC CANCELLED

APRIL 24 FILOLI HOUSE BUS TRIP Newman Garden Club CANCELLED

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

MAY 9 – Manteca Garden Club Home Garden Tour CANCELLED

MAY 12 - Valley Lode District Meeting CANCELLED

MAY 15 **District dues** payable to VLD Treasurer

MAY 26 – 30 CGCI Convention and Flower Show CANCELLED

### VALLEY LODE DISTRICT BOARD MEETS

25 members of the VLD Board (club presidents and district chairmen) met on March 10 at the StanCo Fairgrounds.

Conducting the business of the district, significant action included passing the motion for the Valley Lode District to host the NGC Landscape or Environmental School in 2022.

Judy Weddle, Calaveras County Garden Club president, was elected as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Slate is: Assistant Director-none; Recording Secretary-Shirley Day; Treasurer-Anne Plummer. Please contact Judy to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors of the Valley Lode District.

### LEARN AND GROW APRIL MONTHLY MEETINGS

Being responsible gardeners, most, if not all, Valley Lode District garden clubs have cancelled their location meetings. As good responsible gardeners, this is an opportunity to get creative in how to maintain contact with your members, thereby growing club membership. An active club is a growing club.

Continue to publish monthly club newsletters. Invite members to submit pictures of crafts/activities that they are doing at home. Hold a VIRTUAL craft workshop. Many are making hospital masks – have them share to get others involved. Members can submit photos of what is blooming in their garden. Hold a VIRTUAL photo workshop. Hold a VIRTUAL Flower Show.

Form a VIRTUAL discussion group. Have the 'techie' folks research and provide resource for interesting garden related videos and similar presentations to be discussed. Invite all members to participate.

Seize the moment. This is an opportunity to LEARN AND GROW.

## FLORAL DESIGN



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Valley Floral Arrangers' Guild

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"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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