

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]



▶ GARDENING SCHOOL COMPLETES FINAL COURSE, DALE POLLARD INSTRUCTS 1



▶ SCHOLARSHIP: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY 2



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

Right: lapel pin for NGC certified Garden Consultant



Gardening School Ends 31 Attend Virtual Course 4



Above: page 1 of 2 of the virtual classroom on the ZOOM platform for Course 4.

Determined to offer all four Courses of the *National Garden Clubs* certified GARDENING SCHOOL allowing Valley Lode District members to become nationally recognized as Gardening Consultants, the School Chairman, Bridget Foster, succeeded in spite of the location class being cancelled due to COVID-19. Two Courses were held at the StanCo Fair Floriculture Building and the final two Courses were held virtually on the ZOOM platform.

A total of 50 individuals registered for the School, with 18 completing all four courses to become Certified Consultants, 10 completed two or more courses to become Provisional Consultants, 11 Refreshed with 2 becoming Master Consultant.

Gardeners from as far away as Florida, Maryland and Missouri logged in for the virtual classes. Others from in and around Santa Rosa, San Francisco, Pleasanton, Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Diego also joined.

Course 4 instruction was presented via a PowerPoint with the instructor and students holding plant cuttings in front of their computer camera to learn characteristics for plant identification and pruning techniques. The PowerPoint had been emailed allowing students to print in advance. The TESTs were also emailed allowing each student to complete and return to the school proctor who graded, recorded, and returned each test back to the student.

Question and answer time was easily accomplished with students using the MUTE/UNMUTE on the ZOOM platform, in addition to the CHAT feature for inserting questions or comments during the lecture without interrupting the instructor.

Each of the six subject sessions were scheduled at a specific time, with login code and password, to provide security for the virtual school. Time was allowed between sessions for breaks and for completing the TESTs. Early login allowed for limited discussion and conversation. One-on-one comments and dialog could be done using the

PRIVATE feature on CHAT. This allowed for private conversation between two individuals without the entire group being included.

Recognition to the new certified NGC Garden Consultants will be given to those who completed all four courses at the next Valley Lode District meeting planned for October 12.

From the relevant information learned in the school, it is realized that the NGC Schools of ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES and LANDSCAPE DESIGN are to be one of the next projects to be offered to members in the Valley Lode District during the upcoming term 2021-2023.

CHAIR REPORT

Valley Lode District Chairman

Linda Starnes, Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

Granting a scholarship gives purpose to fundraising for garden clubs. As an educational non-profit enriching the educational opportunities of local youth renders creditability to our cause.

Keep a record of your scholarship recipients. Your local high school will provide contact information upon request for the purpose of follow-up to continue offering financial assistance. Your club can grant a scholarship to the same student year after year to help them complete their education.

The Washington Post reports that 40% of college freshmen drop out. Knowing that funds continue to be available can be the encouragement needed to stay in college.

Forms are available from this Chairman to customize for your garden club. Establish the criteria for continued scholarship such as: full-time student with 12 unites or more; GPA of 3.0 or 3.5 or above; part-time work that must be verified by the employer.

Studies show that students who work part-time may not get the highest grade, but they establish higher career success after college. Plus, it proves they are in need.

Inform your receipt of funds available from CGCI and NGC. Learn the requirements from the links listed below:

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/sites/default/files/Forms/Scholarships/cgci-scholarship-application-guidelines.pdf>

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
<http://nationalgardenclubs.org/scholarships/instructions-guidelines.aspx>

District Calendar

LEARNING opportunities GROW friendships

Getting the most from the District

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

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

MAY 12 - Valley Lode District
Meeting CANCELLED

MAY 26 – 30 CGCI Convention
and Flower Show CANCELLED

INVITING ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS CLUB OFFICERS & CLUB MEMBERS

Join the meeting of the Valley Lode District
Tuesday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m. on ZOOM.

Be prepared to report on ideas and activities
appropriate during self-quarantine.
'SCREEN SHARE' pictures of gardens/crafts.
Invite ALL garden club members to join.
Space is limited to the first 100 to log in.

LEARN AND GROW MONTHLY MEETINGS

Art & Flower Guild -	3 RD Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Calaveras County -	2 nd Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Ceres Garden Club -	3 rd Thursday 10:00 a.m.
Escalon Farmington -	1 st Thursday 1:00 p.m.
Foothill Garden Club -	4 th Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
Knights Ferry Garden Club -	2 nd Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Linden Community -	3 rd Thursday 1:00 p.m.
Lodi Garden Club -	1 st Thursday 11:00 a.m.
Manteca Garden Club -	3 rd Monday 1:00 p.m.
Modesto Garden Club -	2 nd Thursday 10:00 a.m.
Newman Garden Club -	3 rd Wednesday 11:00 a.m.
Oakdale Garden Club -	3 rd Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Patterson Garden Club -	4 th Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Ripon Garden Club -	1 st Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Sierra Madre -	4 th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.
Stockton Garden Club -	2 nd Thursday 1:00 p.m.
Tuolumne County -	2 nd Friday 10:00 a.m.
Turlock Garden Club -	2 nd Monday 12:00 noon
Valley Floral Arrangers -	4 th Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

FLORAL DESIGN



Design by: Marina Knudsen
Theme: "A Tribute to Spring"
Valley Floral Arrangers' Guild

Design Type:
Traditional Design

Traditional Design -

"The most popular of designs."

- based on a single geometric form, usually a pyramid
- plant material is used in a naturalistic manner, radiating from one point
- plant material shape and color is integrated and repeated
- is a mirror image on all sides
- uses a traditional container, usually an urn type.

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

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