

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]



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Youth Leader of the Year

CGCI SPECIAL AWARD



Charlotte Tucker is the California Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Leader of the Year.

This Special Award given annually is for dedication and contributions made to enhance youth programs in a garden club or district. Nominations from any club member, a garden club, or a district are considered and awarded at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

Starting 15 years ago Charlotte has been continuously the Poster Chair for her garden club. For the past 5 years she has served as the CGCI Youth Poster Chair with 1 year served as Chair for the Pacific Region which encompasses eight states.



Charlotte Tucker with her many hats is the 2019 CGCI Youth Leader of the Year Special Award recipient.



Vividly remembering that first poster contest with 22 students from Columbia Elementary School 2nd Grade, 15 years don't seem so long ago. Back then the local Fire Dept acted as judge. For the past 5 years the local US Forest Service helps by providing the facility to hold judging events, judges, costumed character appearances, county participants prizes, \$100 cost for paper, and arranging for winners to be featured at the California State Fair with free passes and paying for hotel stay.

Congratulations Charlotte for a well-deserved award!

Clubs Win Awards

Those who try are the ones who win. With a little effort in a simple write-up the application is done. Congratulations to those garden clubs who submitted an application. Waiting for results from Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs.

- 2nd Blue Star Memorial – Tuolumne County Garden Club
- 9th Single Event – Tuolumne County Garden Club
- 3rd Website \$20 – Manteca Garden Club
- 3rd Yearbook II – Tuolumne County Garden Club
- 13th Yearbook IV – Foothill Garden Club
- 6th Yearbook V – The Lodi Garden Club
- 1st PennyPines % Capita \$125 – Tuolumne County Garden C
- 1st Poster Grade 1 \$25 – Tuolumne County Garden Club
- HM Poster Grade 1 – Tuolumne County Garden Club
- 2nd Poster Grade 2 – Tuolumne County Garden Club
- 1st Poster Grade 3 \$25 – Foothill Garden Club
- 1st Poster Grade 5 \$25 – Tuolumne County Garden Club
- 3rd Poster Grade 5 – Foothill Garden Club

Valley Lode District Wins CGCI Awards

The Sweepstakes Class VIII for all of the 28 districts in CGCI was tied with three district awards each out of a possible 18 awards open to districts. This is the second year in a row for the Valley Lode District to win Class VIII Sweepstakes. Prize money earned is a total of \$150.00.

Awards, winnings, certificates and ribbons won by the Valley Lode District for activities Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2019 are:
#17B Seminar/Workshop \$50 – for the 3rd Annual HOT TOPICS Workshop on leadership topics for club officers, club chairmen and garden club members.
#50-1 Newsletter \$50 – for 3 consecutive issues showing emphasis on NGC, PR, CGCI and VLD programs and activities.
#55 Yearbook \$50 – for the highest score using the NGC Scale of Points for a district yearbook.

CHAIR REPORT

Valley Lode District Chairman

HOT TOPICS

Skills for Success Seminar LEARN AND GROW

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the upcoming 4th Annual HOT TOPICS Workshop is planned for district-wide members, officers, and committee members to build on old skills and gain new skills to enhance and to be applied to all activities not just garden club. Location is currently undetermined.

This popular skills for success workshop is FREE to garden club members in the Valley Lode District. All others must pay \$20.00.

Fundraising opportunity available to district garden clubs. Bring plants to sale, raffle and auction items, crafts, home-grown, and home-made. Each club is to provide their own petty cash, PayPal or Square. Space is limited and must be reserved in advance. Contact Michele Blomberg, VLD Ways & Means Chairman 916-524-8566

Coffee and bottled water will be provided. Bring your own sack lunch to relax for open discussion during lunch break.

Presentations are subject to change.

Effective Communication, by Bob Taylor, US Gov Trainer retired

Social Media, by Lauren Dutch, VLD Social Media Chairman

Treasurers Challenges, by Anne Plummer, VLD Treasurer

Crafts: Hands-On, by Barbara Hawkins, VLD Chairman

Document Storage – What to Save, For How Long or Purge it All? by Berni Hendrix, CGCI Awards Chair 2018

Active Shooter Preparedness: How to Identify Threat and Act Quickly, by Chief of Police / CHP

District Calendar

LEARNING opportunities GROW friendships

Getting the most from the District

All gatherings of over 12 people is deemed a health risk due to COVID. Accordingly, the CGCI general insurance carrier of McDaniel Insurance will NOT insure meetings or gatherings of over 12 people. Refer to your local county guidelines for assembly. As the guidelines for assembly change, McDaniel Insurance will cover the assembly that is allowed by your governing county.

INVITING ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS and CLUB OFFICERS

Use the ZOOM account to schedule
board meetings, committee meetings, and
general meetings for members.

To access the Valley Lode District account
contact the district director for the access codes.

It is easy to do.

Call Berni 209-402-2351

FREE. Unlimited time.

Up to 100 users per meeting.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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: Judi Picinini
Theme: *A Space Brightly Seen*
Valley Floral Arrangers' Guild

Design Type:

Transparency Design

“A Creative Design with see-through elements.”

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

Creative unique one-of-a-kind metal design forms (see above) are handmade by Jon Caudill. Available at Guild meetings.

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

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