

THE Valley Lode

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

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



▶ DISTRICT MEETING YIELDS NEW OFFICERS ELECT 1



▶ RESULTS YOUTH POSTER CONTEST WOODSY OWL 50TH BIRTHDAY 1



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

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

District Meets, 67 registered

ELECTION HELD and FULL AGENDA

The 19 clubs in the district were hosted via zoom by the Ceres Garden Club on Tuesday, February 9, with 67 registering to attend. The meeting ended with a spectacular Silent Auction which generated over \$1,100. Outstanding contributions from members netted \$236 for PennyPines. Guest speaker Monica Perrone, Landscape Architect, shared via PowerPoint on a few of her personal home projects.

With a full agenda, business of the meeting included: motions to honor eight with a PennyPines; announcing Youth Poster Contest winners from the Valley Lode District; announcing 17 clubs earned Award #10 - Blue Ribbon Achievement; ratified dates for Landscape Design School; voted to accept River Valley Garden Club request to transfer in to district from Sacramento District; elected new officers; voted to sponsor \$100 for the CGCI Award #70 Educational Schools. Always the highlight, 16 club presidents reported on club activities. Election Results- Treasurer: Carol Mann, Ripon/Oakdale Garden Clubs; Secretary: Shirley Day, Foothill Garden Club; Assistant Director: Cindy Martin, Newman Garden Club; District Director: open.

Youth Poster Contest

US Forest Service partners with Garden Clubs

The CGCI Youth Poster Contest results were announced with four winners from the Valley Lode District. A joint partnership to teach kids environmental responsibility and fire safety, the US Forest Service and garden clubs across the nation make learning fun and profitable. Open to kids in grades 1 – 5, contest entry must be through a garden club.



Third Grade – 1st Place →
Juliana Andreyer
Foothill Garden Club



Fifth Grade – 1st Place →
Enya Zhang
Tuolumne County Garden Club



← First Grade – 1st Place
Hunter Hess
Tuolumne County Garden Club



← Second Grade – 1st Place
Jasmin Girardin
Foothill Garden Club

With specific rules on size, slogan, character colors and type of art instruments to use, now is the time to begin to plan for the next term Youth Poster Contest. Learn how, contact the Chairman, Charlotte Tucker 209-533-9300 Email: ctucker@mlode.com

CHAIR REPORT

Valley Lode District Chairman

WATER RESOURCE

Barbara Coelho, Chair



Sierra stream water runoff

It is not uncommon for the bulk of the sierra snowpack to come from just a few storms. Water and snowpack numbers are at about half of normal this winter.

Late December storms were not enough to offset California's dry fall. As of January 24, 2021, California's snow water numbers were 38% of the historical average for that date, and 21% of the April 1 average. Southern California's numbers were even lower.

Thanks to recent storms since January 25, 2021, the statewide snow water equivalent as of January 28 has increased to 58% of normal in the north Sierras; 62% of normal in the central Sierras; and 45% of normal in the southern Sierras.

The national weather service is looking forward to additional storm fronts to add to the snowpack totals. At present, things appear to be looking up for California's water situation.

District Calendar

LEARNing opportunities GROW friendships
Getting the most from the District

**Zoom is available for use by all clubs for meetings.
Contact the district director for training & access codes.**

Feb 26, 27 OUTDOOR CULINARY
EXTRAVAGANZA AND CRAFT FAIRE
Ceres Garden Club

April 30, May 1 OUTDOOR
CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA and
CRAFT FAIRE Ceres Garden Club

**PIN A ROSE ON YOUR
NOSE AND CALL
YOURSELF 'BUD'
unknown**

SAVE THE DATE

NGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

- Course 1 January 15-16, 2022
- Course 2 February 12-13, 2022
- Course 3 February 26-27, 2022
- Course 4 March 12-13, 2022

Become a NGC Certified Landscape Design Consultant

LEARN AND GROW MONTHLY MEETINGS

Art & Flower Guild	3 RD Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Calaveras County G C	2 nd Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Ceres Garden Club	3 rd Thursday 10:00 a.m. <i>Crafts: Make and Take, by Fern Berman</i>
Escalon Farmington Comm	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 G C	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 – no meeting
Mountain Floral Guild	1 st Tuesday 10am coming soon
Newman Garden Club	3 rd Wednesday 11:00 a.m.
Oakdale Garden Club	3 rd Tuesday 10:00 a.m. <i>Beauty of Iris, by Ted Hawkins</i>
Patterson Garden Club	4 th Thursday 9:00 a.m. <i>UCD Agr Sweet Potato by Scott Stoddard</i>
Ripon Garden Club	1 st Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Sierra Madre Garden Club	4 th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.
Stockton Garden Club	2 nd Thursday 1:00 p.m.
Tuolumne County G C	2 nd Friday 10:00 a.m. <i>Audubon & Mother Lode Wildlife Care</i>
Turlock Garden Club	2 nd Monday 12noon <i>Garden Insects by Adra, The Greenery</i>
Valley Floral Arrangers	4 th Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

FLORAL DESIGN



Design by Noreen Parath
Title: "Love Song"

**Design Type:
Creative Design**

Designs with a relationship between form and space; not bound by traditional patterns or styles; restrained plant material; one or more points of emergence and focal area; uses non-realistic material; juxtaposes componets to achieve depth and 3 deminsions; any part of design may be dominate; uses plant materials & non-traditional container with multiple openings; uses penetration of space (strong thrusting from front to back).

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