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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]

CGCI PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

VALLEY LODE DISTRICT MEETING, MAY 11

Shane Looper, President, California Garden Clubs, Inc. will be the guest speaker at the upcoming Valley Lode District meeting on Tuesday, May 11. Shane is delighted to present her 'garden club story' that will inspire and enhance your understanding of the organization of what is garden clubs.

Topics to be included are OLFAD (must come to learn about this significant program), CGCI Presidents' Project with Grab-Bags of donated jewelery to benefit her Presidents' Project; and as a very special treat, for the very first time to be presented, a customized gift for everyone who attends.

As our installing officer, Shane is honored to present the installation of the elected Valley Lode District officers for the upcoming term 2021-2023.

This district meeting is planned to be held in the Floriculture Building at the StanCo Fairgrounds, Turlock. It is highly likely that this meeting may be rescheduled to be outdoors; those registered will be notified in advance as to the change of location.

Early-bird Registration \$13. Registration after May 1 is \$20. Deadline to register is May 7.

CGCI CONVENTION

MAY 24 VIRTUAL

Every garden club member is invited to the Annual Convention of California Garden Clubs, Inc. Offering fun and informative Workshops of enhanced learning experiences; Seminars on topics unique and specific to garden clubs; and business meetings that will pique your interest and imagination of great things as you get your 'garden club booster' that will last a whole year. To be held virtually, this Annual Convention is FREE to registered garden club members.

All garden club presidents are voting members of the convention and are to register. Club presidents are to assist their garden club members to register as a club delegate with voting privileges as is stated in the bylaw for number of delegates. All other garden club members are invited attend the Annual Convention to participate in the Workshops, Seminars, and listen to learn in the business meetings.

The 'Call to Convention' will be sent out shortly listing the Workshops and the Seminars to be offered. Early registration is required in that many Workshops and Seminars may have limited availability.



PENNY BINNEY

Feb 25, 1945 – April 4, 2021

Penny pass away on Easter Sunday, April 4. She served as District Director, Valley Lode District from 2013 - 2015, and as the Valley Lode District Treasurer from 2017-2019. A most fun-loving and inspiring lady, Penny was the example of leadership for the Valley Lode District and in the Modesto Garden Club as president for 5 years. It was from her example and influence that many garden club members willingly stepped into positions of leadership.

CHAIR REPORT

Valley Lode District Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP

Linda Starnes, Chair



Granting a scholarship gives purpose to fundraising for garden clubs. As an educational non-profit enriching the educational opportunities of local youth renders credibility 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 college 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 2.5 - 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.

Inform your receipt of additional scholarship funds available from CGCI, PRGC and NGC.

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.**

April 17 SPRING GARDEN TOUR
\$25 Tickets Modesto Garden Club

April 17 NATIVE PLANT SALE CNPS at Blossom Hill Plant Nursery, Oakdale
Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's Party'
Robin Williams
11:30 am – 2:00 pm

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

April 30, May 1 YARDSALE JOINT EVENT Co-Sponsored by the Patterson Garden Club

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 Accredited Landscape Design Consultant

LEARN AND GROW MONTHLY MEETINGS

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| 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>Elegant IRIS</i> , by Ted Hawkins, AIS Judge |
| 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. |
| Patterson Garden Club | 4 TH Thursday 9:00 a.m. |
| 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. |
| Turlock Garden Club | 2 ND Monday 12 noon |
| Valley Floral Arrangers | 4 TH Wednesday 9:00 a.m. |

FLORAL DESIGN



Design by Sharon Serals
Title: "Eggstra Special"

Design Type:

Construction Design

A Creative design with architectural characteristics using geometric form or forms combined into a single three-dimensional unit.

~ Construction is limited to one or two types of materials, which may be fresh or dried plant material and or man-made material.

~ If construction is composed of man-made form(s), plant material must be used to complete the design.

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