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"Plant America - Plant Trees"

From the Director's Desk...

Hello fellow gardeners and welcome to a fabulous spring season in San Diego. We are in the middle of our flower shows with Poway, Coronado and Vista finished and Temecula coming up on Saturday, May 11th. As a recent Flower Show Chairman, I know how much work and effort goes into having a flower show/sale, so everyone who participates thank you very much!

Speaking of flower shows, the Southwest Judges Council has decided to host a Flower Show School here in San Diego! As a NGC Flower Show Judge I can tell you it is well worth the effort to attend this school and become a judge. We have an exciting District Meeting coming up on Monday, June 17th hosted by Vista Garden Club featuring a talk by Nan Sterman. I have watched all of Nan's shows on KPBS and she is very knowledgeable and entertaining. We will also be announcing the Man and Woman of the year for our District.

I hope to see all of you in June,

- Sharon Tooley



"The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now."

CGCI Official Calendar

CGCI Official Calendar - California Garden Club

May 20 - 22 2024

CGCI 92nd Convention
Wyndham Hotel, Sacramento
Host: Golden Foothills District

Don't Be Late!

Submissions for the next Pruner are due

August 23, 2024

Contact Sharon Tooley (District Director) if you have any questions.

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www.californiagardenclubs.com/cgcinewsletters

It's FREE!

Palomar District Summer Meeting

www.californiagardenclubs.com/palomardistrict

Monday, June 17, 2024

Hosted by Vista Garden Club

Reservation deadline is June 4th

See page 3 for details..



CGCI Membership Renewal Reminder

A friendly reminder to club/APSs your 2024-2025 dues are due and payable **July 1** and become delinquent **October 1, 2024**

Dues form: [Dues: Annual \(Clubs/APS\) - California Garden Club \(californiagardenclubs.com\)](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com)

Dues apply to all categories of club membership, e.g. regular, associate, or "honorary" and any member who holds a life membership in CGCI, Pacific Region and/or NGC. All categories of youth gardeners pay NO dues.

If you do not renew before October 1, 2024 you will be dropped for non payment and will not be included in the next CGCI Directory.

Palomar District Membership Renewal

Your **2024-2025** Palomar District Membership Dues Payment Form is attached to your email.

Please note dues are due **July 1, 2024** and delinquent **July 31, 2024**

Palomar District Executive Committee Members 2024 - 2025

- Director: Sharon Tooley
- First Assistant Director: Judy Fizzard
- Second Assistant Director: Kathy Taylor
- Recording Secretary: Laura Crenshaw
- Treasurer: Lisa Mercier



Photo: Sharon Tooley, Judy Fizzard, Laura Crenshaw, Lisa Mercier & Donna Payton (Corresponding Secretary)



**PALOMAR DISTRICT MEETING
HOSTED BY VISTA GARDEN CLUB**

Monday, June 17, 2024
Gloria McClellan Senior Center
1400 Vale Terrace Dr., Vista
Brenge Terrace Park

**Please park in the back and enter the back building on the east side.
Deadline to Register: June 4th**

- 9:00 am – Doors Open – Registration – Club & Chair Mailboxes - Shopping Raffle - Refreshments
- 9:30 am – Program: Nan Sterman’s “Waterwise and Wonderful”
- 10:30 am – Break/Book Signing
- 10:45 am – General Meeting

REGISTRATION COST: \$20 checks payable to: Vista Garden Club
Cash, Checks, Credit Card for: Raffle tickets and “The Garden Store” items – 6 tickets/\$5

REGISTER EARLY: Deadline to Register: June 4th
Questions? Contact Susan Bibby - 585-626-0294

Reservation Form ✂

Attendees: (Please Print)

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_____	_____
_____	_____

Club Name _____

Check # _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Club Treasurer/ph # _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO : VISTA GARDEN CLUB
Susan Bibby VGC 1625 San Luis Rey Ave. Vista, CA 92084-3111



National Garden Club (NGC) Flower Show School

Please consider becoming a NGC Flower Show Judge.

Here's why, Flower Show School might be for **YOU!**

***You** LOVE plants and creating designs with plants and want to know more.

***You** LOVE learning!

*** You** want to be part of educating the public about horticulture and design. **We NEED YOU!**

Southwestern Judges Council will be sponsoring a four part flower show school beginning in February/March of 2025. Talk to flower show judges and find out what it is like to be a flower show judge and what it involves. It is our hope you will join us. I will be happy to answer questions you may have.

I am very proud of being a NGC Flower Show Judge, and I think you will be too. Linda Hermezc 760-419-1838. lhermezc@gmail.com

National Garden Week

National Garden Week: June 2-8, 2024

Celebrate National Garden Week in Your Community!

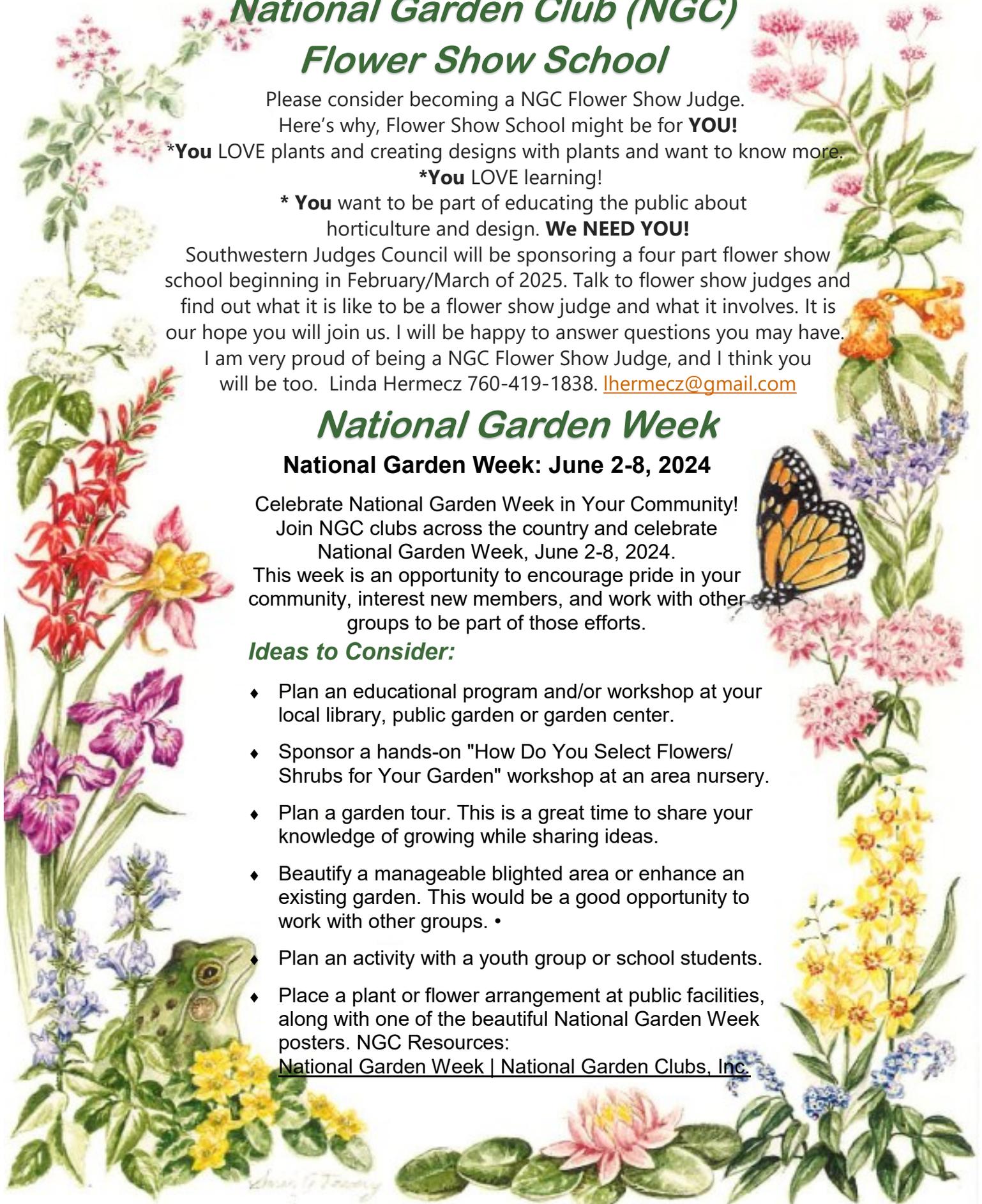
Join NGC clubs across the country and celebrate National Garden Week, June 2-8, 2024.

This week is an opportunity to encourage pride in your community, interest new members, and work with other groups to be part of those efforts.

Ideas to Consider:

- ◆ Plan an educational program and/or workshop at your local library, public garden or garden center.
- ◆ Sponsor a hands-on "How Do You Select Flowers/ Shrubs for Your Garden" workshop at an area nursery.
- ◆ Plan a garden tour. This is a great time to share your knowledge of growing while sharing ideas.
- ◆ Beautify a manageable blighted area or enhance an existing garden. This would be a good opportunity to work with other groups. •
- ◆ Plan an activity with a youth group or school students.
- ◆ Place a plant or flower arrangement at public facilities, along with one of the beautiful National Garden Week posters. NGC Resources:

[National Garden Week | National Garden Clubs, Inc.](https://www.ngc.org/)





Club Corner



Beautiful assortment of plants at affordable prices for your office, home & gardens

**Friday
June 7
10:00 am - 2 pm**

Chula Vista Public Library
Civic Center Branch
365 F Street, CV

In collaboration with the Friends of the Chula Vista Library Book Sale June 7-9



Chula Vista Garden Club is a 501C Non-Profit organization. Proceeds fund scholarships, educational programs & beautification projects in our community.

Bonita Valley Garden Club Plant Sale

May 11 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm FREE

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4355 Bonita Rd, Bonita, CA 91902.

The sale will include a varied selection of sun and shade plants. Annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, natives, cacti and succulents. There will also be plant baskets and other gifts available.

Proceeds help fund Bonita Valley Garden Club scholarships for students in horticultural programs at Cuyamaca and Southwestern Colleges.

Contact Susan Currie, curriesusanr@gmail.com. Phone 6198922933

FOR MORE INFO CVGardenClub619@gmail.com

Chula Vista Garden Club Plant Sale

June 7 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm FREE

Chula Vista Library, Civic Center Branch
365 F Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Event Description: Plant Sale. Beautiful assortment of plants at affordable prices for your office, home & gardens. Proceeds fund scholarships, programs & beautification projects in our community. (Plant Sale is also in collaboration with the Friends of the Library Book Sale)

Contact email: Plant Sale Chairperson:

CVGardenClub619@gmail.com

Lakeside Garden Club Plant Sale

May 11 @ 8:00 am - 2:00 pm FREE

Olde Church 9906 Maine, Lakeside

Event Description: Plant Sale
Flowers, succulents, drought tolerant plants, geraniums, yard art, pots, Rummage sale and Bake Sale.

Proceeds go towards Ornamental Horticulture scholarships, community gardens and other local projects.





Club Corner

Poway Valley Garden Club Flower Show



CGCI President, Carol Vallens, winning the Table Artistry Award



Judges: Marsha Bode, Donna Golich, Barbara Weiler, Dyanna Madro, Jennifer Kennedy, Kathryn Keitzer, Sharon Tooley, Syllvia Ginsberg, Emily Troxell, Linda Hermezc, Laura Crenshaw & Sandi Lord.

Coronado Flower Show



Judges: Marsha Bode, Kathy Taylor & Carvill Veech



Roses, Roses, Roses...



Club Corner

Vista Garden Club Flower Show



Botanical Arts Photography



"Come to a Garden Party" the show theme



Penny Pines Display

Bernardo Gardeners Spring Garden Tour



Judy Fizzard, President of the Bernardo Gardeners serving desserts



Wonderful gardens on the tour...



Renee Garza, garden owner on the tour sharing her beautiful and artistic garden.



School Gardens Grow with Support from Local Garden Clubs



By Heather Holland, PVGC Outreach Grant Co-Chair and San Diego Master Gardener

Can you imagine learning botany from a textbook? I am not sure I would learn photosynthesis if I had to read about it. It is much more magical witnessing plant science in a garden. Do you remember experiencing the magic of watching a seed germinate or witnessing the taste of growing your own delicious carrot? Too many children do not get to experience a garden and schools are a great place to help all students learn outdoors. School gardens teach persistence and patience, display the complexity of nature, calm students with the green of a garden and install awe and wonder in our natural world. Our world needs more humans with these traits. But school gardens do not grow on their own. They need garden supporters.

Garden support can come from parents, teachers, administrators and funders. Sadly, school districts do not have the funds to start nor upkeep school gardens. Finding funding and building a garden falls on the teachers. And teachers, after spending all day in the classroom juggling a mixed bag full of students, may wish to teach outdoors but without volunteers, admin support, guidance and funding, it can feel like an impossible task. Local garden clubs can provide the resources schools need to take the first step to build a garden or ensure its support if they provide a garden grant program. Money can make gardens grow.

For a garden club to provide a school garden grant program they need to set aside a budget annually to offer to schools. The grant requirements should be detailed on the garden club's website and provide a quick and easy application via Google Forms. The grant program needs a couple volunteers who are willing to read the submissions and decide which applications are worthy. I recommend garden grants at the \$500 level as this gives a school enough funding to do something substantial outdoors.

If your club would like to provide a garden club grant to schools and need some suggestions, email Heather Holland at hheatherholland@gmail.com. I will walk you through the steps to set this up.

There is a growing movement across the nation to encourage more students to experience a school garden. With our beautiful weather, school gardens are popping up from the Arizona border east of the mountains to the ocean, up to Oceanside and down to the Mexican border but these school gardens need your help. I am hoping you'll consider supporting a school garden near you by creating a school garden grant program at your local garden club. Your club will be most knowledgeable of what the nearby schools need to support their garden and outdoor learning.

