



**Call to  
California Garden Clubs, Inc.  
90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention May 24-29, 2021  
*“CGCI: Convention in the Clouds”*  
Hosted Virtually**

**To: CGCI Officers, District Directors, Chairmen and the Presidents of the member organizations.**

Conventions provide a way to achieve outstanding and creative opportunities for the future of garden club. The 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will challenge all of us. We are going VIRTUAL!!! Please review the Call and then register online. Remember there are no fees, no traveling or hotel costs. Just Zoom into the workshops and meetings.

**Step #1 - Print and review the information provided:**

- The Call
- Convention Schedule
- Registration Form
- Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws
- 2021-2023 Slate of Officers from the 2019-2021 Nominating Committee  
Co-Chairmen Martha Smyser and Ward Habriel.
- Convention Credentials Form - your club or APS will need to complete the Convention Credentials Form. (Your organization needs to report your elected or appointed delegates before credentials can be issued).

## **Step #2 - Registration**

- Please complete the online form. Registrar, Nancy McDougal, will acknowledge your registration. The Online Registration Form must be completed by May 12, 2021. **Remember - Online registration only - no mailing.**

## **Step #3 - Tentative Schedule**

- See schedule included in the Call
- All meetings and workshops start on time. Remember this is virtual and you will receive the links if registered.

## **Step #4 - Plan Ahead**

**ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE** for the 2021-2023 term will take place. All districts are entitled to be represented in the important work that helps identify our future leaders. This is a significant position for the future of our organization. Seven districts are represented on each nominating committee. Those districts that were represented this term are ineligible for the term of 2021-2023. So, all but the districts mentioned below are eligible to provide a member of the next committee. **PRIOR** to Convention, please identify a candidate from your district (and a potential back-up) who is willing and able to do this work and who will attend all state meetings next term (it is necessary to have a quorum at each meeting to conduct business). It could be you! Be prepared for the election of the nominating committee.

Districts ineligible for the 2021-2023 term: Buttes, Channel Islands, Golden Foothills, Humboldt, San Fernando Valley, Valley Lode and Yosemite Gateway.

## **Step #5 - Presidents**

Don't forget to submit the Credentials Form to determine the voting privileges for your organization. It is to be submitted online, not mailed.

May 24-29, 2021 will be here before you know it so don't delay in submitting your online registration. The last day to register is May 12, 2021.

This President looks forward to seeing you at our virtual convention May 24-29, 2021.

Shane Looper  
2019-2021 President  
*Plant America - Plant Parks*

## Tentative Schedule and Workshops 90<sup>th</sup> Convention 2021, May 24-29, 2021

**Zoom Hosts: Lynne Batchelor, Carol Vallens, Adele Kelly,  
and Kathy Taylor de Murillo**

**\*\*denotes closed meeting**

### **MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021**

TIME	TITLE
<b>**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.</b>	District Directors' Forum
<b>**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>	Bylaws & Policy Committee
<b>**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>	Chairmen's Forum

### **TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021**

TIME	TITLE
<b>**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b>	Budget and Finance Committee
<b>**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>	Board of Trustees
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop #1:</b> "Meet the Artist" The Environmental Art Sculptures will be presented.

### **WEDNESDAY, May 26, 2021**

TIME	TITLE
<b>**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</b>	2019-2021 Executive Committee
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Judges Council
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Workshop #2:</b> "President's Project 2019-2021" Followed by a jewelry auction for the benefit of the project.
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Awards Presentation

### **THURSDAY, May 27, 2021**

TIME	TITLE
<b>**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</b>	CCC (California Consultants Council)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Workshop #3:</b> "Roses - Show and Tell"
<b>**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	2021-2023 Executive Committee
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop #4:</b> "Make my Day" A floral design presentation

**FRIDAY, May 28, 2021**

TIME	TITLE
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Pre-convention Board Meeting Board members required, others may attend without voice or vote.
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Convention <b>Business Meeting #1</b> Followed by a jewelry auction
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Workshop #5</b> “CGCI Website and Contact Information” for Presidents, Club Members and District Directors
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Convention <b>Business Meeting #2</b> Social hour following the Business Meeting

**SATURDAY, May 29, 2021**

TIME	TITLE
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Convention <b>Business Meeting #3</b> The installation of officers will immediately follow Business Meeting #3.
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	2021-2023 Nominating Committee
**2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Post-convention Meeting 2021-2023 Officers and District Directors
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Organizational Meeting 2021-2023 board members

# WORKSHOPS

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY WORKSHOP OR PRESENTATION.

## Workshop #1

**Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

**3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **“Meet the Artist”**

Judy Unrine, Chairman of CGCI's Environmental Art Competition, will introduce artists who make art by repurposing materials originally made for another purpose. The artists will show their art and discuss how they incorporated recycled or discarded material into sculptural art.

## Workshop #2

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

### **“President's Project 2019-2021”**

Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi, Director of Mountain Watch

Ariel will present a PowerPoint program on the San Bruno Mountain State Park

Botanical Park Restoration Project and the progress that is being made at the park.

Immediately following the presentation, Julie A. West, President's Project Chairman, will conduct a jewelry auction.

## Workshop #3

**Thursday, May 27, 2021**

**11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.**

### **“Roses - Show and Tell”**

Jolene Adams is a former President of the American Rose Society, former CGCI Chairman, Master Rosarian and Master Gardener.

Do you have a favorite rose growing in your garden, but don't know its name? Cut the rose and show it so Jolene can identify and tell how best to grow it.

## Workshop #4

**Thursday, May 27, 2021**

**3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **“Make My Day”**

Mary Arakelian and Lili Adam-Bost - Floral Designers

Mary and Lili will demonstrate creative floral designs using unusual components.

They will look beyond plant material when designing.

Mary is currently CGCI's Judges Council Liaison Chairman and has held many positions on the CGCI Board of Directors. She is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge and was

named the 2018 NGC Designer of the Year for NGC's Vision of Beauty Calendar. Her designs have been featured in many issues of the calendar.

Lili is the immediate past CGCI Youth Chairman. She is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge and is very active in her local Judges Council. Many of her designs were featured in NGC's Vision of Beauty Calendar. Best of all, Mary is her mom and has encouraged her to develop her interest in floral art.

## **Workshop #5**

**Friday, May 28, 2021**

**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

### **“CGCI Website and Contact Information”**

Jane McKee, CGCI Webmaster, and Adele Kelly, 3rd Vice President, will present a program designed especially for Club Presidents and District Directors regarding how to easily negotiate the website. Learn when and how to best execute the membership dues form and why all clubs and districts must update their contact information.

## **Additional information:**

In addition to the workshops – two Jewelry Auctions that benefit the 2019-2021 President's Project, San Bruno Mountain Botanical Restoration, will be held on Wednesday, May 26 and Friday, May 28.

Price Sheppy from Golden Gate National Park Conservancy will update the Mission Blue Butterfly State Project during Business Meeting #1 Friday morning, May 28.

**Don't forget to join us for our Social Hour on May 28, 2021. The installation of the 2021-2023 Officers and District Directors will take place immediately following Business Meeting #3 on Saturday, May 29.**