

Activities, Events and Meetings 2019 – 2020

Club Board Meetings

Club board meetings are held at the Sepulveda Garden Center on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. At 9:30 a.m. a light snack is served by volunteer hosts. The business meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. **Officers and Committee Chairmen are required to attend. All club members are welcome.**

Membership Meetings and Programs

General membership meetings are held at the Sepulveda Garden Center, at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Members and visitors should bring a sack lunch (except December and June); beverages and desserts are provided.

NGC – notes relevance to National Garden Clubs, Inc. projects and programs

CGCI – notes relevance to California Garden Clubs, Inc. projects and programs

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Membership Meeting Timeline

- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Pre-meeting coffee and conversation;
fundraising at Country Store, Plant Market,
Raffle
- 10:00 a.m. Meeting – called to order
Flag salute
Inspiration – 2 minutes max
Guests welcomed
Business
Penny Pines / Native Flora collection
Specimen Judging – 5 minutes max
Horticulture Moment – 5 minutes max
Workshop – 12-15 minutes max
- 10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Break (shopping) / Program set-up
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Speaker / Program
- 11:45 – 11:55 a.m. Raffle
- 12:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned / Lunch

Host/Hostess Chairman Duties

This is the Chairman for the meeting. The overall Hospitality Chairman is your mentor and guide, not a substitute.

Host/Hostess Chairman:

- * With the assistance of the Hospitality Assistant Chairman, contacts (via email or telephone call) all members of the Hospitality Committee; reminds them of their duty; answers questions; ensures that there is a variety (and sufficient quantity) of desserts (e.g. all desserts are not chocolate)
- * Provides the cream (½ gallon of Half/Half)
- * Ensures coffee is set up and ready to start first thing on the meeting day.
- * Arrives early on meeting day and stays to ensure clean-up is complete.

Hospitality Committee Duties

- * Bring dessert to serve at least 12.
- * Bring serving utensil and serving plate.
- * Cut small portions so everyone can try some of each.
- * Arrive by 9:30 a.m. to help set-up.
- * There should be more than enough desserts, committee should go home with leftovers to prevent too little at the meeting.
- * If a substitute committee member is needed, locate one.
- * Be prepared to serve shortly after the program concludes.
- * **The President**, escorting the speaker, **always starts the dessert line**. Courtesy demands that all others must wait until the dignitaries and guests have gone through the line.
- * Stay and help clean up. ***Always leave the Center as clean or cleaner than when you arrived.***
- * To expedite clean-up, bring a means (box, bag, baggies) of taking home your plate, utensils, and leftovers without having to wash them at the garden center.
- * Don't leave leftovers for staff (at their request)


Thank you for volunteering. We have a wonderful dynamic club because of our members who volunteer!

September Club Activities

September 3 — Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino
Hosted by Jennae Arrias and Sharon Para-Lavendar

September 10 — General Membership Meeting NOTE: DEVIATION FROM USUAL DAY

- 9:30 a.m. **Plant Market, Country Store, Display Specimens**
- 10:00 a.m. **Business Meeting:** Welcome and introduction of new members; financial review report.
- 10:30 a.m. **Workshop:** Club member **Robin Pokorski** will present “A Look Back – Southern California Garden Club 30 Years Ago,” Robin tells what it was like ITOD (in the old days). (NGC, CGCI)
- 11:00 a.m. **Program: All About Salvias;** our 2019-2020 Signature Plant is also called sage. There are many varieties available and many are drought tolerant, have beautiful flowers and have many uses, including in cooking and medical remedies. Join us for our first meeting after our summer break as **Armstrong Nursery Sherman Oaks**, presents **“All We Ever Wanted to Know About Salvias.”** (NGC, CGCI)
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- 12:00 p.m. **Luncheon:** BBI (Brown Bag It). Please bring table service for you and your guests. Your hospitality committee will provide beverages and desserts. And by all means, please bring a guest as we begin our 93rd garden club year.

Hospitality Committee

Chairmen: Harriet Vallens, Anita Roman, Joanna Hartstein

Committee: Members whose last names begin with A, B, C, I, K

Table Décor: Jennifer Culp

October Club Activities

October 8 — Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: DEVIATION FROM USUAL DAY

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino
Hosted by Rosemary Ecker and Bette Tang

October 15 — General Membership Meeting

9:30 a.m. **Plant Market, Country Store, Display Specimens**

10:00 a.m. **Business Meeting**

10:30 a.m. **Workshop:** Club member **Terri Taylor** will present **“Terrific Terrariums.”** Learn about the care and feeding of terrariums. (NGC, CGCI)

11:00 a.m. **Program: Camellias**, Part of the *Theaceae* Flowering Plant Family. Doesn't every garden need beautiful flowering plants that bloom from fall to spring in a variety of colors? Join us as **Jim Fitzpatrick**, President of the Southern California Camellia Council joins us for an inspiring talk on **“How to Grow Camellias and Keep Them Looking Beautiful.”** (NGC, CGCI)



12:00 p.m. **Luncheon:** BBI (Brown Bag It). Please bring table service for you and your guests. Your hospitality committee will provide beverages and desserts.

Hospitality Committee

Chairman: Jennifer Culp

Committee: Members whose last names begin with D, E, F

Table Décor: Carol Vallens

November Club Activities

November 5 — Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino
Hosted by Jennifer Culp, Ilona Buratti, Martha Smyser

November 19 — General Membership Meeting

9:30 a.m. **Plant Market, Country Store, Display Specimens**

10:00 a.m. **Workshop:** We will have a hands-on interactive, creative, take-it-with-you workshop to start off the morning. Come join us for fun, learning, laughter and good times. (NGC, CGCI)

10:20 a.m. **Business Meeting**

11:00 a.m. **Program: “Water, Water Everywhere”;** how can it help your garden? Did you know that many different types of water plants help attract butterflies and dragonflies to your garden? **David Gardner** from Sunland Water Gardens will talk about different types of plants that you can grow in water in your own yard, explaining how simple it can be. (NGC, CGCI)



12:00 p.m. **Luncheon:** BBI (Brown Bag It). Please bring table service for you and your guests. Your hospitality committee will provide beverages and desserts.

Hospitality Committee

Chairmen: Diane Lerner, Karen Winchell, Nellie Dewey
Committee: Members whose last names begin with G, H, J

Table Décor: None needed – members will make the décor during the workshop

December Club Activities

December 3 — Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino
Hosted by Sherry Molinari and Robin Pokorski

December 17 — Holiday Party

9:30 a.m. **Country Store open for holiday business**

10:00 a.m. **General Holiday Merriment**

Bring dry goods and yummy (not expired) canned goods for a local food bank.

11:00 a.m.

Program: “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” and we are throwing a party to celebrate his early arrival. Don’t miss out on our annual Holiday Party. Come bring your friends and family and a good time will be had by all. Warm-up your vocal cords, because we will perform our annual rendition of **“The Twelve Days of Gardening”** and other holiday classics, including maybe a new one or two? We will be doing the plant exchange again for those who would like to take part and “Someone will be in the Kitchen with Dinah” (Gail), serving up our holiday feast. Come for the friendship, stay for the food and entertainment.



12:00 p.m.

Luncheon: Lunch is a catered affair. Details will be announced in *The Green Thumb*. Bringing a friend as your guest is a thoughtful gift idea for your friend **and** your club.

Reservations are required.

Reserve your place with Carol Vallens
CVallens57@gmail.com or 818-378-1313

Hospitality Committee

Chairman: Gail Vanderhorst
Committee: Nellie Dewey
Terri Taylor
Carol Vallens
Hank Vanderhorst

Table Décor: Rita Desilets

January 2020 Club Activities

January 7 — Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino
Hosted by Harriet Vallens and Carol Vallens

January 21 — General Membership Meeting

9:30 a.m. **Plant Market, Country Store**

10:00 a.m. **Business Meeting**

10:30 a.m. **Workshop: Bette Tang** presents “**Getting to Know You**” an interactive mixer sure to interest you. (NGC, CGCI)

11:00 a.m. **Program: The Los Angeles City Department of Vector Control** will present a program on mosquitoes “**All You Ever Wanted to Know about Mosquitoes.**” How to avoid having breeding them and how to get rid of them once they have invaded your domicile. (NGC, CGCI)



12:00 p.m. **Luncheon:** BBI (Brown Bag It). Please bring table service for you and your guests. Your hospitality committee will provide beverages and desserts.

Hospitality Committee

Chairman: Terri Taylor

Committee: Members whose last names begin with L, M, P

Table Décor: Shirley Schwartz and Nancy Kaplan

February Club Activities

February 11 — Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
NOTE: DEVIATION FROM USUAL DAY

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino
Hosted by Rita Desilets and Rita Lorenz

February 18 — General Membership Meeting

9:30 a.m. **Plant Market, Country Store, Display Specimens**

10:00 a.m. **Business Meeting**

10:30 a.m. **Horticulture Workshop: Rosemary Ecker**
presents, **“Pollinator Garden Excitement.”** Find
out what the “buzz” is. (NGC, CGCI)

11:00 a.m. **Program:** Let's take the mystery out of minis with
“Miniature Floral Design,” a
hands-on learning experience.
Flower Show Judge and miniature
floral design specialist **Linda Lang**
will teach how to create our own
miniature floral designs, and all the
tricks you'll need, just in time for our
March flower show. (NGC, CGCI)



12:00 p.m. **Luncheon:** BBI (Brown Bag It). Please bring table
service for you and your guests. Your hospitality
committee will provide beverages and desserts.

Hospitality Committee

Chairmen: Carolynn Fisher and Doris Tinius

Committee: Members whose last names begin with N, O, R, V

Table Décor: Diane Lerner and Janet Gies

March Club Activities

March 3 — Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino
Hosted by Karen Aguilar and Tonie Bruno

Arbor Day Tree Planting – Details to be announced

March 17 — Bus Trip



The Wheels on the Bus are back, and we have a fun-filled day of adventure planned. (NGC, CGCI)

We start off the day at Balboa Sports Center in Encino at 9:00 a.m. and head to **Sunland Water Gardens**, in Sunland.

David Gardner will lead us on a tour through the nursery with different stations set up to enhance our learning and enjoyment. Learn about many different types of water plants, where they came from and the history behind their development. Get up close with some koi fish and you can even feed them.

From there we will head to the campus of California State University Northridge for a picnic lunch and a tour of their **Sustainable Gardens** and maybe even a peek at the composting process.

Wear walking shoes and bring a hat or visor, and enjoy a day with your garden club friends. We will return to the Balboa Sports Center around 3:00 p.m.

Donation: \$15.00 (includes bus driver's tip, lunch, entrance/tour fee and a small donation to Southern California Garden Club).

Reservations are required. To reserve your seat, contact Carol Vallens at CVallens57@gmail.com or 818-378-1313

Desserts & Treats: Carol Vallens and Robin Pokorski

***This tour is an important event for our club;
please make sure we fill our bus.***

More March Club Activities

Standard Flower Show

Our club's 54th flower show, a Standard Flower Show, "**Nature's Forces,**" will be held at the Sepulveda Garden Center on March 20-21, 2020. (NGC, CGCI)

March 19 — Flower Show Set-up

Set-up for the show will be Thursday, March 19, in the afternoon. Club members will help arrange tables, spread tablecloths, decorate, fill horticulture display bottles with water, help with staging and placement of educational exhibits and division, section and class signs among other duties.

March 20 – 21 Standard Flower Show

All designs and horticulture specimens must be in place no later than 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 20.

Judging will be on Friday afternoon, March 20. The judges will start with a lunch at 11:30 a.m., hosted by the Flower Show Judges' Luncheon Committee. Following lunch, the show will be judged.

The show will be **open to the public** (complete with fundraising tables and sales) **on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** **All members should plan** to attend to man the fundraising white elephant, plant, and baked goodies tables as well as to be on hand to greet our guests and the public. All members will assist in dismantling the show on Saturday afternoon.



This is the most important fundraising and educational event for YOUR club. Please donate to the fundraising tables, publicize this event, enter the horticulture and/or design divisions and help on the Show days and invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend.

April Club Activities

April 7 — Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino
Hosted by Diane Lerner and Gail Vanderhorst

April 21 — General Membership Meeting

9:30 a.m. **Plant Market, Country Store, Display Specimens**

10:00 a.m. **Business Meeting**

10:30 a.m. **Horticulture Workshop:** Club member **Ilona Buratti** will present a workshop, “**My Garden.**” Sit back and enjoy a member’s garden. (NGC, CGCI)

11:00 a.m. **Program:** **DWP** will present, “**Our Local Water,**” an in-depth look at where our water comes from and goes to. (NGC, CGCI)



12:00 p.m. **Luncheon:** BBI (Brown Bag It). Please bring table service for you and your guests. Your hospitality committee will provide beverages and desserts.

Hospitality Committee

Chairman: Karen Aguilar

Committee: Members whose last names begin with S


Table Décor: Terri Taylor

May Club Activities

May 5 — Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino
Hosted by Marcia Smith and Gail Vanderhorst

May 19 — General Membership Meeting

- 9:30 a.m. **Plant Market, Country Store, Display Specimens**
- 10:00 a.m. **Business Meeting:** Budget adoption; 2020-21 dues are due
- 10:30 a.m. **Scholarship Presentations:** Club member **Rosemary Ecker** will present **our scholarship winners**. Come meet the faces of future garden clubbers and learn how these young men and women will shape our future. (NGC, CGCI)
- 11:00 a.m. **Program: “A Date with Figs”** with **Annette Remter**. Save the **DATE** as we **FIGURE** out how they grow and all of the uses for **Dates** and **Figs**.

There is so much more to a fig than just your Fig Newton and there are many kinds of dates besides a lunch or dinner date. Come explore with us the growing patterns and uses for both the date and fig. Presented by **Annette Remter**, whose family owns a date and fig farm about two hours away. The family works local farmers markets in the Los Angeles area. (NGC, CGCI)
- 12:00 p.m. **Luncheon:** BBI (Brown Bag It). Please bring table service for you and your guests. Your hospitality committee will provide beverages and desserts.

Hospitality Committee

Chairman: Linda Leskin

Committee: Members whose last names begin with T, U, W, Z

Table Décor: Harriet Vallens and Martha Smyser

June Club Activities

June 2 — Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino
Hosted by Robin Pokorski and Greg Pokorski

June 16 — General Membership Meeting

9:30 a.m. **Plant Market, Country Store, Display Specimens**

10:00 a.m. **Business Meeting**

Recognition of Honored Guests: Former Club Presidents, former District Directors and honored guests.

11:15 a.m. **Program:** *“Celebrate the year’s accomplishments!”* Presentation of awards and honors; CGCI, Pacific Region and NGC Life Memberships; convention recap. (NGC, CGCI)



12:30 p.m. **Luncheon:** Potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite dish to serve 10 and a serving implement. The table service for you and your guests will be provided.

Hospitality Committee

Chairmen: Elaine DiPietro, Kristina Sunness, and Betty Thoreson

Committee: All members are host to each other

Table Décor: Rita Desilets