

CASCADE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

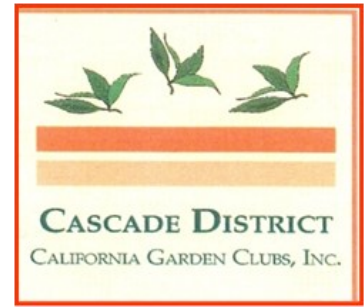
Cascade District Director, Judy Paul

jduke.paul@gmail.com

530-200-5013

Cascade District is a member of California Garden Clubs, Inc., Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

April, 2024



Cascade District and Cascade Arrangers Guild Flower Show

On the morning of April 2nd, the Neighborhood Church in Anderson was buzzing with activity setting up the NGC Flower Show!! There were over 24 people entering, including several juniors who entered this year.

The title of this show was "Intriguing" with entries possible in divisions of design, horticulture, botanical arts, youth, and education exhibits. The purpose of a flower show is to educate club members and the viewing public, provide an outlet for creative expression, and convey objectives of the NGC. Fran Galantine and Joie Raymond, RBGC, and Cherry Hoover, from Roseville, were the judges for the show.

Jill Cruz was the general chairman which is a big job! Charlotte Rodriguez, Cascade Arrangers Guild President, planned and organized a very tasty breakfast and lunch! Thank you to them, and the many other members who helped to make this day work smoothly.

We were able to give NGC Flower Show Ribbons in Horticulture as there is not a required minimum number of entries. The other Divisions need 12 or more entries, so the judges could only award placement ribbons in each class. We appreciate those garden club members who entered, and hope for more next year!

The Horticultural Award of Excellence went to Bonnie Adema for her exquisite dancing dolphin plant, *Columba gesneriaceae*! Awards of Merit were given to Gretchen Lasater, Spring Bulbs; Kristi Betts, Any other Perennial; Herbs & Vegetables, Judy Paul; Arboreal, Joie Raymond; and Annuals, Judy Paul.



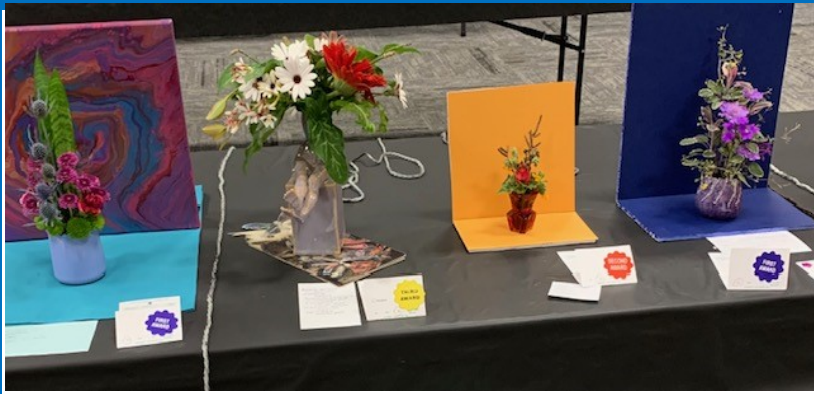
Bonnie Adema
Horticultural Excellence



Kristi Betts
Award of Merit



Fran Galantine with
three Junior exhibitors



Petite Designs



Functional Table Setting



Floor Designs

Exhibition Table Setting



Botanical Arts, Pot-et-fleur

Hats

Kissing Balls

More about the Flower Show...

The Cascade Arrangers Guild was started in 1996. Kathy Bramhall, and Carolyn Hoyum were instrumental in the formation of this district group. The purpose is to provide opportunities to practice various types of floral design in a non-threatening forum. The guild meets the first Tuesday of the month, except June and July, at the Neighborhood Church in Redding. This is the same church where the flower show was held.

We are very much in need of more participants to keep this guild going. Several members are no longer able to be a part due to health and family situations. Dues are only \$25 a year. I know that floral design is not necessarily something everyone is interested in within our garden clubs. But it is a very fun and rewarding aspect! Please share this opportunity with all of your club members so that we can hopefully increase our numbers by finding those aspiring designers that I know are out there!!

Each month there is a type of design a member can create and bring to the meeting. The designs are discussed, suggestions made and shared. It really is not threatening!! You will learn tips and techniques, and just seeing other designs gives you ideas for more of your own. You will gain experience and confidence to enter more flower shows and have that fun experience!

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Rodriguez, President of the guild, or myself. I have been part of this group for several years, and it has been such a helpful learning experience...and FUN!!

Our next meeting will be May 7th. Meeting starts at 10am. The room is open at 9:30 to set up your design if you need to. The design type for May is tubular design. One does not always have to bring a design, and naturally, we will welcome any interested folks to come and see what it is like. I really think you will find it a rewarding and creative outlet.

District Trainings

On March 28, we had a President's training workshop at the Anderson Library Meeting Room. Representatives were there from five of our clubs. Handouts pertaining to President's duties were given out, along with sharing of ideas on how to make the position work well for your club. Each president was given a new binder to keep for their term of office with the idea to pass it on, with all the learning materials, to the next president to use. People willing to step into officer positions is a must for our clubs to grow!

April 18, a similar training workshop will be held for Treasurers of the district clubs. Carol Barnes, Red Bluff Garden Club treasurer, will lead the workshop, with Lynne Caraway and Kathy Woods adding input. Binders with advice, timelines, and tips will be given to each club. Again, the goal is to build skills and confidence for garden club members to fill these officer positions. Anyone interested in attending is more than welcome. Meeting time is 10am-12noon.



A touch of history...

Vickie Van Gundy, Anderson Valley Garden Club President, came across this bit of garden club history in an article in The Redding Searchlight, dated Wednesday, October 2, 1963! I took pictures of the paper, but they are a bit hazy to read. We need a real historian! Is there anyone out there who is interested?!! I included the whole top of page as I like the Women's Activities, and pictures. Note that all the women are listed under their husband's names...not their first names as we do today! Times, how they change. Thank you Vickie for sharing this.



- FYI**
- Cascade District formed in 1959
 - Anderson Valley Garden Club, 1937
 - Cascade Arrangers Guild, 1996
 - Cottonwood Garden Club, 1957
 - Lake California Garden Club, 2004
 - Red Bluff Garden Club, 1955
 - Redding Wonderland Garden Club, 1950
 - Shasta Lake Garden Project, 2001