

CASCADE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

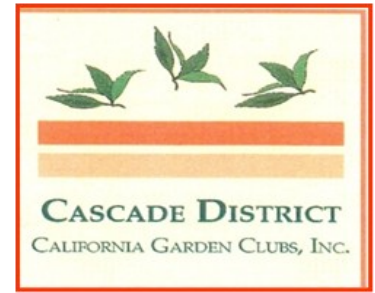
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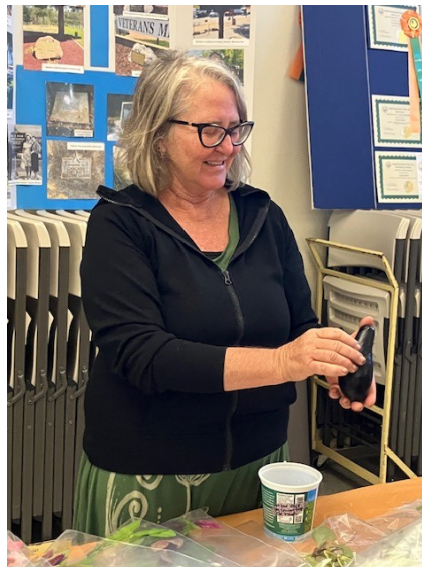


Cascade District Fall Meeting held in Anderson

Thursday, October 23, Anderson Valley Garden Club hosted the Cascade District Fall meeting at the Anderson City Hall. There were nearly 50 people in attendance, with much happy visiting among our friends and gardening neighbors.

The crew from AVGC furnished tasty breakfast treats, and a delicious soup and salad lunch! There were items one might win with a lucky ticket, the silent auction bid baskets brought by each club, a short business meeting, and an engaging program. Sheri Scott, from Harvest & Habitats Nursery in Chico shared a wide variety of edible plants, some common, and some quite unusual. They were a smelling success as many plant samples were circulated throughout members in attendance.

We “passed the can” for donations for CGCI Sempervirens, \$125 for 125 years, and for the new President’s Project for 2025-2027, Abraxas High School Garden & Orchard. Donations were generously given, collecting **\$130 for the President’s Project, and \$135 for the Sempervirens Fund. Thank you one and all!**



Top left, the AVGC crew...many thanks to them...middle, Sheri Scott, the speaker from Harvest & Habitats Nursery. Top right, Elizabeth Smith, AVGC member, in her festive watermelon wear. Bottom left, the yummy lunch was served to appreciative guests!

Some more pictures from Fall Meeting...



Starting at top left: Lynne Caraway, District Treasurer, getting ready to collect on silent auction baskets, Debbie Bazan, Redding Wonderland Garden Club President, was a winner, visiting with friends in the lunch line, Lake California Garden Club ladies were all winners, and Marie Delgado, Cottonwood Garden Club President, looking lovely by our Cascade District sign!

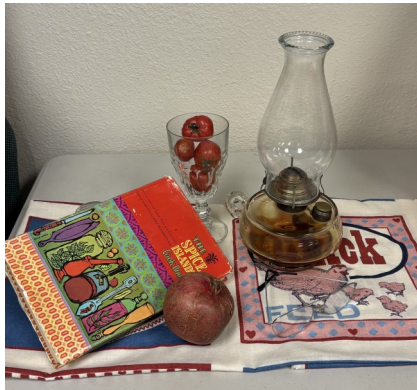
Cascade Arrangers Guild

As you may know, the Cascade Arrangers guild is part of our district. The guild is something you can join in addition to being in your garden club. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and practice skills and gain knowledge about floral design. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Neighborhood Church, 4684 Rhonda Rd. in Anderson. Meeting begins at 10am, with set-up at 9:30. We would love to have **YOU** join us! It is fun and rewarding. Membership is \$25 per year.

As you know, Red Bluff Garden Club has recently completed the four course Flower Show School, and the new student judges will need opportunities to practice these skills to become accredited NGC judges. With this in mind, we want to plan to have more smaller flower shows and specialty types of shows. So of course, we need entries to make these shows possible. That is what makes the Arrangers Guild such a good opportunity for you to become involved, and gain experience in floral design and horticulture tips for entries in flower shows!

Cascade District and Cascade Arrangers Guild will be having an NGC Flower Show on April 7, 2026 at the Neighborhood Church. The theme is **“Country Blooms & Barnyard Dreams.”** There will be many possibilities for your creative entries in design, horticulture, botanical arts, and photography!! Start planning, and watch for more information to be coming your way.

At our November 4 meeting we practiced still life designs. The theme was “Tableau of Nature.” These are some designs made by our members for our November 4 meeting.



Mark your calendar...

Our next Cascade District Board meeting will be Thursday, November 13, 12-2pm, at the Anderson Library Community Meeting Room. Lynne Caraway will share more details on the budget with us, we will talk a bit about CGCI Awards for your clubs to participate in, and we will talk some more about our district Blue Star Memorials. As your District Director, I want to continue to use these board meetings as a “working together” meeting with open sharing, questions, and helping each other for what is working for you, like we did last year. Please come with a goal for this year, ideas to share, or concerns we can problem solve. If we work together, we will all be more successful in our garden club objectives!



Deadline Approaching for Liability Insurance and GTEP

Both GTEP and Liability Insurance have a deadline of January 15 for renewal. These are both very important deadlines for your club to meet, so please be sure your treasurers are aware and working on this in a timely fashion. GTEP renewal fee is \$15, and insurance is \$1.75 per member. There is a late fee of \$30. Another reminder...be sure to check often on the CGCI website home page. There are very helpful and easy links to *Golden Gardens*, *WACONIAH*, and *The National Gardener*, the three “upper” garden club publications with much helpful information. Other links to membership, awards, videos, and much more are easy to find and use!!

Fond farewells to two longtime garden club members in our district...

LaSaine Ware, Cottonwood Garden Club, passed away September 5, 2025. During her time with CGC, she held the office of President for 5 terms. During Covid, she took on the responsibility of President once again to keep the club alive. LaSaine loved dahlias and African violets, and shared this knowledge with members of the district. She is dearly missed. Because of her efforts, CGC is still here and thriving!

Diana Gifford-Tuggle, member of Redding Wonderland Garden Club, passed away October 29. Diana battled her cancer with fierce strength and dignity. She was a leading force in RWGC for many years, serving as President more than once, and Cascade District Secretary for five plus years. Diana really loved her family, both her personal, and “garden club” family. She loved her gardens, and kept her amaryllis bulbs and got them to re-bloom, sharing pictures of them on Facebook! Diana shared her dedication and knowledge of garden clubs, and will be very much missed by us. She LOVED the Blue Star Memorial project, and was an integral part of getting this one installed at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Redding this past July. A Celebration of her Life will be held at Riverfront Playhouse on Sunday, November 23 at 1 pm. Address is 1950 California St. in Redding. A funeral service will be Monday, November 24, 9:30am, at the Veteran’s Cemetery, 11800 Gas Point Rd, Igo. Diana is pictured on the far right.

