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DIRECTORS MESSAGE

It was wonderful to see 30 of you at convention; I hope you found it as worthwhile as I did. I was so proud to accept awards at convention for our district, as well as individual members and clubs. Our district won the Sweepstakes Award for the most awards in any district and a major award for a publication from last year's convention. The Village Garden Club of La Jolla has been planting Jacaranda trees for the last 20 years with the goal of making us the Jacaranda capital of the United States. To date they have planted over 2,200 trees. For this project they won a national civic beautification award as well as a Pacific region and a California state award. They also won a national certificate of commendation for their yearbook as well as a Pacific region and California state award. In addition they won a sweepstakes award from California. Well done and well deserved! Pauline Sechi, a member of Dos Valles Garden Club, personally won 5 awards at the state and regional levels including 2nd place for best flower arranger for the entire state. She also presented an inspirational program/demonstration at the judge's banquet at convention. You really made us proud! Carol Zukowski, from Vista Garden Club, won 3 individual awards at the regional and state levels and Meredith French, from Mission Hills Garden Club, won 2 individual state awards. These all included a monetary award as well. Congratulations! Two members of Chula Vista Garden Club, Marion Beecroft and Sandy Duncan, were presented with the only two individual awards of merit issued by the state of California. What an honor! Kathryn Keitzer, from Crown Garden Club of Coronado, won the award for the highest score on the latest flower school schools. Wow! Students sponsored by CHIRP and Dos Valles won Smokey the Bear Awards. Thank you for your efforts! In addition state awards were given to Poway, Fallbrook, Vista, San Carlos and Temecula; plus awards of merit were issued to Bernardo Gardeners, Bonita Valley, CHIRP, Chula Vista, Crown, Descanso, Dos Valles, Fallbrook, Mission Hills, Poway, Pt. Loma, Ramona, San Carlos, San Dieguito, Temecula, The Village Garden Club of La Jolla and Vista.

DIRECTORS MESSAGE CONT.

We are so proud of our Woman of the Year winners who have done so much for Palomar District particularly at convention. Kudos to Pauline Sechi and Adele Kelly—you're the best!

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the three clubs who hosted a district meeting this year. Bridge and Bay hosted in September, Bonita Valley hosted our February meeting and Chula Vista Garden Club hosted our summer meeting. We enjoyed 3 delicious lunches in 3 lovely venues and listened to 3 exceptional programs. Thank you so much! We are still looking for one more club to host for next



year. The luncheon style is at your discretion—at Coronado we had lunch at the library in a casual atmosphere, at Bonita we had lunch at the golf course and at Chula Vista we had lunch complete with linen, china and crystal at the Women's Club.

The programs we had this year were quite diverse and that would be your choice as well. Contact Adele Kelly to volunteer.

Remember to check the Palomar District and CGCI websites at least twice a week to keep up with the latest news. We are all trying to go green by posting information there instead of using paper handouts. I'd like to encourage everyone to check the state website for information on awards. The awards process has been simplified and many awards come with money attached. This year some categories had no entries The time to start is now!

Just a few reminders from the district meeting (more information available on the websites):

- Let Nancy Curtis know about your Penny Pines donations
- SeedsNow.com helps support Habitat for Humanity Landscaping
- Life membership info is on the web
- Check their website for information on the new OFAD (Organization of Floral Art Designers)
- Certificates of Commendation for local garden centers, nurseries, etc. are available
- There is a CGCI Girl Scout patch available
- Honor books are a great way to honor a member
- CGCI has a new project "Rare Plant Treasure Hunt"
- Collect information for your Expand Horizons-A Conservation Rainbow report of activity forms (if you didn't pick one up at the meeting, they are available on the web)

At the fall meeting in addition to information from the state board meeting, you will receive your state and district yearbooks. Please send information asap so that our information is accurate. If you have no changes, please let Adele know so that she isn't waiting.

Next year's convention will be held in Reno on June 8-12. Rooms at the Circus-Circus are only \$42 a night and can sleep 4, so bring your entire club. There are some wonderful tours planned as well; you won't want to miss it.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT.

Please mark your calendars for our 3 district meetings—September 22, February 23 and June 29—for the latest news from the state/region/nation, reports from our district clubs about their activities, yummy lunches and excellent speakers. See you there!

I hope everyone is enjoying a relaxing summer with family and friends and has an opportunity to work in your gardens. This poem was in the National Gardener a couple of years ago and is so appropriate that I wanted to share it again.

Lost Summers

I recall when summer

Was sitting in the shade

Drinking icy glasses

Of Mama's lemonade.

In the magic summers

When love was fresh and new,

Delight of summer evenings

Exclusively for two.

Later on the summers

Were two weeks at the shore;

Brushing sand from children

Wishing days were more.

Life with all its burdens

Halts not for summer's treasure.

There no longer is the time

To taste the summer's pleasure

Summers have grown shorter

And busier it seems.

Lazy days of summer

Are only in my dreams.

Joyce L. Johnson, May 19, 2004

Have a wonderful summer! See you September 22, Lynne





PALOMAR DISTRICT DIRECTORS CONFERENCE REPORT

Reporting for 2,206 members in 24 clubs in the San Diego area. Today I will highlight the civic beautification projects which Palomar District clubs sponsor in addition to their support of the Penney Pines Projects. Let me begin with a very ambitious project which was recognized last night by NGC with the Community Impact Award and given a silver commemorative plate and \$150.

For 28 years the **Village Garden Club of La Jolla** has been planting Jacaranda trees with the goal of making San Diego the Jacaranda Capital of the U.S. To date they have donated over 2,200 trees.

DIRECTORS CONFERENCE REPORT CONT.

Chirp for Garden Wildlife Garden Club organized and rallied the community to restore Alpine Boulevard, the heart of their small community, which had been left in ruins by the construction of the Sunrise Power Link project. They paid for all the hardscape and landscape materials, designed and installed 11 different drought tolerant gardens at businesses and public spaces in the area.

Descanso Garden Club has been planting daffodils at the library, school, town hall, fire station and along major roads for 20 years. They plant 500 bulbs annually.

Poway Garden Club maintains 3 gardens for the city in Old Poway Park and a rose garden at Lake Poway. This fall they will plant a new butterfly and hummingbird garden.

Chula Vista Garden Club has planted trees at the local Veterans' Home. They assist with the only community garden in the area by helping with maintenance, plantings and expertise.

San Carlos Garden Club supports the student gardens at St. Therese Academy.

Fallbrook Garden Club collaborates with Save our Forests to plant red bud trees along main street and with Live Oak Gardeners to maintain the native plant gardens at the park. They install native plants in memory of deceased members and support the garden at the local elementary school.

Temecula Garden Club planted trees at the new hospital for their meditation garden. Their ongoing service project is to support South West Botanic Garden by providing trees, landscape and signage. They help high school students with the Acorn Counting Project.

Crown Garden Club maintains 2 gardens in the city of Coronado.

Bernardo Gardeners supports a school garden and planted a fruit tree at the Backyard Produce Garden Project food bank at a care facility.

Dos Valles planted red bud trees.

Point Loma Garden Club is expanding the plantings at the Blue Star Memorial at Fort Rosecrans. At Cabrillo National Monument they are installing plants which would have been found there when the park was created. They maintain the educational kitchen garden at the Old Point Loma Lighthouse. They support an annual memorial flower planting at the children's hospital inviting family members of children who passed away that year to participate.

La Jolla Garden Club formed a partnership with the Historical Society to provide gardens and seating areas at the newly renovated Historical Society site.

Del Mar Garden Club has 8 beautification spots in town where they install and maintain landscaping projects at the post office, library, parks and lifeguard tower.

Bonita Valley Garden Club supports gardens at 4 elementary schools.



JACARANDA PROJECT

A tree planting program for San Diego by The Village Garden Club Of la Jolla

Established in 1986, this civic beautification project of The Village Garden Club of La Jolla is responsible for the donation and planting of thousands of Jacaranda trees, and more are donated ever year. In October 2000, through the efforts and encouragement of the club, the San Diego City Council named the Jacaranda as the "Official Tree of San Diego"

Jacaranda trees are native to Brazil and other South American countries and thrive in San Diego's mediterranean climate. They grow to a height of 30-40 feet with a canopy nearly as wide as the tree is tall. Mature trees are drought tolerant and very hardy. They make good street trees because their root system does not push up sidewalks. They are excellent in sunny locations as they provide a light, filters shade throughout the summer and fall and lose their fern-and fall and lose their fern-like leaves in winter. In spring, they are covered with beautiful clusters of trumpet shaped lilac to lavender-colored lightly fragrant blossoms for several weeks before they leaf out.

Kate Sessions, the "Mother of Balboa Park", imported Jacaranda trees to San Diego from South America in 1892.

For information, visit the website: www.villagegardencluboflajolla.com



Chula Vista Garden Club

The Mosaic Community Garden was a twinkling star in many of our eyes in 2012. Pastor Jorge L. Garcia started with a space full of weeds and a handful of people. This being the first public garden in our city, the Chula Vista Garden Club became very excited about this project and the rest is history. Sandy Duncan, the CVGC President, came forward and offered help and resources. We made a contribution, donated tools and our members helped clean up.

Judy Jacoby, a Master Gardener, along with the San Diego Master Gardeners, Victory Gardens San Diego, San Diego Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, UC Master Gardeners & master Composters Assoc., City of Chula Vista's Conservation Section, Chula Vista Olive Garden Restaurant, families and students of Chula Vista have all become involved.

Fruit trees were planted, then in September 2013, the Mosaic Garden received a \$5,000 grant for a Living Laboratory to be taught by graduate students from the UCSD Green Steam Program. In April we celebrated the opening of 30 plots with water supply to the areas.

The Chula Vista Garden Club rents their own plot and is currently growing yellow squash, zucchini, tomatoes, beans and many herbs. If anyone would like to visit, you can contact Loretta Anderson (619) 454-3378.



Poway Garden Club

The Beginning

The Poway Valley Garden Club began in the fall of 1961 with the efforts of Gwen Stockes and 34 other charter members. The dues were \$4.00 a year with a \$1 initiation fee and the Club met twice a month at member homes.

Civic Activity

One has to be impressed with the activity of the early Club. There was a need to raise money, so many plant sales occurred, as-well-as pancake breakfasts. The money often went to beautification projects. Projects

Through the years many projects were supported by the Club. Besides beautification of Poway, garden therapy – which was directed toward a retirement home – was a civic activity. For a time there was support of Girl Scout troops and the world gardening project collected money for seeds and implements and scholarships to help Korea. During the whole history of the Club, money has been collected to plant trees in the Cleveland National Forest. As of September 2005, 50 one-acre plantations have been planted. A special community-wide effort to collect money for this was made in September 1970 because of a forest fire. In 2004 the Club took on responsibility for planting and maintaining three raised beds in a periodmotif at the Nelson House in Old Poway Park.

Activities

The early Club was very interested in birds and developed an extensive list of the birds in the area, aswell-as built feeding stations to sell. From the start through the 1990's they participated in the Pow Wow Days activities, sometimes having a parade entry, exhibit or produce show and competition.

The Rose Garden

The Rose Garden at Lake Poway was started with 16 bare-root bushes being planted in 1973. In the earlier years the annual January rose pruning was a big activity that attracted lots of people. The North County Rose Society gave instructions and our Club either held a potluck luncheon for those involved or provided sandwiches, dessert and drinks to the attendees. The demonstrations terminated with the arrival in town of Anderson's Nursery in 1999 and their demonstrations.

Sep 22, 2014
District Fall Board Meeting
Poway Valley Garden Club
Old Poway Park
14134 Midland Road, Poway, CA 92064-3906

TEMECULA VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



The Temecula Valley Garden Club's \$1000.00 annual scholarship was presented by the TVGC President, Virginia Murphy to MARISSA BALES at the May 13th meeting, Marissa is a student at UC Riverside majoring in Plant Biology and works as a student intern in the UCR Botanic Gardens.

Each year the Temecula Valley Garden Club awards a student from the University of Riverside who is majoring in plant biology or horticultural science field a scholarship in the amount of \$1000.

This year with the help and direction of Dr. Giles Waines. Professor at UCR, helps us select a student each year and brings the student to our May general meeting. This year MARISSA BALES was the Scholarship recipient. She is a senior this year and will be transferring on to University California Santa Cruz to continue her Plant Biology studies. Virginia Murphy, President of TVGC and Dr. Waines presented the Scholarship to Ms. Bales. To continue the celebration, our Director of Palomar District, Lynne Batchelor was also invited to the May meeting and joined TVGC board members and Ms. Bales and Dr. Waines for a special lunch to honor Ms. Bales for all her years of hard work and garden devotion..

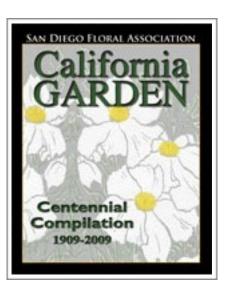
This year Dr. Waines gave a report on all the continued education and horticultural successes of the last scholarship winners over the last five years. It was all very positive and great to keep in touch with each of the honored students we have selected over the years!

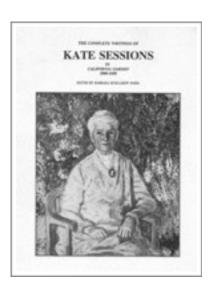
Spanish Village Art Center Partners with San Diego Floral Association to Present Art In Bloom July 19 -20

Garden Clubs are invited to **share a canopy** with San Diego Floral for any length of time from an hour to several hours. You can recruit club members, show a project or tell about an activity that your club is involved in. There is no cost to the organization to be present. Call me, Barbara, at 858-694-0438 to getall the details and schedule a time.









SAN DIEGO FLORAL AND THE BALBOA PARK CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

December Nights -- Festival of Trees – December 5 & 6, 2014 - Sponsored by San Diego Floral Association — Joins with Balboa Park in the Grand Opening of the 2015 Panama California Centennial Celebration

Garden Club Presidents, start planning your tree now to carry out the 2014 theme *Panama Canal Brings the World to San Diego*. Your tree decorations can represent any one of the many countries that were now able to ship goods through the canal to San Diego at a great savings of time and resources. You will be getting a letter soon with more information.

Centennial Events 2015

Botanical Building Tours Date: throughout 2015 During this year-long centennial celebration, 45-minute docent-led tours showcase the origins, design and horticulture of Balboa Park's historic Botanical Building. Learn the fascinating story of English immigrant Alfred D. Robinson — the man who envisioned and proposed the construction of a botanical building for the 1915 Exposition.

Flower Show Date: Spring 2015

Over one weekend in April of the centennial year, San Diego Floral Association and its partners stage a major flower show in the spirit of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition. The show's exhibits highlight San Diego's rich historic heritage in horticulture and celebrate changes in floriculture and design presentation through the decades 1910 to the present. An exhibit displays historic Balboa Park landscape photographs from collections of Park institutions.

Historic Garden Tour Date: Spring 2015

San Diego Floral Association's tenth annual Historic Garden Tour is held May 16, 2015, as part of the Centennial celebration. This self-guided tour features beautiful gardens of historic landscape significance in the neighborhoods surrounding Balboa Park.

Lecture Forum: The Panama-California Exposition and Cultural Landscape

Date: October 2-4, 2015

Speaker Event: Saturday, October 3, 2015

This lecture forum explores Balboa Park's evolving landscape from 1915 to the present and its wider influence. Participants learn about the cultural landscape of the area and how it reflects and is influenced by a changing society

Kate Sessions Birthday Celebration

Date: November 7, 2015

Known as "The Mother of Balboa Park," Kate Sessions is recognized as an influential figure in Southern California landscape history. Join San Diego Floral for a gala celebration of Kate's 158th birthday! Share birthday cake, song, prizes and fun for all! Open and free to the public

Festival of Trees

Dates: December 5-6 2014 and December 4-5, 2015

A December Nights' tradition since 1979, Festival of Trees displays 30 fresh Noble fir trees, each decorated to the theme "Holiday Trees of 1915 and Beyond." Gingerbread cookies and exotic Protea flowers sold for holiday giving. Open and free to the public.

Floral Design Forum

Shinoda Design Center,7170 Miramar Road, San Diego 1st Monday - October-May,12:30 p.m. The Forum is finished for this year We will return in October!

2013-14 District List for Speakers and Destination Trips

This List was inherited from Ramona of Ramona and I have added and subtracted as Clubs have provided me with information. Check with me (emcthorpe@gmail.com) and see how the List is set up. When a Speaker is no longer available or a Nursery changes ownership and attitude toward visitors, please let me know. This List has been turned over to Jane McKee as Editor so she also has this site. Contact me through email only to get the List. I will be happy to send it along.

Petals for Patriots: North County Part

I currently have 5 Clubs (4 District and 1 Independent) participating in this project. Their obligation is to provide 3 "large" floral arrangements 2 months in a row as assigned. They may also choose to bring a fruit basket. Flowers are donated by Dos Gringos from the beginning of this project. All instructions are available through me. If you have an entirely new crew of volunteers, and the instructions are insufficient, I will be happy to come to your Club and "walk" you through it. This is our 4th year doing this. Ellen McGrath-Thorpe,(760-931-9863). Our schedule is already in place through 2014.

The Balboa Naval Hospital and other Military Bases in that area are taken care of through the Mission Hills GC. Contact them if this is geographically better for your Club. I do not know how many arrangements, etc. that they provide also once a month.

Thanks, Ellen McGrath-Thorpe, 760-931-9863 emcthorpe@gmail.com

NEW! ORGANIZATION OF FLORAL ART DESIGNERS 1ST Annual Floral Design Seminar, San Francisco, CA; August 22-24, 2014

Open to anyone, at any level, who is interested in learning more about creative floral design. Julia Clevett is the keynote designer and other top designers will be featured; hands-on workshops will be available.

Vendors will offer a wealth of design-related items: pottery containers, glass and metal containers, Ken Schwartz' metal sculptures, and weathered wood. Joy4Design will offer acrylic sculpture, creative lighting and mechanics. There will be a boutique with used containers, dried flora, antlers, etc. "The Gallery" will consist of over 50 innovative designs created by members and staged throughout the hotel.

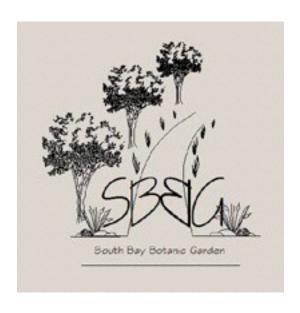
Membership is necessary in order to attend. General Membership is \$35. For membership application and seminar registration, please go to: http://californiagardenclubs.com/OFAD. Questions: Jill Coleman, bcnjill@hotmail.coms

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

South Bay's Hidden Gem A Brief History of South Bay Botanical Garden

Although South Bay Botanic Garden was officially established in January of 2008, its history really began in 1974. As a new college horticulture program, the garden started as an empty field, one greenhouse, and no plants. However, through the efforts of countless students learning the skills of planting and hardscape installation, the garden has grown into a park-like setting of hundreds of different varieties of plants.

A member of the American Public Garden Association (APGA), the South Bay Botanic



Garden consists of 4 acres of trees, shrubs, flowers, grounds covers, various turfgrasses, plant collections, and water features all framed in a pleasant setting. As part of the Landscape and Nursery Technology Program at Southwestern College, the garden continues to be a learning facility for students pursuing degrees in the horticultural fields. Don't be surprised to see a group of students working on the garden or learning a horticultural skill.

The garden is located on the Southwestern College campus in eastern Chula Vista, about 8 miles from the Pacific Ocean to the west and 5 miles from the Mexican border to the south. We are located about 20 minutes from downtown San Diego. Our climate enjoys the cooling effect of the nearby Pacific Ocean but is inland far enough to receive consistent sunshine.

The South Bay Botanic Garden is overseen by a group of dedicated volunteers that help to determine the direction of the garden. They organize activities, hold volunteer work days, and provide input as to the goals and future direction of the garden. If you would like to participate, simply call 619-421-6700 ext 5371 or click here and send us an email. We will add you to our list of garden supporters and keep you informed of meetings and garden events.

July 12 Talking Fruit Trees Pick up tips on the best fruit trees to plant in your garden and how to prune and care for these food producers.

August 9th Succulents Made Easy Bring a pottery container, no more that 6" across, and come home with a great succulent creation. Sept 13th Jazz in the Garden (Starts at 4 pm) Bring your own picnic dinner, a blanket, and lay out and enjoy some great jazz tunes.



RITA DESILETS, CGCI PRESIDENT 2013-2015

Mission Statement:

CGCI promotes gardening, floral design, civic beautification, environmental responsibility and the exchange of information and ideas.

"HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LANDSCAPING"

One of CGCI's objectives, the betterment and beautification of the community fits in beautifully with Habitat for Humanity's mission to lift working families out

CGCI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2014

July 1: CGCI DUES and ANNUAL RENEWAL FORMS are due

July 1 - 3 Pacific Region Convention, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho

July 9 - 11 Flower Show School, Course III, Diablo Foothills District Co-Chairman Victoria Lucido and Dolores Moffat

July 12-13: The Doug Frost Begonia Society of Stanton, CA 4th Annual Doug Frost Begonia Show & Sale

10:30 am - 4:00 pm Admission: \$3.00,

Sherman Library and Gardens, 2647 E. Coast Hwy., Corona del Mar, CA,

This is the 4th annual Begonia Show and Sale of the Doug Frost Branch of the American Begonia Society. The show will be held in the beautiful garden of Sherman Gardens in Corona del Mar. We are located in Orange County. All begonia growers are invited to enter their begonias. There will be many begonias for sale.

Information: Bobbie West, bboopfans@aol.com

Website: www.begonias.org

July 13: San Mateo Arboretum Society: Water Conservation

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

San Mateo Arboretum Society, Kohl Pumphouse, 101 Ninth Avenue, San Mateo, CA 944; Enter San Mateo Central Park at Ninth Avenue. On April 25th, the governor, signed an executive order regarding the drought. If you are interested in how to allocate water to your garden then spend some time listening to Frank Niccoli address this drought. You will learn how to save water and your garden.

Information: Suzanne Carder, suecarder@me.com, 650-579-0536 x3

Website: www.SanMateoArboretum.org

July 26-27 The 50th Annual Fern and Exotic Plant Show and Sale - Los Angeles Fern Society 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA (1/2 mile south of 210 freeway)

Information: www.laifs.org

August 2014

August 3-5 Flower Show School Symposium, Holiday Inn, Auburn; Chairman: Mary Arakelian Brochure & Registration Form, CGCI website.

September 2014

September 3 - 5 CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Holiday Inn, Redding, Host: Cascade District.

Chairman: Anne Capes and Carolyn Hoyum

September 13: Arden Park Garden Club Garden Tour

10:00am-2:00 pm Admission: \$15

You will see a lot of ideas. Arden Park gardens are 1/3 to 1/2 an acre. These gardens include flowers, vegetables, composting ideas, and water wise gardening. These gardens will display salvaged wood uses and charming uses of land. There is an example of One of the gardens was designed by Robert Walker whose designs have appeared in Sunset Magazine. There will also be an information station at Arden Park with water wise information ideas and plants for sale. Information: Corinne Liseno (916)383-8988, marysassyjane@outlook.com, (916) 383-8988

Website: www.ardenparkgardenclub.com

September 20-21: South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale

Information: http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com September 25 - 27 NGC Fall Board, Des Moines, Iowa

October 2014

October 6 Design Forum, program to be announced.

October 4-14 "Colors of Fall Cruise" - New York to Quebec; CGCI fundraiser

October 18-19: Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Semi-annual Show & Sale Sat: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sun: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Admission: Free

San Juan Bautista Community Hall, 10 San Jose Street, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045. The semi-annual show and sale, will feature more than a dozen vendors offering hundreds of quality drought resistant plants for sale. Also an exhibit of unusual and exotic show plants. Club members will be on hand both days to answer questions on growing these unique plants. Free admission.

Information: Ruth Pantry, pantry@montereybay.com, 831-758-6645

October 23 - 24 Landscape Design School, Series 26, Course I, Luther Burbank District,

Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson Flyer/Registration Form

November 2014

November 3, Design Forum, program to be announced.

December 2014

December 1, Design Forum, program to be announced.

December 13 Chico Horticultural Society Annual Holiday Greens Workshop

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Admission: \$18.00

Trinity United Methodist Church, 285 E. 5th Street, Chico, CA 95926. Come and learn how to make a fresh holiday decoration! Our floral experts will provide instructions and a variety of freshcut evergreens, berries, pine cones, wreath forms, ribbons, flowers, candles, etc., for your use. Please bring your own gloves, clippers, and wire cutters. Cost is \$18 to make one centerpiece, swag, or wreath. Start a fun tradition and invite your family and friends!

Information: chicohort@gmail.com; 530-345-4824