

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.
State Convention – "The Magic of Summer"
Hilton Garden Inn, Idaho Falls, ID
June 22, 23, 24, 2011

Wednesday, June 22, 2011. 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Meetings of the Finance Committee, Executive Committee, Board of Directors.

Wednesday, Town & Country Gardens visit; Arti Theatre Dinner Theatre.

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Breakfast Buffet: Inspiration Marsha Jensen. Presiding Rosalyn McCandless, 2nd Vice President.

Presentation: Matt Stanger, Bonneville County Weed Control, 'Noxious Weed Control'
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Memorial Service, Edith Cole. Representative from each club/district participated in a candle lighting ceremony honoring those we have lost.

Clearwater District: Lona Stole, Nezperce GC; Lorraine Quinn, Valley GC.

Southeast District: Beth Swendsen, Hal McGary, Garden Talk GC; Louise Henderson, Idaho Falls GC.

Southwest District: Leverne Lehmkuhl, Gladys Messer, Early Morning Gardeners; Lorraine Noble, Merry Tillers; Frances Idom, Nampa GC; Terry Bowen, Petal Pushers.

The 1st annual convention of the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was called to order by President Robyn McCarthy at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 23, 2011 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Invocation: Rick Brown, Calvary Chapel.

Presentation of Colors: Boy Scott Troop #310

Pledge of Allegiance: Holy Rosary BSA

'Here We Have Idaho', Southeast District Trio

Welcome: Sharon Parry, Idaho Falls City Councilman

Response: Constance Blyth

Introductions: GCII President Robyn McCarthy introduced Debbie Hinchey, Pacific Region Director.

Sandra Ford, Past Pacific Region Director. Pacific Region Committee Members: Dotty Hurd, Russ Ford, Rosalyn McCandless and Inez Thomason. GCII officers, 1st Vice President Constance Blyth, 2nd Vice President Rosalyn McCandless, Joyce Parr - Recording Secretary, Maxine Smolowitz - Treasurer, Jodene Caldwell - Corresponding Secretary, Louisa Cone – Parliamentarian. Convention Chair, Molly Graeber. Past Presidents: Louisa Cone, Sandra Ford, and Dotty Hurd. District Directors Edith Cole, VD Billie Calder, VD Inez Thomason. Club Presidents, Edith Cole, LeeAnn McMaster, Constance Blyth, Elizabeth Fallon, Billie Jean Calder, Karen Mallon, Elmer Hurd.

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Roll Call: All Seasons GC (1); Hill & Valley (1); Moscow (2); Nezperce (1); Valley (0); Garden Talk (7), Idaho Falls (10); Roberts Town & Country (5); Ada (0), Early Morning (0), Golden (3), Idaho Horticultural Society (5); Long Valley (0), Merry Tillers (0); Nampa (3); Owyhee (1), Payette Valley(1). All 450 paid members were represented in person or by proxy. The Chair declared a quorum.

The Convention Rules (Louisa Cone) were read and adopted.

The Preliminary Registration Report (Linda Carter Beck) - 52.

The Convention Program (Molly Graeber) was adopted with two changes.

Committee to approve Minutes: Edith Cole, Dotty Hurd, Karen Mallon

Timekeepers: Marsha Jensen, LeeAnn McMaster

Tellers: Elizabeth Fallon, Russ Ford

Pages Chair: Linda Carter Beck; Pages: Laurel Kristofferson, Joni Kelley

Reading of the Minutes: Rosalyn McCandless moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. There were no objections. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report (*Exhibit A attached*) was accepted and placed on file.

Sandra Ford moved that a bill for postage be approved. Seconded and carried.

GCII President's Report. Robyn reviewed the all-consuming procedure of becoming a tax exempt 501 (c) (3) and the creation of the new organization GCII and the creation of the "Blue Book" including our Bylaws, Policies and Procedures. ●Four thousand daffodil bulbs were planted for the "Golden Days" project ● the continuation of the state garden club ornament ● the "Plant it Pink" project ● participation in Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest ● two new Blue Star Memorial by-way markers ● GCII website. Robyn also commented on the committee chair vacancies and emphasized the Historian is the most urgent.

District Director Reports: Clearwater – Edith Cole; Southeast – Billie Calder; Southwest – Inez Thomason.

Committee Chair Reports: Arboretum, Blue Star, Butterflies, Flower Show School, Memorials and Recognition, Programs & Slides, Scholarship, Wildflowers.

Unfinished Business

Nominating Committee – Elmer Hurd (for Darlene Adams) presented the GCII slate of officers for 2011-2013: President Robyn McCarthy, Vice President Karen Mallon, Treasurer Maxine Smolowitz, and Recording Secretary Joyce Parr. The officers were elected by unanimous vote.

New Business

The following resolutions as recommended by the GCII Board of Directors were presented for vote:

Resolution 1: The 1st Vice President's Travel should be paid for by the GCII State organization. A travel budget for the 1st Vice President will be established in coordination with the Finance Committee to

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select those meetings considered important to the development of the 1st Vice President's back-ground in the leadership of the GCII organization and with an understanding of the funds available. Motion carried 308 yes, 131 no.

Resolution 2: Increase the GCII State dues to be paid for each member to \$10.00. The purpose of this increase is to more adequately fund the President's Travel and to provide a budget for the 1st Vice President's travel. Motion carried 299 yes, 137 no.

Resolution 3: Form a committee entitled the 'Future of GCII' which will be comprised of the GCII Executive Board (Officers, Elective and Appointive, District Directors and immediate former State President), the former Regional Director and all 17 Club Presidents. It will be the responsibility of this committee to resolve such issues. The 'Future of GCII Committee' will report its recommendations for action to the Fall Board. Motion carried 394 yes, 41 no.

Louise Cone presented a proposal that GCII move forward with the Appaloosa ornaments as a fundraiser for 2011-2012. Louisa moved that GCII purchase 250 Appaloosa horse ornaments and sell them for \$18.00 each (our cost \$11.47@). Seconded. Cost plus sales tax would total \$3137.50. After some discussion, Louisa withdrew the motion with approval of the second and moved that GCII purchase 250 Appaloosa horse ornaments and sell them for \$20.00 each and order an additional (minimum 50) for the National Horse Association and the Appaloosa Horse Association available to them at a cost of \$18.00 each. Seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 384 yes and 55 no. Ornaments will be available at the Fall Board Meeting in Cascade.

Meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m.

Inspiration: Elizabeth Fallon

Presiding: President Robyn McCarthy. NOON Lunch honoring State Life Members, Silver Members, Past State Presidents, Flower Show Judges.

Speaker: Debbie Hinchey, Pacific Region Director.

Presentation: Ralph Thurston, Bindweed Farms 'Growing Cut Flowers in Southeast Idaho'

Presentation: Ian Whipple AIFD, Floral Art 'Art Décor'

'Around the Town Tour': Taylor's Crossing, Bodies Exhibit, Eagle Rock Nursery, Snake River Landing. Watermelon Bust. Entertainment: Mike McKellar, Magician.

Reception for Pacific Region Director Debbie Hinchey and GCII State President Robyn McCarthy.
Entertainment: Lyle Albertson, Country Singer.

Buffet dinner. Inspiration: Deanna Wilde. Program: Matt Woodard, Trout Unlimited 'Restoring Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Habitat to the Upper Snake River Basin'

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Installation of Officers. Pacific Director Debbie Hinchey installed the 2011-2013 GCII officers: President Robyn McCarthy, Vice President Karen Mallon, Treasurer Maxine Smolowitz, Recording Secretary Joyce Parr.

Friday, June 24, 2011

Breakfast Buffet. Inspiration: Vicki Torres. Presiding Constance Blyth, 1st Vice President.

Business meeting resumed at 9:15 a.m., GCII President Robyn McCarthy, presiding. Maxine announced the Financial Report for IGCI has been audited and placed on file. GCII will be audited and ready for the GCII Fall Board Meeting.

Scholarship: Rosalyn McCandless moved that since there were no applicants for the \$500 - 2011 scholarship that it be added to 2012 to total \$1000. There were no objections. Motion carried.

Flower Show School – Joyce Parr, Local Chairman of the Clearwater District Flower Show School reported that the April 2011 FSS total costs were \$5974.64. Income was \$2,657.00. Joyce moved that GCII support the Clearwater Flower Show School Course II in the amount of \$1000. There were no objections. Motion carried.

Louisa Cone moved that GCII print 250 updated Life Membership Cards for a cost of \$20.00. There were no objections. Motion carried.

Maxine presented a motion for the "Plant It Pink" GCII fundraiser for 2011-2012. There were no objections. Motion carried. The Angelique Double Tulip is now available for order 10/\$10 from Maxine. Please place your orders ASAP and they will be available at the Fall Board Meeting in Cascade, October 17 (see website for order form).

Maxine reminded officers, committee chairs and club presidents that the new Blue Book is issued to a position not a person. The Blue Book is to be passed on to your successor when you leave a GCII position. They may also be purchased for the cost of \$15.00 each. When Membership Lists are updated they will be e-mailed to those holding the Blue Books, as well as other timely corrections. Other members wishing copies of only the membership lists can contact their club presidents for an e-mail copy. The Blue Book was accepted with no objections.

Announcements:

- The GCII Good Neighbor award is on the website.
- July 8 is the deadline for the Gem State Gardener newsletter.
- Book of Evidence rules have changed: see September issue of The National Gardener. Remember: take lots of pictures!
- California won the membership contest in the Pacific Region. Award: their own African Violet named 'California Victory' (see NGC website).

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- Elmer commented on the media library. Karen Mallon volunteered to be the GCII Historian and will go through the slides and videos inventory.
- Thank you to Janice Tefft for updating our Idaho Garden Clubs banner.
- Fall Board Meeting will be October 17 in Cascade.
- Louisa announced there were 5 fish ornaments left.
- Sandra Ford announced the Pacific Region meeting will be in Anchorage in 2012.

2013 in Santa Rosa and 2014 in Idaho.

AWARDS: Maxine. Membership: All Seasons, Moscow, Nezperce.

LeeAnn McMaster – Garden Club Person of the Year

Valley GC & IHS yearbook. Nezperce - calendar. IHS - FSS Schedule. IGCI convention program booklet.

IHS received a grant of \$1000 for their Birds of Prey project. (see GCII website for complete listing)

Constance Blyth, 1st VP thanked President Robyn for her dedication and service as President for 2009-2011 and presented Robyn with a State Life Membership. Russ Ford was also awarded a State Life Membership from Sandra Ford.

Daffodil photo contest: Robyn, Maxine and Lorraine Smith.

President Robyn extended a thank you to Convention Chair Molly Graeber and co-chairs Linda Carter Beck and Janice Zabriskie.

Final Credential Report: Joyce Parr reported that all 450 GCII paid membership were present or represented by proxy.

Final Registration Report: Linda Carter Beck – 55.

Courtesy Resolution: The 1st Annual Convention of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. as read by Rosalyn McCandless was adopted (*Exhibit B attached*).

Inez Thomason extended an invitation to the 2nd Annual GCII State Convention at the Red Lion Downtowner (date TBD). '*A Kaleidoscope of Culture*'.

Benediction – Molly Graeber "*Gardener's Prayer*"

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Joyce Parr, GCII Recording Secretary
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Attested to:

Edith Cole 7/10/11

Dotty Hurd 7/10/11

Karen Mallon 7/17/11

GCII Board of Directors.

The GCII Board of Directors met following the adjournment of the convention at 11:50 a.m. Elmer Hurd will Chair the 'Future of GCII Committee' and will prepare a draft to be circulated to the Board of Directors upon approval of President Robyn. All members in attendance agreed to serve on the committee.

The plan is to meet initially in July to discuss goals and objectives. Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Joyce Parr, GCII Recording Secretary