

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.
2nd Annual State Convention
"A Kaleidoscope of Cultures"
Red Lion Downtowner, Boise Idaho
June 25, 26, 27, 2012

Monday, June 25. • Meetings of the Finance Committee, Executive Committee, Board of Directors.
• Lunch honoring Idaho Flower Show Judges. Speaker: "Recycle, Reuse, and Renew", Bonnie Winters.
• Idaho Botanical Garden, tour and outdoor dinner. Cultural Style Show featuring friends and members of GCII, Pat Peutz.

Tuesday, June 26.

The 2nd Annual Convention of the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was called to order by President Robyn McCarthy at 9:36 a.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at the Red Lion Downtowner, Boise, Idaho.

Inspiration: Beth Suhr
Pledge of Allegiance: Kerry Norris
"American the Beautiful" - Lynnda Gilbert
Welcome: Toby Norton, Boise Parks and Rec
Response: Inez Thomason, Convention Chair

Introductions: GCII President Robyn McCarthy introduced Shirley Nicolai, NGC President; Sandra Ford, Past Pacific Region Director. NGC and Pacific Region Committee Members: NGC Chm of Land/Water Conservation - Russell Ford; NGC Comm member of Trees and Shrubs and Life Membership Chm for both NGC and Pacific Region - Dotty Hurd. Advisor to the Regional Director and NGC Comm member on Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems - Sandra Ford.

GCII officers, Karen Mallon - VP; Joyce Parr - Recording Secretary; Maxine Smolowitz - Treasurer; Louisa Cone - Parliamentarian. Convention Chair - Inez Thomason. Past Presidents: Louisa Cone, Sandra Ford, and Dotty Hurd. District Directors: Jodene Caldwell and Inez Thomason. Club Presidents: Beth Suhr, Edith Cole, LeeAnn McMaster, Elizabeth Fallon, Karen Mallon, Elmer Hurd, Jan Morrison, Maggie Williamson, Lorraine Smith, Joanne Hallberg, Nita Broomhall.

Preliminary Registration Report (Sandra Ford). 53 voting, 5 non-voting, 2 spouses, 1 visitor, 1 guest. Total 62.

Preliminary Proxy Report and Quorum (Maxine Smolowitz). Members represented 414 in person or by proxy.

Roll Call. All Seasons GC (1), Hill & Valley (1), Moscow (4), Nezperce (1), Valley (1), Garden Talk (4), Idaho Falls (1), Roberts Town & Country (0), Ada (3), Early Morning (0), Golden (6), Idaho Horticultural Society (6), Long Valley (3), Merry Tillers (2), Nampa (3), Owyhee (1), Payette Valley(3). The Chair declared a quorum.

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

The Convention Program (Beth Suhr) was adopted with the following changes: add Welcome, speaker change for "Protecting the Eco System" and typo Maggie Williamson (p. 10).

Appointments:

Committee to Approve Minutes: Pat Peutz, Jodene Caldwell, Janet Peterson.
Tellers and Time Keepers: LeeAnn McMaster, Lorraine Smith.
Pages: Lynnda Gilbert, Sandra Ford, Pat Baker.

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

GCII President's Report, Robyn McCarthy • Congratulations to Elmer Hurd and the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Future of GCII which resulted in five amendments to the GCII Policies and Procedures 'Blue' Book. The recommended amendments were previously published in the Gem State Gardener and have been approved by the GCII Board of Directors (on file with the official minutes). As the final vote was not taken at convention, it will now be conducted through e-mail/mail to all club presidents. The final proxy vote on these recommendations will be published in the upcoming issue of the Gem State Gardener. • Pacific Region awards will be published following the PR convention the end of July in Anchorage. • GCII has taken advantage of its 501(c)(3) benefits: Nezperce Garden club helped sponsor a Yellow Star Thistle Bio Control Workshop and Field

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days through a donation by Simplot. At State level, GCII was awarded a CHC Grant of \$2800 for the purchase of trees and shrubs presently being planted in the Japanese Friendship Garden in Idaho Falls. GCII's plan it to apply for a second grant from CHC this year to support continued development of the Japanese Friendship Garden. • Club Presidents and District Directors: remember to turn in your hours and dollars for the "Reach Out and Count the Ways" Regional project. • Most importantly. . . **attention: all members:** please step up and meet new challenges in the support of the upcoming 2013 GCII President. It's an opportunity you will surely find most rewarding.

Treasurer's Report, Maxine Smolowitz reviewed the GCII Financial Statement June 18, 2011 to June 22, 2012. As part of the Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations, accepted by the GCII Board of Directors, the following actions are included here as a point of information: Transfer \$500 from the Gem State Gardeners to VP travel; transfer \$255.17 from Memorial (President's travel) Passbook Account to President's travel in checking account; transfer \$190 from Memorial (President's travel) Passbook Account to President's travel in checking account, transfer \$130.87 from State Life in checking to State Life Passbook; in September 2012, transfer all funds except \$1000 from State Life Passbook to the State Life CD. \$2000 has been deposited to the hotel for Pacific Region in 2014. The Treasurer's Report (Exhibit A attached) was accepted and placed on file.

The following motions were presented as recommendations of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors:

- Edith Cole moved to approve the payment of actual net expenses of NGC Flower Show School III sponsored by Clearwater District in the amount of \$1000. (Course III held April 2012 in Clarkston WA). Motion adopted.
- Edith Cole moved to allocate funds for payment of the new expenses of NGC Flower Show School Course IV sponsored by Clearwater District in an amount not to exceed \$1000. (Course IV to be held September 2012 in Moscow). Motion adopted.
- Dotty Hurd moved to increase Affiliate Dues to \$10 to match our membership dues of \$10 and approve the documentation in the Blue Book. Motion adopted.
- Maxine Smolowitz moved to transfer \$85.53 from the General Fund to the Cascade Board Meeting category to cover the loss from the October 2011 Cascade GCII Board meeting. Motion adopted.
- Maxine Smolowitz moved the recommendation of the Executive Committee that we sell garden themed t-shirts, hats and mugs for \$15 as a GCII fundraiser. Motion adopted.

Fundraiser: Lily bulbs. Jan Morrison moved that GCII order 500 Orienpet lilies 'Friso' bulbs and sell 3 for \$9. Seconded. Louisa moved to amend the price of 3 bulbs be changed to \$10. Seconded. The amendment was accepted to sell the bulbs 3 for \$10. Motion, as amended, carried.

GCII Ornaments. *(NOTE: there was a lively, lengthy, and confusing discussion re: GCII ornaments; e.g., price of remaining Appaloosa ornaments and the plans to continue next year with a new ornament. Only those motions following parliamentary procedure have been included here.)*

Louisa Cone announced there were 84 Appaloosa ornaments left. Motion was made to accept Karen Mallon's offer to list these ornaments on Craig's List, for \$20 @ with a 10% discount on orders of 10 or more (with Louisa as contact person). Seconded and carried.

Louisa Cone moved to reduce the remaining Appaloosa ornaments to \$18 for anyone who attends the GCII Fall Board meeting. Seconded. Maxine called for proxy vote. Motion carried with a vote of 251 yes, 150 no.

Rosalyn moved that GCII conclude the sale of further ornaments as a GCII fundraiser. Seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 284 yes, 113 no.

Memorial and Recognition Service, Edith Cole. Representatives from each club/district participated in remembering our Garden Club friends who became God's gardeners: Cherie Ellen Pentzer, Estella Hann Syron,

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Hilda Roberts; Yvonne Jenkins; Agnes M. Miller, Edna Rosenbaum, Edna Schultz, B. Irene Street. ●Recognized for outstanding service was Rosalyn McCandless, SE District.

Meeting recessed at 12 Noon.

NOON Lunch honoring Garden Club Members of 25+ years. Those present: Sandra Ford, Hilda Packard, Jodene Caldwell, Louisa Cone (40 years) and Jeanne Lundell (60 years). Presiding: President Robyn McCarthy. Inspiration: Beverly Perkins

Speaker Liz Paul, "Protecting the Eco System" presented by Idaho Rivers United. Tours. Idaho State Capitol, Capitol Park and Lincoln Memorial.

Reception for Shirley Nicolai, NGC President. Entertainment: Lynnda Gilbert and Karen Stack. Buffet dinner honoring Past State Presidents. Inspiration: Elizabeth Fallon. Remarks by Shirley Nicolai, President NGC.

AWARDS: Idaho members/clubs were the recipients of nine (9) NGC Awards and recognition including Allen Deitz - Award of Honor for Excellence in Design and Horticulture. The Idaho Horticultural Society received 2nd in the NGC President's Project "Planting for Public and Special Places - Trees and Shrubs". ● 2012 GCII awards included 1st place for Civic Improvement to Long Valley Gardeners and GCII \$1000 Scholarship to Virginia Batha, University of Idaho, and a variety of awards for club accomplishments to Idaho Horticulture Society, Nezperce GC, Garden Talk GC, Nampa GC, Valley GC, Long Valley Gardeners, Moscow GC. Check your Gem State Gardener, August issue, for a complete listing of awards.

Wednesday, June 26

Business meeting resumed at 9:33 a.m., GCII President Robyn McCarthy, presiding.

District Directors' Reports.
Clearwater - Jodene Caldwell.
Southeast - Constance Blyth - no report.
Southwest - Inez Thomason

Committee Chair Reports: Blue Star, Butterflies, Flower Show School, Memorial Gardens, Memorials and Recognition, Penny Pines, Scholarship, State Life, Ways & Means.

Memorials: \$295 was donated by a club or member honoring the memory of eight ladies who were special to the GCII or their community. One GCII member was honored with recognition for giving outstanding service to the organization.

Nominating Committee appointed: (SW) Joanne Hallberg, (Clearwater) Edith Cole, (SE) Constance Blyth.

Scholarship: Virginia Batha, University of Idaho graduate student in the College of Landscape Architecture, won the GCII state \$1000 scholarship. Virginia was also selected for the National Garden Clubs Inc. scholarship of \$3500. The application from Christina Leid, a UI junior majoring in Forest Resources with a minor in Soil Science was forwarded as Idaho's candidate for the Pacific Region Scholarship of \$1000.

Ways and Means. Orders for the Orienpet Lily and the t-shirts, mugs and caps can be placed today and will be available at the Fall Board Meeting in Cascade, October 15.

Announcements:

- Book of Evidence rules have changed: see September issue of The National Gardener.
- Blue Star Markers are now \$1350 and by-way markers are \$450, plus \$50 postage.
- State Life Members: 191.
- Penny Pines collection 'houses' (constructed by Greg Smith) were distributed to all club presidents, by Lorraine Smith, President, Valley Garden Club.
- Sandra Ford announced the Pacific Region meeting will be in Anchorage in 2012 and 2013 in Santa Rosa.

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Plans are underway for the PR meeting July 1, 2, 3, 2014 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in CdA, Idaho.

- NGC 2013 convention will be held in Seattle WA.
- Raffle prize winners (50/50, quilt, basket), silent auction buyers, including winning bids on the international baskets announced.
- Plant it Pink photo contest. Send entries in for the GCII Fall Board meeting.
- Committee Chair vacancies: Botanical Gardens, Garden Therapy, Government Action Liaison, Historical Trails and Gardens, Native Plants, NGC President's Project Plantings for Public and Special Places, and Trees.
- Deadline for the Gem State Gardener is July 13.
- GCII Fall Board meeting is October 15 in Cascade.

Robyn presented Russ Ford with a GCII cap in appreciation of his role as official GCII photographer.
Robyn presented Elmer Hurd with a gift book on condors.

Reminder to committee chairs and club presidents: the GCII Policies and Procedures '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.

President Robyn extended a special thank you to Convention Chair, Inez Thomason.

Proxy Report. Maxine Smolowitz reported that all 414 GCII paid membership were present or represented by proxy.

Final Registration Report: Sandra Ford. 53 voting members, 5 non-voting, 2 spouses, 1 visitor, 2 guests - 63 total. Sandy moved approval, seconded and carried.

Meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

Vice President Karen Mallon presented gifts to Convention Chair Inez Thomason, and GCII President Robyn McCarthy.

Courtesy Resolution, Pat Peutz. The 2nd Annual Convention of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was adopted (Exhibit B attached).

Jodene Caldwell extended an invitation to the 3rd Annual GCII State Convention at the University Inn Best Western, Moscow ID, June 19, 20, 21, 2013 - "A Tapestry on the Palouse"

The group gathered for lunch honoring State Life Members. Inspiration: Karen Mallon. Benediction - Rosalyn McCandless.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Joyce Parr, Recording Secretary
Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.

Attested to:

Jodene Caldwell 7/13/12

Janet Peterson

Pat Peutz 7/16/12

Exhibit B

- WHEREAS, The members of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc., attending the 2nd Annual Convention at the Red Lion Inn Downtown in Boise, Idaho on June 25-27, 2012 have benefitted from information which will create more constructive programs; and
- WHEREAS The State Garden Club President Robyn McCarthy, the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. Officers, chairmen and members have served this organization with distinction; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED That sincere thanks be given to Inez Thomason, Chairman of the 2nd Annual Convention and Director of the Southwest District; all those who participated in designing the table decorations and favors; all the exhibitors which include displays and flower arrangements, those who contributed to the VIP gifts and fundraisers, sales table, hospitality, silent auction items, programs and program book, registration and tours; those who served as pages and hostesses, and all the members of the Southwest District who have planned and participated in the success of this Convention and assured the success by their many courtesies extended; and;
- RESOLVED That our gratitude be expressed to Shirley Nicolai, President of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. for the educational value enjoyed by all through her enlightening and timely messages and warm greetings; and
- RESOLVED That the GCI President, Robyn McCarthy, through her gracious presiding; the members, delegates, chairmen and officers, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this Convention, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and
- RESOLVED That the luncheon and banquet speakers and Tour of the Botanical Garden State Park and Capitol building be extended our appreciation for contributions which will be long remembered.
- RESOLVED That appreciation be extended to the management and staff of the Red Lion Inn Downtown, Boise, Idaho for accommodating us so well in our physical needs and in the services rendered; and
- RESOLVED That this resolution be incorporated in the minutes and that copies be sent to the State President, Chairman of the Convention and the hotel management.

Adopted by the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. Convention