

**Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Convention**  
**"Tapestry on the Palouse"**  
**Best Western University Inn, Moscow Idaho**  
**June 19, 20, 21, 2013**

**Wednesday, June 19.** • *Meetings of the Finance Committee and Board of Directors.*  
• *No Host Lunch to discuss 2014 Pacific Region Convention in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.* •  
*NGC Flower Show* • *Tour: Appaloosa Museum (Note: the tour to Stratton's Flower Farm*  
*was cancelled due to weather)* • Reception for Elaine Gunderson, Pacific Region  
Director. • Banquet honoring Life Members, inspiration Helen Wootton. • *Speaker Gary*  
*Queener, Photographer, "Palouse Wildflowers"* • Awards.

AWARDS: Idaho members/clubs were the recipients of ten (10) NGC Awards and recognition including Edith Cole – Evelyn Mooney Award for Creative Horticultural Achievement. • 2012 GCII awards included Garden Club Person of the Year to Diane Holick of Moscow Garden Club; Horticulturalist of the Year to Edith Cole of Garden Club for All Seasons; GCII \$500 Scholarship to Sarah Sundquist, University of Idaho; and a variety of awards for club accomplishments to Idaho Horticulture Society, Nezperce GC, Hill & Valley GC, Valley GC, Moscow GC. Check your Gem State Gardener, August issue, for a complete listing of awards.

**Thursday, June 20.**

The 3rd Annual Convention of the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was called to order by President Robyn McCarthy at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, June 20, 2013, at the Best Western University Inn, Moscow, Idaho.

Inspiration: Lorna Inglet

Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance: Dudley Loomis Post #6, American Legion

"America the Beautiful" – Juergen Schrattenholzer

Welcome: Gina Taruscio, Executive Director, Moscow Chamber of Commerce

Response: Jodene Caldwell, Convention Chair

Introductions: GCII President Robyn McCarthy introduced Elaine Gunderson, Pacific Region Director; Sandra Ford, Past Pacific Region Director, Chairman for the 2014 Pacific Region Convention in Coeur d'Alene, and Policies and Procedures Manual Chairman. Regional Committee Chairs: Inez Thomason, Butterflies; Russell Ford, Land Conservation; and Robyn McCarthy, Trees and Shrubs .

GCII officers, Karen Mallon - VP; Joyce Parr - Recording Secretary; Maxine Smolowitz - Treasurer; Louisa Cone - Parliamentarian. Convention Chair - Jodene Caldwell. Former State Presidents: Louisa Cone, Barbara Hepler and Sandra Ford. District Directors: Jodene Caldwell and Inez Thomason. Club Presidents: Edith Cole, Joanne Hallberg, Sharon Harris, Patty Huston, Karen Mallon, LeeAnn McMaster, Lorraine Smith, and Helen Wootton.

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Preliminary Registration Report (Lorraine Smith) Total 61. Adopted.

Preliminary Credentials Report (Barbara Paulson). Pacific Region Director (1), Past PR Director (1), GCII President (1), Past State Presidents (3), State Officers (5), State Chairmen (18) State Life Members (19), PR Life Members (6), NGC Life Members (5), District Directors (2), District Officers (7), Club Presidents (8), Flower Show Judges (9), Student Flower Show Judges (5). Adopted.

Preliminary Proxy Report and Quorum (Maxine Smolowitz). Members represented 360 in person or by proxy. Adopted.

Roll Call. All Seasons GC (8), Hill & Valley (4), Moscow (9), Nezperce (11), Valley (5), Garden Talk (4), Idaho Falls (1), Roberts Town & Country (0), Ada (0), Early Morning Gardeners (0), Golden (4), Long Valley (0), Merry Tillers (0), Nampa (1), Owyhee (1), Payette Valley(3) and Idaho Horticulture Society(4). The Chair declared a quorum.

The Convention Rules (Louisa Cone) were read and adopted as printed in the program.

The Convention Program (Edith Cole) was adopted as amended (date corrections on front and inside covers).

Appointments:

Committee to Approve Minutes: Chairman - Pat Peutz; Beverly Perkins, JoAnne Hallberg.

Tellers and Time Keepers: Joyce Coffen, Sandi Cardwell.

Pages: Linda Morrison, Lenette Smith, Leann Wicks.

Reading of the Minutes. The minutes of the June 2012 GCII Convention were approved as read.

GCII President's Report. Robyn McCarthy shared some highlights from her last year:

- Marion Kerby Memorial Garden, Cascade, ID. Long Valley Gardeners.
- 100 native shrubs planted at the Idaho Bird Observatory near Boise.
- Japanese Garden in Idaho Falls
- Blue Star memorials in Boise and Juliaetta.
- 541 entries in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest.
- Courses III and IV of the NGC Flower Show School.

President Robyn reported NGC President Linda Nelson's emphasis is on going organic and saving our pollinators. Pacific Region Director Elaine Gunderson's theme "It's Our World! It's Our Responsibility".

Treasurer's Report: Maxine Smolowitz reviewed the GCII Financial Statement June 25, 2012 to June 19, 2013.

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- \$2,000 was transferred to the Pacific Region Convention checking account for the hotel deposit.
- \$4,844.15 was transferred from Robyn McCarthy's fund raising activities (sale of tulips, daffodils, lilies and t-shirts) to the General Fund to close out these accounts.

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

District Director Reports: Clearwater – Jodene Caldwell; Southeast – Constance Blyth (report given by Linda Carter Beck); Southwest - Inez Thomason

Report of the Nominating Committee : President Karen Mallon; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Janet Petersen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lorraine Smith; Secretary Joyce Parr; Treasurer Maxine Smolowitz. Election of Officers. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of officers was elected by unanimous vote.

Chairmen/Committee Reports. Arboretum, Awards, Bees, Blue Star, Botanical Gardens, Butterflies, Environmental Awareness, Facebook, Finance, Historian, Horticulture, Membership, National Gardener, Smokey Bear (to be continued).

Unfinished Business:

The following (five) motions were presented as recommendations of the GCII Board of Directors:

- Amendments to the Blue Book: Move that the following amendments to the GCII Policies and Procedures (Blue Book) be approved: GCII Dues Increase and Allocation; President and Vice President's Duties – Travel; Proxy Voting at Annual Meeting Defined; Proxy Statement on Membership Form revised; Changes to Awards Rules, Awards Offered and Awards Chair Duties. Motion adopted.
- Move that the GCII Scholarship be renamed the GCII Dotty Hurd Memorial Scholarship effective 2014 to honor the work that Dotty did for the Garden Clubs movement in Idaho as well as out of state. Motion adopted.
- Move to approve the payment of \$1000 to reimburse the Clearwater District for their expenses in conducting NGC Flower Show School IV in September 2012 in Moscow. Net expenses were greater than \$1000. Motion adopted.

New Business

- Fundraiser: Tango Lily bulbs. Move that GCII order Tango lily bulbs and sell them for 5 for \$10. Motion adopted. Clubs need to submit orders (available on the website)

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to Maxine Smolowitz no later than the Fall Board meeting in Cascade. Only paid pre-orders will be honored.

- Move to transfer \$2,935.61 from the General Fund to the Clearwater Flower Show Schools category to cover the total loss from the Flower Show Schools conducted in Clearwater that GCII funded. (Note: this includes the \$1000 in the above motion for Flower Show School Course IV.) Motion adopted.

Announcements: Louisa Cone reported that there are 31 Appaloosa ornaments available for sale. Sandra Ford reviewed the plans for the 2014 Pacific Region convention in Coeur d'Alene July 1-3, 2014 and distributed a (orange) sheet requesting volunteers. Maxine announced the GCII will continue with [www.earthsunmoon.com](http://www.earthsunmoon.com) (T-shirts, mugs, hats) as a fundraiser @ \$15. Send orders and checks to Maxine.

Memorial and Recognition Service, Edith Cole. Representatives from each club/district participated in remembering our Garden Club friends who became God's gardeners: Betty Jaborra, Ruth Thacker, Pam Larson, Hazel Hester, and Dotty Hurd.

Meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m.

Lunch honoring NGC Flower Show Judges: Edith Cole, Barbara Hepler, Darlene Norden, Ruth Stentzel, Barbara Paulson, Jodene Caldwell, Joyce DiGiovanni, Joyce Parr, Sandra Ford. Student judges introduced were Happy Ford, Inez Thomason, Linda Morrison, Lenette Smith, and Leann Wicks.

Garden Club Members of 25+ years honored were: Jodene Caldwell, Joyce Coffen, Edith Cole, Louisa Cone, Happy Ford, Sandy Ford, Barbara Hepler (50 years); Elaine Landry, Darlene Norden, Barbara Paulson, Ruth Stentzel.

Presiding: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Karen Mallon. Inspiration: Elaine Landry  
Remarks by Elaine Gunderson, Pacific Region Director

***TOUR. University of Idaho Arboretum with Richard Naskali, Arboretum Director Emeritus and Paul Warnick, Arboretum Horticulturist.***

Banquet dinner, with Jon Anderson, Piano.  
Honoring Former State Presidents. Barbara Hepler, Louisa Cone, and Barbara Hepler.  
Presiding: GCII President Robyn McCarthy. Inspiration: Lorraine Smith.

***Speaker: Richard Naskali, Arboretum Director Emeritus and Professor, "Orchids Around the World"***

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### Installation of Officers by Elaine Gunderson, Pacific Region Director

President	Karen Mallon
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Janet Petersen (Pat Peutz proxy)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Lorraine Smith
Secretary	Joyce Parr
Treasurer	Maxine Smolowitz

Vice President Karen Mallon presented a gift to GCII President Robyn McCarthy.

### Friday, June 21.

### Karen Mallon, 2013-2015 GCII President held a meeting with the new Board of Directors.

Louisa Cone, GCII Parliamentarian presented a Workshop on “Parliamentary Procedure” .

Business meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m., GCII President Robyn McCarthy, presiding.

Committee reports continued: Indoor Gardening, Penny Pines, Xeriscape and Water Conservation, Memorial Gardens, Memorials and Recognition donations: \$260. Policies and Procedures (editorial changes to Blue Book: add Flower Show School Chairmen; add new NGC and PR projects to Blue Book).

Pacific Region Convention – Sandra Ford. All clubs/members are asked to contact Sandy to help out with the PR convention in 2014.

The following motions are recommendations from the GCII Board of Directors:

- Sandra Ford moved that GCII support a Flower Show Judges Symposium to be held in Boise on September 5, 6, 2013 with \$1000 from the Life Membership Fund. Motion carried.
- Sandra Ford moved that GCII set aside \$1000, from the Life Membership Fund, to support a Gardening Study School (four courses, six months apart) with Allen Deitz, Chairman, beginning in the Spring of 2015 . Motion carried.
- It is customary to purchase a National Life Membership for the incoming GCII President at a cost of \$200. Sandra Ford moved that we keep up the tradition. Motion carried.

Karen Mallon, 2013-2015 gave her acceptance speech. “Let’s do whatever it takes!”

Final Proxy Report. Maxine Smolowitz reported that all 360 GCII paid membership were present or represented by proxy.

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Lorraine Smith moved approval of the Final Registration Report of 61, seconded and carried.

Final Credentials Report: Barbara Paulson. (no change).

President Robyn invited the staff of the Best Western University Inn into the meeting for the reading of the Courtesy Resolution.

Courtesy Resolution, Rosalyn McCandless. The 3rd Annual Convention of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was adopted (Exhibit B attached).

Sandra Ford extended an invitation to the 2014 Pacific Region Convention in Coeur d'Alene on July 1-3 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort.

Karen Mallon invited all members to the 4th Annual GCII State Convention, to be held the evening of June 30 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, prior to the PR Convention.

Announcements. • Preliminary report of Sales Table \$335.60; Silent Auction \$258.00.  
• Deadline for Gem State Gardener is July 15.

Benediction: Barbara Paulson

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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

Attested to:  
Joanne Hallberg 7/19/13  
Beverly Perkins 7/20/13  
Pat Peutz 6/27/13  
Louisa Cone 7/22/13

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Moscow Annual Meeting (Convention)

Finance Committee Report June 19, 2013	Actual 2012-2013 Full Year	Estimated Income/Expenses for 2013-2014
<b>Income</b>		<b>Estimated Income</b>
Membership Dues	3,755	3,430 with 340 members @\$10 ea + Affiliates
Ornaments 2011	1,086	583 about 31 ornaments @\$20 ea less sales tax
Tulips	7	
Lilies	374	
T Shirts	774	
Web	150	
Memorials	240	
State Life	500	
Interest	143	
Cascade Board Meeting	17	
Conv Advance Refund	200	
2012 Convention Profit	940	
Pac Reg Awards	80	
Scholarship	450	
Misc	24	
	<u>8,739</u>	<u>4,448</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Estimated Expenses</b>
Pacific Region Dues	60	
Conv Advance		
Pac Reg Conv Hotel Deposit	2,000	500 Sarah Sundquist not yet paid
Scholarship	1,000	
FSS 4	1,000	1,050 3 issues @350 each
Gem State Gardeners	753	190 with 340 members @\$0.50 ea plus Youth Dues
National Dues	221	
President's Travel-Robyn	2,327	
President's Travel-Karen		
VP's Travel-Karen	1,345	
VP's Travel-Janet		
Awards	255	
Awards Expenses	103	
Website	158	
Policy Book Printing	119	250 Membership Replacement Pages Plus
Presidents Correspondence	30	
Fall Board Meeting		
Gifts	225	
NGC Conv Ad	50	
GCII Membership Cards	53	
	<u>9,699</u>	<u>5,160</u>
Net before 501c Donations	<u>(960)</u>	<u>(712)</u>
501c3 Donations	1,385	
Net Inc (Loss)	<u>425</u>	<u>(712)</u>

Courtesy Resolution

WHEREAS, The members of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention at the Best Western University Inn in Moscow, Idaho on June 19-21, 2013 have benefited from information which will create more constructive programs; and

WHEREAS, The Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. 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 Jodene Caldwell, Chairman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention and Director of Clearwater District; all those who participated in designing the table decorations and favors; all exhibitors including displays and flower arrangements; those who contributed to the VIP gifts and fundraisers, sales table, hospitality, silent auction, programs and program book, registration and tours; those who served as pages and hostesses, and all the members of the Clearwater District who have planned and participated in the success of this Convention and assured its success by their many courtesies extended; and

That our gratitude be expressed to Elaine Gunderson, Director of the Pacific Region Garden Clubs for the educational value enjoyed by all through her enlightening and timely messages and warm greetings; and

That the GCII President Robyn McCarthy, through her gracious presiding, the members, chairmen and officers, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this Convention, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and

That the luncheon and banquet speakers and those involved in our tours of the University of Idaho Arboretum and the Appaloosa Museum be extended our appreciation for their participation and contributions, and

That appreciation be extended to the management and staff of the Best Western University Inn, Moscow Idaho for accommodating us so well in our physical needs and in the services rendered; and

That his resolution be incorporated in the minutes and copies be sent to the GCII President, Chairman of the Convention, and the hotel management.

Adopted by the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. Convention