

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc., 6th Annual Convention
“A Gathering on the Clearwater”
June 12, 13, 14, 2016 – Orofino ID

The convention was preceded by an Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, June 12. Members joined at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation “Clearwater Country” with Linwood Laughy.

The 6th Annual Convention of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was called to order by President Janet Petersen Monday, June 12, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lodge at River’s Edge Best Western, Orofino, ID. President Janet extended a *“thank you”* to the Clearwater District for hosting this year’s event.

Inspiration: Cheryl Pankey, President, Valley GC

Presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance: Harold Kinne, VFW Post #3296 Orofino. Claudia Hambacker led us in singing the National Anthem.

Welcome: Lorraine Smith, Clearwater District Director

INTRODUCTIONS.

President Janet asked the assembly to stand and welcome the National Garden Club President Sandra Robinson.

● Sandra Ford, NGC Nominating Committee representing the Pacific Region (PR), Former Regional District Director, PR Advisory Committee, PR Unified Project Chair, and Former State President.

● Robyn McCarthy – PR Trees and Shrubs Chair, Former GCII President, GCII Tree Chairman.

● GCII Officers: First Vice President Claudia Hambacker; Recording Secretary Joyce Parr; Treasurer Janice Zabriske; Corresponding Secretary Karen Stack; Parliamentarian Louisa Cone.

● District Directors: Clearwater - Lorraine Smith; SE – Linda Carter Beck; SW – Happy Ford.

● Club Presidents: (Clearwater) – Garden Club for All Seasons – Juergen Schratzenholzer; Hill and Valley GC – Germaine McCutcheon; Moscow GC – Jo Bohna; Nezperce GC – Lorna Inglet; Valley GC – Cheryl Pankey.

● (Southeast) – Idaho Falls GC – Janice Zabriske; Roberts Town and Country – Jeneanne Smith

● (Southwest) – Ada Gardeners – Tom Martin; Chinden Gardeners – Claudia Hambacker, Acting; Golden GC - Karen Stack; Payette Valley Gardeners – Pat Penn, VP.

● Former State Presidents: Louisa Cone, Barbara Hepler, Sandra Ford, Robyn McCarthy.

● Flower Show Judges: Jodene Caldwell, Edith Cole, Sandra Ford, Happy Ford, Barbara Hepler, Linda Morrison, Joyce Parr, Janet Petersen, Barbara Paulson, Lenette Smith, Leann Wicks.

Roll Call: Clearwater: All Seasons 4, Hill & Valley 4, Moscow 3, Nezperce 1, Valley 10.

Southeast: Idaho Falls 4, Roberts Town and Country – 1.

Southwest: Ada 2, By Trowel and Error 0, Chinden 2, Golden 4, Long Valley 0, Merry Tillers 1, Nampa 2, Owyhee 0, Payette 2. The chair declared a quorum.

Convention Rules reading by Louisa Cone. Louisa moved the Rules be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Preliminary Registration Report {Lenette Smith} - 38 members, 4 guests

Preliminary Credentials Report {Barbara Paulson} - Our National Garden Club President, our Idaho Garden Clubs, Inc. President, 5 Executive Officers, 3 District Directors, 10 Club Presidents.

Edith Cole moved adoption of the Convention Program with no corrections. The program was adopted.

Appointments: Committee to approve minutes: Lorraine Smith, Chair; Linda Carter-Beck, Happy Ford.

Tellers and Timekeepers. The Chair appointed Jo Bohna and Jodene Caldwell.

Pages: Lenette Smith - page for our National President Sandy Robinson. Happy Ford - page for our GCII President Janet Petersen.

The minutes of the 2015 Annual GCII Convention were read. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes and they stand approved as read.

REPORTS

GCII President Janet Petersen. • *“We All Live Downstream! Choices Matter!”* • *“Grow Organic”* • *“Emphasize Youth”*

Thanked the Bylaw Committee for their many hours of work thus far on the revision of the bylaws.

Reviewed the NGC Projects “Planting Pollinator Gardens” and “The Frightened Frog” book, an Environmental Tale which helps children understand the importance of our gardens for wildlife.

Congratulations to our clubs: I am proud our clubs have been very busy planting pollinator gardens and educating our youth as you will hear in the District Director Reports.

Please continue your support for the Penny Pines Program for we’ve all seen last year’s devastation from wildfires.

Take advantage of opportunities for free tools through Ames Tools and apply for the \$200 Youth Pollinator Gardened grant at the NGC website.

Check out the “Inviting Butterflies into your Garden” educational publication, the Ecological Warrior work book.

Janet described the wonderful programs and speakers at the NGC Convention in May. And a visit from Smokey Bear. This year is the 100th anniversary of our National Parks.

Bonus: tour of the tulip farms... 5 million tulips in one field.!!

First Vice President, Claudia Hambacker.

Claudia reviewed her year as Second Vice President. Her time was dominated by the work of the Bylaws Committee working diligently to complete the revision of the GCII Bylaws. Articles 1-7 have been sent to Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian for the Pacific Region GC. Articles 1-7 have been sent to the GCII Board of Directors, District Directors, Committee Chairs and the Club Presidents. The remaining Articles will be presented at the Fall Board Meeting for review.

Treasurer Report. (handout – 2016 Year-End Report thru May 31, 2016.) Janice reminded members that new members joining after January 1 are required to pay only ½ of state dues. Dues go to: \$1 NGC, \$1.50 GSG, \$4 President's Travel, \$2 to State Vice President's Travel, and \$1.50 to Administration. The Treasurer's Report will be placed on file.

As the *Gem State Gardener* (GSG) is no longer mailed, Janice moved that the GSG allocations be combined with the website and the Blue Book to form one budget category called Communications. Seconded and carried.

Janice further moved that the Memorial Fund contributions be allotted to the Education Fund. Seconded and carried.

District Directors Reports. Clearwater – Lorraine Smith; Southeast – Linda Carter-Beck; Southwest - Happy Ford.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Lorraine Smith, Happy Ford, Linda Carter-Beck.

GCII Bylaws Panel Discussion: Claudia Hambacker, Chair. Claudia reviewed the work of the committee thus far and sections that remain (Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual). The latter will be presented at the Fall State Board.

Memorial Service, Edith Cole.

Clearwater District. Hill & Valley GC – Abby Forsmann.

Southwest District. Ada Gardeners –Beth Suhr; Nampa GC – Fay Washburn; Merry Tillers – Dee Condor.

President Janet presented Edith with an Award of Distinguished Service.

Blessing: Joan Thomas

Meeting recessed at 11:13 am until Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

NOON - Lunch – Events Room

1:00 "The Importance of Gardening and the Nezperce Tribe" by Robbin Johnston

2:00 pm Dworshak National Fish Hatchery, Guided Tour, Garden Tours, Clearwater Museum Self-tour

6:00 pm Reception for NGC President Sandra Robinson, Event Room, No host bar with Richard Witten on keyboard.

7pm Awards Banquet, Event Room
Mistress of Ceremonies Linda Morrison

Blessing: Sharon Harris
Introduction of NGC President Sandra Robinson.

Awards Committee: Suzanne Hibbert, Chair, Lynnda Gilbert, Sandy Ford.
Presentation of Awards – GCII President Janet Petersen.
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster winners.
All award winners will be posted on the GCII website and listed in the *Gem State Gardeners*.

Tuesday, June 14

Business Session.
Call to order: GCII President Janet Petersen at 9:03 a.m.

Janet reminded members that the Blue Book has information about your Chairmanship – duties and obligations. Read the Blue Book. The committee is working very hard on a newer version that will be user friendly.

Committee Reports:

Backyard Wildlife Habitat – Sandy Ford. Million Pollinator Garden Challenge: you can register your garden and apply for several awards that are available. Sandy donated three copies of the NGC book “The Frightened Frog” to three 3rd grade classes in Nampa along with the lesson plan. (for further info see website).

Blue Star Memorial Marker – Louisa Cone. A new By-Way Marker was placed on May 30, 2016 at Memorial Park in Nezperce ID.

Environment Awareness/ Litter/Recycling – Happy Ford

Judges Credentials and Councils & Flower Show Schools and Symposiums. There are currently 18 accredited flower show judges in the state. The Treasure Valley Judges Council presented a symposium in May with 17 full time and 8 part time registrants. Two hands-on workshops were included.

Discussions are underway with the Idaho Botanical Garden in Boise to explore the possibility of offering the Garden Study School series.

Laurie DuRocher – NGC President’s Project “Service in Action” (read by Janet Petersen). The NGC President’s Special 2-Year Project “Service in Action” is intended to increase awareness of the seriousness of the demise of pollinators and amphibians and encourage conservation and protection efforts by club, the general public and governmental agencies. The Chinden Garden Club, was responsible for having Garden City declared a Bee City USA, the 1st city in Idaho to achieve this honor.

Native Plants and Wildflowers – Linda Morrison.

Trees and Shrubs Project – Robyn McCarthy. Robyn encouraged each club in the state to plant a tree or shrub a by the end of January 2017. (see website for project form and further info). Our Regional Director Kristi Livreri has asked that if possible children be involved in the project. Mail the form and documented photos to Robyn.

Announcements: Laurie DuRocher is the new *Gem State Gardener* Editor. ladcpc@aol.com

- Visit the NGC website: Youth Pollinator Garden Grants for \$200 under President's Project.
- Pollinator Power Booklet on the website soon.
- Register your Pollinator Gardens.
- Be A Wildlife Action Hero - Backyard Habitats. Becky Hasselbrook would like you to send picture of your backyard.
- Plant it Pink now has logos that come in two different sizes that can be purchased from NGC to add to your planters or gardens.

Unfinished Business.

Edith is resigning as Memorial Chair. Happy Ford accepted the Chairmanship.

The Chair position for Scholarships is vacant. Jo Bohna, Moscow accepted the Chairmanship with the help of Claudia Hambacker and Janice Zabriskie representing all 3 Districts.

New Business.

The 2016 Courtesy Resolution was read by Leann Wicks and adopted.

President Janet presented the Pages with "thank you" gifts -- Lenette Smith and Happy Ford.

Happy Ford presented a "thank you" gift to GCII President Janet Petersen.

Lorraine Smith, Convention Chair, presented gifts to NGC President Sandy Robinson and GCII President Janet Petersen.

President Janet presented Lorraine Smith, 2016 GCII Convention Chair a citation and gift.

Announcements

Robin Pokorski, NGC Leadership Chairman is coming to Boise to hold a leadership forum June 27. Members were all encouraged to attend.

President Janet invited all to the GCII Fall Board Meeting October 3 in Boise.

Linda Carter-Beck extended an invitation for the 7th Annual Meeting of the GCII, June 11-13, 2017 hosted by the Southeast District.

Jeneanne Smith was the winner of the 50/50 drawing... \$176.00.

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"Thank you to all involved in making this a memorable convention." -- GCI President Janet Petersen.

The 6th Annual Convention of the Garden Clubs of Idaho Inc. adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Joyce Parr, Recording Secretary, GCI

Attested to:

Lorraine Smith 7/13/16

Linda Carter Beck 7/11/16

Happy Ford