

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc., 5th Annual Convention
"Our Rivers, Lakes and Streams – the Ribbon That Connects Us"
June 14-16, 2015, McCall ID

The convention was preceded by a Finance Committee and Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, June 14. Members joined at 8:00 p.m. on the dock for a Sunset Lake Tour.

The 5th Annual Convention of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was called to order by President Janet Petersen Monday, June 15, 2015 at 9:05 a.m.

Invocation: Laurie DuRocher, President, Merry Tillers

Presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance: McCall Boy Scout Troop #246, McCall Jr Girl Scout Troop #416. Lynnda Gilbert led us in singing the National Anthem.

Welcome: Kerry Norris, SW District Director.

Greetings: McCall Mayor Jackie Aymon.

Introductions: President Janet introduced and welcomed ●Sandra Ford, Past Regional Director, NGC Nominating Committee representing the Pacific Region (PR), PR Advisory Committee, PR Unified Project Chair, and Past State President. ●Robyn McCarthy – PR Trees and Shrubs Chair, Past State President, GCII Tree Chairman.

●GCII Officers: Recording Secretary - Joyce Parr; Treasurer – Maxine Smolowitz; Corresponding Secretary – Karen Stack; Parliamentarian - Louisa Cone.

●District Directors: Clearwater: Jodene Caldwell; SE – Janice Zabriskie; SW – Pat Peutz.

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

●(Southeast) – Idaho Falls GC – Linda Carter Beck; Roberts Town and Country – Jeneanne Smith

●(Southwest) – Ada Gardeners – Tom Martin; Chinden Gardeners – Claudia Hambacker; Golden GC - Karen Stack; Long Valley GC – June Marguet; Nampa GC – Linda Halstead; Owyhee Gardeners – Chris Harris; Payette Valley Gardeners – Cleo Thompson.

●Past State Presidents: Louisa Cone, Sandra Ford, Robyn McCarthy.

●Flower Show Judges: Pat Baker, Jodene Caldwell, Harriet Calverly, Edith Cole, Sandra Ford, Happy Ford, Linda Morrison, Joyce Parr, Janet Petersen, Barbara Paulson, Lenette Smith.

Roll Call: Clearwater: All Seasons 1, Hill & Valley 5, Moscow 4, Nezperce 0, Valley 7.

Southeast: Idaho Falls 4, Roberts Town and Country – 0 (Garden Talk did not renew their membership).

Southwest: Ada 4, Chinden 7, Golden 7, Long Valley 5, Merry Tillers 14, Nampa 6, Owyhee 4, Payette 5.

The chair declared a quorum.

The minutes of the 2014 Annual GCII Convention were read. Linda Carter Beck moved approval, seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Maxine Smolowitz highlighted specific actions as listed on the GCII Financial Statement June 30, 2014 to June 14, 2015. Re: transferring funds FROM the General Fund: Fall Board Meeting,

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(Treasurer's Report cont.) Blue Book. Re: transferring funds TO the General Fund: Ornaments, Website, Pacific Region Convention. There were no objections. The Financial Statement and transferring of funds report will be placed on file with the official minutes.

Updated Blue Books may be purchased for \$15.

Reports:

GCI President Janet Petersen.

"We All Live Downstream! Choices Matter!" "Grow Organic" "Emphasize Youth"

Congratulations to our clubs: I am proud we have touched our state with education, beautification and relevant programs.

2015-2017 Pacific Region Director Kristie Livreri, Nevada. Her theme "Looking Through the Eyes of a Child – A Kaleidoscope of Possibilities".

2015-2017 National Garden Clubs President Sandra Robinson, Kentucky. Theme: "Leap Into Action", "Service in Action" "Planting Pollinator Gardens". The book "The Frightened Frog, An Environmental Tale" helps children understand the importance of our gardens for wildlife.

Appointments:

President's Page: Barbara Brennon

Tellers: Bill Peutz and Linda Carter Beck

Time Keepers: Tom and Karen Martin

Minute Monitors: Lorraine Smith, Ruth Kassens, Linda Carter-Beck

Awards Committee: Suzanne Hibbert, Lynnda Gilbert, Sandy Ford

President Janet reminded Garden Clubs that with the purchase of the Rocky Mountain Gardening Magazine (previously Zone 4), GCI gets 50¢ for each subscription.

Treasurer Maxine Smolowitz reminded clubs they must fill in the Membership Form sent out by the Treasurer which constitutes the giving of the Member's proxy at the State Convention.

Convention Rules were read by Louisa Cone. Louisa moved that the Convention Rules be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Lynnda Gilbert moved approval of the Convention Program with correction (President's Page - Barbara Brennon will replace Happy Ford.) Seconded and carried.

District Directors Reports: Clearwater - Jodene Caldwell; Southeast – Linda Carter Beck; Southwest - Pat Peutz.

Report of the Nominating Committee: President - Janet Petersen; 1st Vice President - Lynnda Gilbert; 2nd Vice President- Claudia Hambacker; Recording Secretary - Joyce Parr; Treasurer – Janice Zabriskie

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee was adopted.

President Janet will be asking specific members each quarter to submit articles for the *Gem State Gardeners*.

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Preliminary Credentials Chairman Report, Barbara Paulson. 12 Guests, 80 members attending.

Memorial Service, Edith Cole.

Clearwater. RoseAnn Holt, Hill & Valley GC; Carole Clawson Nation, Valley GC; Fannie Boroo, Elva Heinz, Clarkston Heights GC (now disbanded)

Southeast. Bob Hanson, Garden Talk GC; Sarah Ruth Murdock, Idaho Falls GC.

Southwest. Ethel Darline Chitwood, Early Morning GC; Dawn Adele Seelinger, Long Valley GC; Elsa "Fay" Washburn, Nampa GC.

Meeting recessed at 12:26 pm.

NOON Garden Tour and Picnic

3:30 pm President and Officers Reception, McCall RV Resort

*6:30 pm Meet and Greet Social Time with Wine Service
Entertainment Uke A Ladies*

7pm Celebration Banquet, Pat Peutz, Mistress of Ceremonies

Inspiration – Happy Ford

Speaker – Tom Crawford, (NRCS) US Forest Service Hydrologist, "Watershed Restoration"

Sandra Ford presented the 2015-2017 GCII District Directors as elected in their respective Districts: Lorraine Smith, Clearwater; Linda Carter Beck, Southeast; Kerry Norris, Southwest.

Installation of Officers by Sandra Ford. "The Colors of Roses" 2015-2017 GCII Officers: President - Janet Petersen; 1st Vice President - Lynnda Gilbert; 2nd Vice President- Claudia Hambacker; Recording Secretary - Joyce Parr; Treasurer – Janice Zabriskie.

President Janet delivered her acceptance speech.

Awards – Pat Baker, Chairman

Garden Club Person of the Year – Sharon Harris, Hill & Valley GC.

*NGC Award of Honor representing Pacific Region – Polly Dennler Taylor, Hill & Valley GC; NGC Scholarship – Lindsay Eliason, Hill & Valley GC (\$4000 NGC, \$500 GCII), Pacific Region Project "Expanding Horizons – A Conservation Rainbow" (\$150). A complete list of awards is one file and will be posted on the web site and in the *Gem State Gardeners*.

**Only 8 (eight) of these awards are given nationally each year!*

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster winners: 1st Grade-Caleb Marshall (Valley GC) 2nd place in Regional; 2nd Grade-Addison Skinner (Valley GC) 2nd place Regional; 3rd Grade-Alex Oles (Moscow GC) 2nd place Regional; 4th Grade Brianna Branson (Nezperce GC) 4th place Regional; 5th Grade-Grace Tiegs (Nezperce GC) 4th place Regional.

Adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Tuesday, June 16

9am Business Session. President Janet thanked the Merry Tillers group for hosting the officer reception Monday at the McCall RV Park.

Committee Reports: Audit Report, Appaloosa Ornament, Ornamental Gardening. Youth Gardening, Scholarship, House Plants, Memorials and Recognition, Bee Pollination, Blue Star, Trees, GCII Special Projects, Xeriscaping/Water Conservation, Indoor Gardening, Environmental Awareness, Litter, Recycling; Ways and Means. (Note: There are 9 Blue Star By-way Markers and 5 Blue Star Memorial Markers in Idaho.)

Ornaments. Louisa would like to close this fund raiser account and recommended that with the remaining 14 ornaments with the purchase of more than one ornament the cost will be \$15.00. The recommendation of the Blue Star Committee Chair was seconded and carried.

President Janet reported that NGC dues have gone up from 50¢ to \$1.00.

New Business.

Revision to the GCII Blue Book.

Section I - Policies and Procedures Membership. Maxine Smolowitz moved the following addition:

“4d. Individual Member. A member not affiliated with a GCII State Club but wants to be associated with the State organization. The Member must pay the State dues of \$10. Such Member is entitled to attend State meetings, participate in State discussions and is eligible to vote at State meetings.” Seconded and carried.

Sandra Ford. \$1000 was previously set aside to help fund a Gardening Study School (GSS) proposed for June 2016. As there has been no club step up and chair that Course, Sandy Ford moved that the \$1000 be eliminated as a GSS budget item and designated for a Flower Show Symposium to be held in Boise June 2016. Motion seconded and carried.

GCII Scholarship. Carol Delaney moved that if scholarship funds in any one year are in excess of \$500, that the excess be added to the next year’s Dotty Hurd Memorial Scholarship to increase it to \$1000 (e.g., the increase should be in increments of \$500). Seconded and carried.

The group was entertained with a Fabulous Fashion Show coordinated by Bonnie Winters.

Memorial. Edith Cole moved that June 1 be the deadline for submitting names for the GCII Memorial Service. The name, an obituary and monetary donation to GCII be sent to the State Memorial Chairman (addition to the Blue Book). Seconded and carried.

President Janet appointed a committee to review our Bylaws: Louisa Cone, Claudia Hambacker, and Tom Martin.

Awards. Lynnda Gilbert moved that the (GCI) President appoint a committee to evaluate the awards currently offered by GCI. This committee should have their recommendations ready for the 2016 Convention. In the event that the committee are unable to complete their review of the awards by that time, I further moved that awards be doubled until the recommendations of the committee are approved. Lynnda restated her motion to exclude the Civic Beautification Award from this (doubling) motion. Seconded and carried.

Membership: Lynnda Gilbert moved

(Part I) that any established club or member or group of members who collectively sponsor a new garden club be awarded \$100 for their sponsoring and mentorship of the new club with the following criteria: (details on file).

(Part II) that each new club established be given \$100 in two \$50 increments, once they have met the following criteria: (Increment one) A minimum of five members, elected officers, meeting schedule and time, payment of State dues. (Increment two) Bylaws submitted within 9 months of completing (Part I above). Seconded and carried.

GCI President Special Awards Presentation. "Award of Distinguished Service" - for significant contribution toward the advancement of the goals and purposes of NGC, GCI and their community. Maxine Smolowitz, Joyce Parr, Louisa Cone, Sandy Ford. And a special thanks to Lynnda Gilbert as GCI Convention Chair 2015 and Southwest District for hosting this convention with a record-setting attendance.

President Janet invited all to the GCI Fall Board Meeting October 5 in Boise.

Lorraine Smith extended an invitation for the 6th Annual Meeting of the GCI, June 12, 13, 14, 2016, Best Western Plus Lodge at River's Edge, Orofino, ID hosted by the Clearwater District. NGC President Sandy Robinson will be in attendance.

Courtesy Resolution. The 2015 Courtesy Resolution was read by Tom Martin and adopted.

Barbara Paulson gave the final credentials report: 87 members, 12 guests.

Raffle winners and Silent Auction winners announced.

Retiring of the colors. Boy Scout Troop #246 was represented by one very capable and confident blonde 8 year old Cub Scout.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.

Joyce Parr, Recording Secretary, GCI

Attested to:

Lorraine Smith 6/23/15

Ruth Kassens 6/24/15

Linda Carter Beck 6/24/15