

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.
7th Annual State Convention
June 11, 12, 13, 2017
Idaho Falls, Idaho

The convention was preceded by a Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, June 11. Sunday evening the group participated in a fun floral arranging activity, creating table arrangement and socializing.

The 7th Annual Convention of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was called to order by President Janet Petersen Monday, June 12 at 9:08 a.m. at the FairBridge Inn, Idaho Falls, Idaho. (NOTE: This is the 65th Convention of Idaho Garden Clubs.) President Janet welcomed all and extended a “thank you” to Linda Carter Beck, Convention Chair, Janice Zabriskie and Molly Graeber, Co-Chairs and to the Southeast District members for hosting this year’s event.

Invocation. Elizabeth Fallon.

Pledge of Allegiance – Janice Zabriskie.
Conservation Pledge – Janice Zabriskie.

Welcome to the convention – Linda Carter Beck.
Welcome to Idaho Falls - City Councilman, David Smith

Introductions.

Pacific Region Director Peggy Olin.

Sandra Ford – NGC Urban Gardening Chairman, Former Pacific Region Director, PR Corresponding Secretary, and former Idaho State President.

GCII Officers: President–Elect Claudia Hambacker; Recording Secretary – Joyce Parr; Treasurer – Janice Zabriskie; Corresponding Secretary - Karen Stack; Parliamentarian – Louisa Cone.

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

Club Presidents – Southeast: Idaho Falls GC – Linda Carter Beck; Roberts Town & Country – Molly Graeber. Southwest: Ada Gardeners - Sharon Callaham; By Trowel & Error – Jamie Majors; Golden GC – Karen Stack; Merry Tillers GC – Judy Mendolia; Nampa GC - Charlene Hammons.

Former State Presidents – Louisa Cone, Sandra Ford.

Flower Show Judges – Jodene Caldwell, Sandra Ford, Happy Ford, Joyce Parr, Janet Petersen.

Convention Rules read by Louisa Cone. Louisa moved the Rules be adopted. Motion carried.

Convention Program: Linda Carter Beck – moved the Convention Program be approved as corrected.

Appointments.

Committee to approve minutes: Lorraine Smith, Linda Carter Beck, Happy Ford.

Tellers: Tom Martin, Karen Stack.

Timekeepers: Judy Mendolia and Linda Welch.

Pages: for Peggy Olin – Elizabeth Fallon; for Janet Petersen – Karen Martin.

Report of the Committee to approve 2016 Convention Minutes – Lorraine Smith, Committee Chair.

Roll Call: Clearwater 4; Southeast 12; Southwest 19. Note: the Payette GC has dropped their membership in GCII. The Chair declared a quorum.

The minutes of the 2016 Annual GCII Convention were read by Judy Mendolia (in place of Joyce Parr, Recording Secretary). There were no corrections or additions to the minutes and they stand approved as read.

REPORTS.

President Janet Petersen. ● A special thanks to those who participated in the many, many hours and shared their expertise to rewrite the bylaws, the Group Tax Exemption Program, and rewrite the Procedures Manual. ● Pacific Region Convention in Seattle. ● NGC Convention in Richmond Virginia; NGC Plant America, 2nd children's book "The Saved Seed" @\$10 – buy it from the NGC website. Check out the NGC grants available plus numerous projects. ● Presidential citations: Joyce Parr, Claudia Hambacker, Tom Martin, Chris Rich, Allen Deitz, and Meghan Shepard.

First Vice President Claudia Hambacker. Ways and Means. A proposed GCII Members pin, cost \$8-\$10; must order a minimum of 250. Also Bee House \$15 (available for pickup at this meeting). Insurance for non-profit being discussed.

Treasurer Janice Zabriskie. The Financial Report is placed on file.

District Director Reports. Lorraine Smith, Clearwater; Linda Carter Beck – Southeast; Happy Ford – Southwest.

Report of the Nominating Committee for GCII 2017-2019 officers, Happy Ford, Chairman: President Claudia Hambacker; 1st VP – Lisa Artiga; 2nd VP Tom Martin; Recording Secretary - Chris Rich; Treasurer – Linda Carter Beck. With no further nominations from the floor, the slate of officers was elected.

New Business.

Items under consideration: Flower Show School, Sandy Ford. Because the number of NGC Accredited Judges has diminished, and because there are significant changes in the new Handbook for Flower Show Schools, there is an urgent need to have 4 new schools. Sandy moved that GCII set aside \$2000 for the purpose of funding a Flower Show School consisting of 4 sessions/schools. Funds would come from the Educational budget. Seconded and carried.

Blue Star Memorial Markers – Louisa Cone. Louisa has been contacted re: a Blue Star Memorial Marker on the Idaho/Oregon border that needs revitalizing. Louisa reported there is a "Tombstone Cleaner" Thomas Stellings out of Daytona Beach FL who restores the markers onsite @\$750 (yes, he is approved by NGC.) This would be significantly cheaper than having to mail existing markers to Sewah Studios in Ohio. Louisa will be contacting clubs in the region that want to take advantage of this process. The "restorer" needs to have at least 10 markers in the region before he will visit. Louisa

moved that GCII set aside \$750 in a “restoration” fund. Seconded and carried. *Please advise Louisa if you know of a marker that needs restoration.*

Judges Council – under consideration. Need to be part of the State organization so they can take advantage of the 501 (c) 3. This would enable them to put on Flower Shows and Educational Seminars without having a sponsor. It would require a bylaw change.

Membership pins – President’s pin – Claudia. Under consideration.

Insurance – Liability Insurance for GCII and clubs. An agency that has carriers who specialize in non-profits has been contacted.

Awards of Appreciation presented by Janet Petersen. Claudia Hambacker, Meghan Shepard, Chris Rich, Tom Martin, Allen Deitz.

Memorial Service, Happy Ford.

(Clearwater) Hill & Valley GC – Ruth Stentzel, Marjory Wilkens. Moscow GC – Jan Clyde; Valley GC – Eleanor Dolores Shannon.

(Southeast) Roberts T&C GC - LaVern Tomchak

(Southwest) Nampa GC – Lila Morgan; Nampa and By Trowel and Error Judith Angell.

Announcements. Linda Carter Beck.

Meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. until Tuesday morning at 9:00 am.

Noon program: Speaker: Casey O’Leary, Snake River Seed Cooperative.

1:00 pm program Greg Weitzle, Idaho Falls Parks and Rec Director

2:30 pm Tour Japanese Friendship Garden (in our rain bonnets).

Reception and Dinner Banquet – 6:00 p.m. Reception honoring Peggy Olin 2017-2019 Pacific Region Director. Presiding Janice Zabriskie.

Blessing (group song).

Introduction of Speaker – Linda Carter Beck: Nature Conservancy – Marilynne Manguba.

GCII Awards. Janet Petersen. Certificate awarding the NGC \$4000 scholarship for Julia Reese, presented to Joyce Parr, Scholarship Chair. Janice Zabriskie (in place of Joyce Parr) gave the Scholarship Committee report re: Julia Reese noting that she was also the recipient of the GCII \$1000 scholarship. (NOTE: The GCII Scholarship will be upgraded from \$500 yearly to \$1000 each year.)

Awards (cont.) Janet Petersen and Charlene Hammons. Smokey Bear; Awards to Merry Tillers, Valley and Award of Excellence for GCII. All award winners will be posted on the GCII website and listed in the *Gem State Gardener*. Award of Appreciation/Presidential Citation: Joyce Parr, Louisa Cone, Sandy Ford, Peter Petersen.

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Introduction of Peggy Olin, Pacific Region Director. GCI President Janet Petersen presented Peggy with a gift for the Pacific Region Scholarship Fund.

PR Director Peggy Olin installed the District Directors elected for the 2017-2019 term: Clearwater – Lorraine Smith; Southeast District – Janice Zabriskie; Southwest District - Happy Ford.

Installation of 2017-2019 GCI Officers – Peggy Olin. (see Slate of Officers, p. 2).

Acceptance Speech – Claudia Hambacker 2017-2019 GCI President. First of all Claudia thanked the membership for their confidence in choosing her to lead GCI in 2017-2019. Claudia expressed a need for change to keep up with a new generation, i.e., Communications, Education and Membership. These specific objectives will be developed at a Retreat in July. *“Change can be fun and exciting...be a part of it.”*

Outgoing President Janet Petersen was presented (a photo of) a gift from the membership, a decorative stone with GCI logo, “GCI State President 2014-2017.” All three District Directors honored President Janet Petersen with Penny Pines certificates.

Lastly, a *“honey of a treat”* was awarded to the winner of the Sunday floral design exercise. Evening ceremonies ended at 9:48 p.m.

Tuesday June 13.

Business session resumed at 9:00 a.m.

Inspiration: Sandy Ford.

Tom Martin commented on the new Bylaws approved by all clubs as of May 1, 2017. Tom also noted the Blue Book revision is ongoing and requested any suggestions or comments with rationale be sent to him by January 1, 2018. GCI.Bluebook@gmail.com. The final Procedures Manual need only to be approved with a vote of the Executive Committee. The recommendation is to make the final version available on line and will not be available in a printed format.

Program: Speaker *“The Honey Guy”* Adam French, Cox’s Honey, Shelley ID.

Adam’s off-the-cuff presentation was full of facts (did you know one bee makes only 1/12 tsp honey in its lifetime?) including “The Life of a Bee”, the life of the beekeeper, the production and benefits of honey... and left us wanting to hear more.

Committee Reports (read or on file). Backyard Wildlife Habitat, Blue Star Memorial and Byway Markers, Botanical and Memorial Garden Committee – Lisa Artiga. (includes a list of Treasure Valley Memorial Gardens.) *Gem State Gardener* – Laurie DuRocher. Native Plants/Wildflower - Linda Morrison. Reach Out and Count the Ways – Edith Cole. Trees and Shrubs – Robyn McCarthy

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Tom Martin gave a demonstration live with Meghan, on a new communications system ZOOM. The cost is \$150/year *“less than sending one officer once to the Clearwater District overnight”*. Molly Graeber moved that GCI purchase the ZOOM system for one year. Seconded and carried. More to come at the Fall Board Meeting.

Constance Blyth gave the final registration report: 34 members; 5 guests.

Claudia Hambacker invited all member to the 2017 GCI Fall Board Meeting at the Idaho Correctional Facility, Boise, October 2, 2017, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Happy Ford invited all members to the 2018 GCI Convention June 10-12, 2018 at the Riverside Hotel, Boise, hosted by the Southwest District.

Laurie DuRocher listed the deadline dates for submission of materials to appear in the *Gem State Gardener*. September 15. February 15, May 15, October 15.

The 2020 Pacific Region Convention will be held in Idaho in 2020. Two Convention Chairmen are needed.

Gifts, Award of Appreciation, Presidential Citations, and gifts were presented to the Convention Chair/Committee, the Pages.

The 2017 Courtesy Resolution was read by Tom Martin and adopted.

“In closing I want to thank you all again for giving me this privilege to be your President. Garden Clubs of Idaho truly is a wonderful organization with the most amazing people.” --Janet Petersen

The 7th Annual Convention of the Garden Clubs of Idaho , Inc. adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Joyce Parr, Recording Secretary GCI

Attested to:
Lorraine Smith
Linda Carter Beck
Happy Ford

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Handouts:

NGC "Plant America" "Inspiring Gardens Across the Americas"

Pacific Region "Spreading your Butterfly Wings to Fly; Sharing your Knowledge of Gardening."

GCI "Birds, Bees, Butterflies, Moth and Bats: Create a Living Habitat for Them"

GCI State Chairmen

GCI Newsletter Calendar for Districts

Bylaws, Garden Clubs of Idaho approved April 1, 2017; effective May 1, 2017

GCI Recommended Procedures May 5, 2017

Websites:

www.gci.org

www.gardenclub.org (NGC)