SILVER STATE GARDENER

PENNY PINES - a TREEmendous program

Since launching a partnership in 2004 with the United States Forest, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. National Garden Clubs, Inc. and its member affiliates across the nation have raised funds on the local and state levels for Penny Pines, a program dedicated to sustaining our national and urban forests.

What began in California in 1941 as a statewide conservation program, Penny Pines has expanded to all 50 states. The conservation effort entails the planting of replacement seedlings that are indigenous (not only pine trees), to forested areas damaged by insects, fires or natural catastrophes. The plantations provide soil, watershed protection, soil stabilization, as well as beauty and shade for recreation.

In the 2018 calendar year, members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. donated $72,828 to U.S. state and national forests. This amount translates to 1,071 Penny Pines plantations.

Each plantation consists of 200 seedlings, which means NGC members contributed to help supply 214,200 trees. Under the conservation agreement, the U.S. Forest Service does the planting using your donation together with federal funds, and the plantation is offered the same protection from fires, insects and disease provided to other forested areas.

Janice Clem
2017-2019 Chairman, NGC Penny Pines*

Source: The National Gardener, Summer 2019

DATA PREPARED BY ART LOESCH, CHAIR, PACIFIC REGION PENNY PINES PROGRAM.

Attached is a spreadsheet that I prepared for the Pacific Region Convention in April for PR donations to the NGC Penny Pines program in 2018.

If you add the California donations to the NGC total you will have $106,970 and 1,573 sixty-eight dollar ($68) plantations donated by NGC garden clubs in 2018.

| 2018 NGC PENNY PINES PLANATIONS BY PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|               | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | TOTAL |
| WASHINGTON    | $3,400 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 50 |
| ARIZONA       | $2,176 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 32 |
| CALIFORNIA ** | $4,148 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 61 |
| OREGON        | $5,168 | 9 | 18 | 10 | 19 | 20 | 76 |
| NEVADA        | $476 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| IDAHO         | $68 | 1 | 1 |
| ALASKA        |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| HAWAII        |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| TOTAL         | $15,436 | 16 | 26 | 8 | 35 | 35 | 37 | 3 | 24 | 2 | 4 | 32 | 5 | 227 |

** CALIFORNIA DONATIONS MADE DIRECTLY TO CALIFORNIA NATIONAL FORESTS FOR 2018 = $34,142

CALIFORNIA IS THE ONLY STATE WHERE THE NATIONAL FORESTS HAVE THEIR OWN PENNY PINES PROGRAM.

THE CALIFORNIA PENNY PINES PROGRAM WAS STARTED IN 1941. CALIFORNIA NATIONAL FORESTS ISSUE A CERTIFICATE FOR EACH DONATION.

*Please note: Heather White is the current NGC Chairman (2019-2021) of the Penny Pines program. For more information contact her at heathermwhitemd@aol.com

Nevada Penny Pines Chair: Jean Paul starflower316@gmail.com
THE ORPHAN CUB

One spring day in 1950, in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico, an operator in one of the fire towers spotted smoke and called the location in to the nearest ranger station. The first crew discovered a major wildfire sweeping along the ground between the trees, driven by a strong wind. Word spread rapidly, and more crews reported to help. Forest rangers, local crews from New Mexico and Texas, and the New Mexico State Game Department set out to gain control of the raging wildfire.

As the crew battled to contain the blaze, they received a report of a lone bear cub seen wandering near the fire line. They hoped that the mother bear would return for him. Soon, about 30 of the firefighters were caught directly in the path of the fire storm. They survived by lying face down on a rockslide for over an hour as the fire burned past them.

Nearby, the little cub had not fared as well. He took refuge in a tree that became completely charred, escaping with his life but also badly burned paws and hind legs. The crew removed the cub from the tree, and a rancher among the crew agreed to take him home. A New Mexico Department of Game and Fish ranger heard about the cub when he returned to the fire camp. He drove to the rancher’s home to help get the cub on a plane to Santa Fe, where his burns were treated and bandaged.

News about the little bear spread swiftly throughout New Mexico. Soon, the United Press and Associated Press broadcast his story nationwide, and many people wrote and called, asking about the cub’s recovery. The state game warden wrote to the chief of the Forest Service, offering to present the cub to the agency as long as the cub would be dedicated to a conservation and wildfire prevention publicity program. The cub was soon on his way to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., becoming the living symbol of Smokey Bear.

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Since 1944, Smokey Bear has taught millions of Americans just like you about their role in preventing wildfires. Seventy-five years later, in 2019, Smokey is celebrating a milestone birthday.
GEM? Yes, a GEM but probably not your first thought, like diamond, emerald, etc. Hope you are curious enough to find out and read the following:

As a person, a GEM is someone who is special.
As a place, a GEM is space reserved for a person who is special.
As a thing, a GEM is a brief blurb about a person who is special and published in the WACONIAH, newsletter of the Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

Think about somebody who is: Generous with their time - Exceptional in their efforts - Mindful of others

Generous + Exceptional + Mindful = GEM

Most importantly GEM is a fundraising program for the Pacific Region Garden Clubs.

The PRGC funds many projects. All requests from the various committees are considered on an “As funds will allow basis”. So your purchase of a GEM is a win-win situation for all! The GEM order form is included in the newsletter.

(Uh huh, yes, the word GEM has been used 11 times!)

Chairman, GEM Fundraising Program
GEM ORDER FORM

GEM honoree ____________________________
Please Print: First Name ___________________ Last Name ___________________
Message: __________________ is a GEM because ____________________________

Donor: __________________________
Please Print: First Name ___________________ Last Name ___________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________
City: State: Zip Code: __________________________
Email address: ___________________________________________________________

For an additional $5 include a GEM tribute card and postage stamp with my order  Yes □

If ordered by mail please send completed form with check payable to PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS to: Michele Noe, GEM Chairman 1817 Cypress Bay Ave Henderson NV 89012 prgcmegems@gmail.com

The .50 cent discounted Stamps.com postage is approved by the USPS.

Size and color of card may vary.
Thanks to all who entered our Nevada Garden Clubs photo contest to represent Nevada in the Pacific Region Garden Clubs Fundraiser for photo decorated note cards representing each State in the Pacific Region.

Winners will be announced at our Nevada Garden Clubs Fall Conference Saturday, October 5, 2019, at the Nevada Garden Club Center. Have you made your reservation yet?

DON'T PUT YOUR CAMERA OR PHONE AWAY! Pacific Region is having a photo contest – deadline March 31, 2020. Rules and details will be published in the December newsletter.

Let's have a WINNER/WINNERS from Nevada!! Judy Stebbins

OFFICIAL CALL TO
NEVADA GARDEN CLUBS, INC. FALL CONFERENCE
October 5, 2019
Nevada Garden Club Center
800 Twin Lakes Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Theme: Getting to Know You

Each club is entitled to two voting delegates, in addition to, Club Presidents, State Officers and State Committee Chairs. All club members are encouraged to attend. Guests and spouses are welcome to join us. Anyone attending the business meeting and/or program is required to pay the registration fee.

Registration: 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast provided by Cactus & Succulent Society of Southern Nevada

Honored Guest: Robin Pokorski, Pacific Region Director

Business Meeting: 9:30 a.m.  President Judy Stebbins
Minutes from 2019 Spring Annual Meeting
Financial Reports from April 1, 2019
Credentials Report
Election of Nominating Committee for 2019-2021
Betty Gregory, Nancy Lee Loesch and Bob Middeig

Club Presentations: Getting to Know Each Other
Club President or representative will share club history, projects and plans for coming year. Pictures and Display Boards will help.

Lunch: Catered by Kristie Luvrieri
Soups: Potato & Pasta Fajole
Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich
Meringue with Berry Compote Dessert
Ice Water and Iced Tea

Featured Speaker: Robin Pokorski, Pacific Region Director  Reconnect to YOUR Pacific Region

The registration fee is $5.00. The cost of the luncheon is $20.00. Please make your check payable to Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc. and mail it with the tear off below to: Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc., P.O. Box 27624, Las Vegas, NV 89126-1624, postmarked no later than September 26, 2019. A $5.00 Late Fee will be charged for making a reservation or paying after the due date.

Directions to Meeting: Take the 53/95 Hwy to Exit 77 Rancho Drive. Turn North from off ramp and continue on Rancho to Washington Av. Turn West on Washington Av. Turn South on Twin Lakes Drive and then next Left into parking lot for NGCC. Walk down the stairs or use the ramp on the right.

Name ___________________________ Garden Club Affiliation/s ___________________________
Registration Fee ($5.00) _______ Lunch ($20.00) _______ Total ($25.00) _______
You may attend just the Meeting or Program ($5.00), just the Lunch ($20.00) or Both ($25.00). Please list additional names and fees on the back of this tear-off form.
Thanks a bunch to all who contributed to the Silver State Gardener Newsletter.

Dahl Capello
Karen Elliott
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Judy Stebbins

Rosalind Cline
Art Loesch
Darlene Sisson
Vicki Yuen