

Poway Valley Garden Club

39th Standard Flower Show Schedule



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April 29, 2017

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Old Poway Park

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Affiliations:

- National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- California Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Palomar District of California Garden Clubs, Inc.
- San Diego Floral Association

Entries from the public invited in all divisions

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General Rules

1. This is a Standard Flower Show. It conforms to the standards and objectives established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). Rules are in compliance with the Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2007 with corrections published in the National Gardener. The Standard System of awarding will be used in judging exhibits: one 1st (blue) 90+ points, one 2nd (red) 85 points, one 3rd (yellow) 80 points and one or more honorable mention (white) may be awarded. All entries judged to earn 90+ points will be so marked. Only exhibits earning 95+ or more are eligible for the top National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) awards.
2. Competition is open to any amateur gardener or floral arranger. Entries by non-club members are encouraged.
3. Horticulture entries: All exhibitors must complete official entry cards (available from the Classification Chair) and prepare their entries prior to classification. Classification Committee will check entries for conformance to the schedule. Next, the Entries Committee will log entries into the official books. Lastly, entries are given to the Placement Committee to be placed in Templars Hall.
4. Design entries: All exhibitors must contact the Design Chairperson to reserve a place for their design. See Design Rules for additional information. Exhibitors must place their entries in their assigned location.
5. Photography entries: see page 18 for details.
6. All personal property used for horticulture must be identified on the bottom of the container. Poway Valley Garden Club and the City of Poway will not be responsible for damage or loss of property, nor for injury to person(s), but will exercise due care for the protection of all exhibits.
7. Entries will be received on Thursday, April 27, 2017, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on Friday, April 28, 2017, between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
8. Judging begins Friday, April 28, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. In addition to the Clerks, the Classification, Placement, and Show Chairs will be present during judging.
9. No exhibits or ribbons may be removed before 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2017, and all must be removed by 3:30 p.m.
10. All judges for horticulture, design and special exhibits are accredited by NGC. Judges for photography have special credentials. The decision of the judges is final. Awards may be withheld if not merited. There must be an emphasis on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material allowed in any division.
11. NGC Top Exhibitor Awards may be given if all requirements are met. See Design, Horticulture and Special Exhibit rules for requirements and scale of points for the Top Exhibitor Awards.
12. Flora on the California Garden Club, Inc (CGCI) Conservation List may be used if they have been lawfully collected and grown by the exhibitor (see www.californiagardenclubs.com).

THIS SCHEDULE IS THE LAW OF THE SHOW, ALL ENTRIES MUST CONFORM

Division I - Horticulture

Horticulture Rules

1. All entries in Horticulture will be judged according to the General Rules and the Flower Show Judging Scale of Points found in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Handbook for Flower Shows (Revised 2007) found on pages 297-302 and revisions. Rules are specified and updated in The National Gardener, the quarterly Journal of the National Garden Clubs, Inc.
2. Cut annuals, biennials and perennials must have been grown by the exhibitor and be in the exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days. Container grown plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days. Exception: plants grown from seed, seedlings, cuttings or immature transplants, bulbs, tubers and rhizomes. Combination plantings must be grown together for 6 weeks.
3. Entry cards need to be correctly filled out. Each entry must be identified to include genus and species and/or variety or cultivar if available. This information must be presented to be eligible for a top national award.
4. Individuals may submit more than one entry per class or subclass if each is a different variety, cultivar, type or color.
5. All cut plant material exhibits: Exhibitors must supply their own clear glass vases or containers that have no distracting markings. Place exhibitor's name on bottom of container. Wedging and/or anchoring materials to keep the exhibit upright is permitted. Wedging or anchoring materials cannot protrude above the lip of the container.
6. No substance (spray, oil, dye, etc.) may be applied to enhance the entries' natural shine or color. Cut fruits or vegetables are not permitted.
7. Length of cut branches of trees and shrubs is 12" – 30" from apical tip to the cut end including several nodes, unless otherwise specified. All entries must be well groomed, cleaned and pest free.
8. Classification consultants will be available to help in determining class or subclass for entries. We encourage you to study this information on your own before entering.
9. Classes may be subdivided at the discretion of the Classification and/or Placement Chair. Judges may request reclassification when a class is too large.
10. Double potting of container plants is permitted as specified in the schedule. Top dressing is permitted (Pot size - 12" or less at top opening, except for Section E, Class 37).
11. Please call the Flower Show Co-Chairs with questions.

Horticulture Awards

National Garden Clubs, Inc., Awards

Arboreal Award – This is a Section Award which may be presented to a properly named blue ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more in Sections I and J. It is represented by a rosette of green ribbon in two shades.

Award of Horticultural Excellence – This award may be given to the exhibit judged as the finest in the entire Horticultural Division. The winner must be a properly named blue ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more. It is represented by a rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons. This award is available to all sections.

Award of Merit – This is a Section Award which may be presented to properly named blue ribbon winners scoring 95 points or more. It is represented by a rosette of orange ribbons and may be awarded in Sections A, B, C, G and H.

Grower's Choice Award – This Section Award may be presented to a properly named blue ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more in Sections D, E and F. It is represented by a rosette of dark green ribbons.

Sweepstakes Award – This may be awarded to the exhibitor receiving the most blue ribbons in the Horticultural Division. In the event of a tie, red ribbons will be counted. It is represented by a rosette of green and white ribbons.

Poway Valley Garden Club Awards

*Members only

Century 21 – Tres Ranchos “Perpetual” Horticulture Trophy *

Awarded for receiving the most blue ribbons in the Horticulture Division.

Juanita Harmon's Poway Valley Garden Club Memorial Award *

Awarded to the top Epiphyllum scoring 95+ points in Section G – Perennials (Cut Stem), Class 49.

Mary Sokach Memorial Award *

It is for Section A - Best Rose grown by a member of Poway Valley Garden Club.

Division I - Horticulture Classes

The Planets

SECTION A - ROSES (Cut Stem) *Mercury*

If properly named, eligible for:

**Award of Merit, Award of Horticulture Excellence, Sweepstakes Award,
Mary Sokach Memorial Award** (club member award)

Stems must have a minimum of 2 leaves, each with 5 leaflets above the water line.

See subclass listing for proper class selection.

See Horticulture Rules #4 for entry requirements.

Class:

1. Hybrid Tea – One bloom per stem, no side shoots.
2. Grandiflora – One bloom or spray per stem.
3. Floribunda or Polyanthus – One bloom or spray per stem.
4. Miniature – One bloom or spray per stem.
5. Climber – One bloom or spray per stem.
6. Any other rose – One bloom or spray per stem.

All Rose entries need a color subclass.

Color List: Use these subclass designators to classify each rose.

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| a. White or near white | g. Pink |
| b. White blend | h. Pink blend |
| c. Yellow | i. Red |
| d. Yellow blend | j. Red blend |
| e. Orange red | k. Lavender or Mauve |
| f. Orange, orange blend | l. Any other color |

SECTION B – IRISES (Cut Stem) *Venus*

If properly named, eligible for:
Award of Merit, Award of Horticultural Excellence, Sweepstakes Award

One stalk per entry.

Class:

7. Beardless Iris
8. Dutch Iris
9. Tall Bearded Iris
 - a. Amoena or Reverse - White standard/colored fall or reverse
 - b. Bicolor - Different standard and falls
 - c. Bitone - Two shades/same color
 - d. Blend - Combination of two/more colors
 - e. Plicata - Marked with stitching, stipples, dotted pattern
 - f. Any other Tall Bearded
10. Any other Iris

SECTION C – VEGETABLES, FRUITS, BERRIES AND NUTS *Earth*

If properly named, eligible for:
Award of Merit, Award of Horticultural Excellence, Sweepstakes Award
Specimens and fruits to be displayed on a white paper plate provided by club.
Three specimens per entry

Class:

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| 11. <i>Citrus</i> | 12. Nuts or berries |
| a. Grapefruit | 13. <i>Persae americana</i> (Avocado) |
| b. Kumquat | 14. Any other fruit |
| c. Lemon | 15. Any other vegetable |
| d. Lime | 16. Any root vegetable |
| e. Orange | 17. Any vine vegetable |
| f. Any other Citrus | |

SECTION D – SUCCULENTS AND CACTI (Container Grown) *Mars*

If properly named, eligible for:

Grower's Choice Award, Award of Horticultural Excellence, Sweepstakes Award

One plant per container, not to exceed 12" in diameter at top opening.

May be double potted and top dressed.

Class:

18. *Agave*
19. *Aeonium*
20. *Aloe*
21. *Cacti*
22. *Crassula*
23. *Echeveria*
24. *Euphorbia*
25. *Haworthia*
26. *Hoya* (Wax Plant)
27. *Kalanchoe*
28. *Sedum*
29. Any other succulent
30. Any other cactus

SECTION E – FOLIAGE PERENNIALS (Container Grown) *Jupiter*

If properly named, eligible for:

Grower's Choice Award, Award of Horticultural Excellence, Sweepstakes Award

One plant per container, not to exceed 12" in diameter at top opening except for Class 37.

Double potting and top dressing allowed.

Class:

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| 31. <i>Begonia</i> | 34. <i>Pteridophyta</i> (Fern) |
| 32. <i>Hedera</i> (Ivy) | 35. <i>Tillandsioideae</i> (Air Plant) |
| 33. <i>Pelargonium</i> (Geranium) | 36. Any other foliage perennial |
| a. <i>P. hortorum</i> (Zonal geranium) | |
| b. <i>P. peltatum</i> (Ivy type geranium) | |
| c. Scented | |

37. Planter: A container, opening size 16" or less, having two or more (foliage) perennials designed for artistic effect, not planted as a landscape and no accessories are permitted (pg. 85 in Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2007).

SECTION F – BLOOMING PERENNIALS (Container Grown) *Saturn*

If properly named, eligible for:

Grower's Choice Award, Award of Horticultural Excellence, Sweepstakes Award

One plant per container, not to exceed 12" in diameter at top opening.

Double potting and top dressing allowed.

Class:

- 38. *Begonia*
- 39. Orchid
 - a. *Cymbidium*
 - b. *Oncidium*
 - c. *Phalaenopsis*
 - d. Any other Orchid
- 40. *Pelargonium* (Geranium)
 - a. *P. hortorum* (Zonal geranium)
 - b. *P. peltatum* (Ivy type geranium)
 - c. Scented geranium
- 41. Any other container grown blooming perennial

SECTION G – PERENNIALS (Cut Stem) *Uranus*

If properly named, eligible for:

Award of Merit, Award of Horticultural Excellence, Sweepstakes Award

The Juanita Harmon's PVGC Memorial Award can be points (Club Award).

One stem, 12-30" long from apical tip to the cut end including several nodes per stem

**except Class 45 *Camellia japonica*

**except Class 49 *Epiphyllum*

Class:

42. *Alstroemeria*
43. *Amaryllis* - One stem displayed in a clear glass container
44. *Buddleja* (Butterfly bush)
45. ** *Camellia japonica* - Special exhibit rules: One to two inch stem with at least 2 leaves attached. Show in a flat dish or cup.
46. *Centranthus Ruber* (Jupiter's beard, Valerian)
47. *Chrysanthemum* (Asters, Daisies)
48. *Echium* (Pride of Madera)
49. ** *Epiphyllum* (Epi) One flower displayed in a clear glass container, no stem requirement.
50. *Limonium* (Statice)
51. *Penstemon*
52. *Salvia*
 - a. *clevelandii*
 - b. *greggii*
 - c. Any other 12
53. *Strelitzia* (Bird of Paradise)
54. *Zantedeschia* (Calla Lily)
55. Any other cut stem perennial

SECTION H – ANNUALS AND BIENNIALS (Cut Stems) *Neptune*

If properly named, eligible for:

Award of Merit, Award of Horticultural Excellence, Sweepstakes Award

Three cut stems per entry.

Class:

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| 56. <i>Antirrhinum majus</i> (Snapdragon) | 61. <i>Tagetes</i> (Marigold) |
| 57. <i>Calendula officinalis</i> (Pot Marigold) | 62. <i>Tropaeolum majus</i> (Nasturtium) |
| 58. <i>Lathyrus odoratus</i> (Sweet Pea) | 63. <i>Viola</i> (Pansy) |
| 59. <i>Matthiola incana</i> (Stock) | 64. Any other cut stem annual or biennial |
| 60. <i>Papaver</i> (Poppy) | |

SECTION I – TREES AND SHRUBS (Cut Stem) *Ceres*

If properly named, eligible for:

Arboreal Award, Award of Horticultural Excellence, Sweepstakes Award

One stem, 12 - 30" long from apical tip to the cut end including several nodes per entry.

Class:

65. Flowering branch of tree or shrub
 - a. *Bougainvillea*
 - b. *Chamelaucium* (Wax flower)
 - c. *Grevillea*
 - d. *Leptospermum* (Tea Tree)
 - e. *Protea*
 - f. *Psidium* (Guajava)
66. Non-flowering branch of tree or shrub
 - a. Fruiting branch with fruit
 - b. Fruiting branch without fruit
67. Any other branch
 - a. Blooming
 - b. Non-blooming

SECTION J – CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS (Cut Stem) *Pluto*

PVGC wish to feature and encourage the use of California Native plants.

If properly named, eligible for:

Arboreal Award, Award of Horticultural Excellence, Sweepstakes Award

One stem, 12 - 30" long from apical tip to the cut end including several nodes per entry.

Class:

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| 68. Blooming Shrub | 70. Blooming Tree |
| 69. Foliage Shrub | 71. Foliage Tree |

State Listed Endangered Plants of California

Provided by the California Garden Clubs, Inc. <http://dev-california-garden-clubs-7.gotpantheon.com/sites/default/files/Publications/StateListEndangeredPlants.pdf>

Division II - Design

Design Rules

1. Flower Show General Rules apply.
2. Plant material need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
3. The design must be the work of only one individual.
4. Only one entry is permitted by an exhibitor in each class.
5. Reservations are required for all classes. Deadline is April 10, 2017. Call Design Chair for more details.
6. All designs must contain some plant material. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted. Fresh plant material may not be treated to enhance the natural fresh condition of material in any manner. Dried or glycerolized plant material or contrived flowers made from recognizable plant material are permitted, except where prohibited by the schedule. Cut fruits or vegetables must be properly sealed.
7. Background panels and/or underlays are permitted in all classes. When using accessories any religious symbols must be displayed in a respectful manner and in accordance with policies of local religious organizations. USA and other national flags must be displayed in accordance with proper flag etiquette.
8. Class titles are intended to stimulate the imagination, not be taken literally. The designer has the freedom to choose Traditional or Creative style with any design unless prohibited by the schedule.
9. Exhibitors should list properly named plant material on a 3" by 5" card. Place card with entry card.
10. If a designer is unable to fulfill assignment, it is their responsibility to find a replacement.
11. Please call Design Chair with questions.

All entries in Design will be judged according to the rules and the Flower Show Judging Scale of Points found in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Handbook for Flower Shows (Revised 2007) found on page 303 and revisions specified in The National Gardener, the quarterly Journal of the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Design Awards

National Garden Clubs, Inc., Design Awards

A minimum of three classes per Section with a minimum of four entries per class is required for all NGC top awards.

Award of Design Excellence – This award may be offered to the highest scoring exhibit in the entire Design Division entered by a single exhibitor. It is represented by a rosette of gold ribbons. This award is available to all sections.

Designer's Choice Award – This award may be given in Section B to a blue ribbon design scoring 95 points or higher. Exhibitors have complete freedom to choose plant materials and other elements for their designs, within NGC policies. It is represented by a rosette of purple ribbons.

Sweepstakes Award – This may be awarded to the exhibitor receiving the most blue ribbons in the Design Division. In the event of a tie, red ribbons will be counted. It is represented by a rosette of green and white ribbons.

Table Artistry Award – This award may be given in Section A to a blue ribbon scoring 95 points or higher. It is represented by a rosette of burgundy ribbons.

Poway Valley Garden Club Award

Marjorie Bullinger Memorial Award – This award is available to Poway Valley Garden Club members only and is awarded to the highest scoring design in the Novice Class 1.

Division II - Design Classes

Journey to Outer Space

SECTION A - TABLE ARTISTRY DESIGNS *Eating in Space*

Eligible for:

Table Artistry Award, Award of Design Excellence, Sweepstakes Award, Marjorie Bullinger Memorial Award—Class 1 (PVGC members only)

Specific staging described in each class
Staged in the Nelson House

Class:

1. Ghostly Breakfast

- Novice Designers Only - A novice is one who has never won a blue ribbon in the Design Division of an NGC sponsored Flower Show.
- A casual table tray design.
- The decorative unit (design) and all appointments must be placed on a tray. The design must be in proportion to the allotted space.
- Staged in the kitchen of the historic Nelson House.
- Call Design Chair for specific location and viewing height.

2. Lunch with Aliens

- A capsule-functional table design for one.
- Must include a decorative unit (design) that is in proportion to the allotted space.
- Allotted space is 32" wide x 20" deep x 26" tall.
- Staged on one quarter of an oval dining table in the Nelson House.
- A white tablecloth will be provided by the Club. A niche will divide the table into quarters.
- Nothing may be affixed to the niche.
- Underlays permitted.

3. Dinner on the Space Station

- A functional table for two set on a 36" square table (30" high).
- Club will provide the table. Exhibitor will provide the table covering.
- Staged in the Nelson House.
- A decorative unit (design) must be included.
- All components must be balanced within allotted space.

SECTION B - Designer's Choice Designs *Our Cosmos*

Eligible for:
Designer's Choice Award, Award of Design Excellence, Sweepstakes Award

Specific staging described in each class.
Staged in the Great Room of the Porter House

Class:

4. The Big Bang

- A creative design staged in a space 36" wide x 30" deep x 48" high to be shown at table height.
- A white table cover and skirting will be provided.
- Background panels and underlays permitted.

5. Intergalactic Space

- A creative design staged in a space 36" wide x 30" deep x 48" high to be shown at table height.
- A white table cover and skirting will be provided.
- Background panels and underlays permitted.

6. Milky Way

- A reflective design (Handbook pg. 207) staged in a space 36" wide x 30" deep x 48" high to be shown at at table height.
- A white table cover and skirting will be provided.
- Background panels and underlays permitted.

Division III - Special Exhibits

“Our Planet, Our Food and Our Future”

SECTION A - Educational

Exhibit Rules

1. Flower Show General Rules apply.
2. Reservations are required. Deadline is April 10, 2017.
3. If the designer is unable to fulfill assignment, it is their responsibility to find a replacement.
4. A 6' by 30" table draped in green will be provided. Exhibit must occupy a minimum of 18 square feet.
5. All entries are judged in accordance to the rules for Flower Show Judging Scale of Points found in the NGC Handbook for Flower Shows (Revised 2007) and revisions issued through The National Gardener.
6. These exhibits will be placed in the Porter House.

Exhibit Awards

National Garden Club, Inc., Special Exhibit Awards

A minimum of three exhibits are required for the NGC Flower Show Achievement Award.

Educational Top Exhibitor Award This may be given to the highest scoring exhibit in the Special Exhibits Division. It is represented by a rosette of brown and white ribbons.

Educational Exhibits *Sustaining Planet Earth*

Exhibit 1. Grounded

I step on the rock and see it is solid. I pour water on it, and it becomes liquid. How can this happen? Most of all, how can trees make use of this matter? Does it matter? (What is Sand? Organic material? And what else?) The Mystery just deepens.

Exhibit 2. I Hold in My Hand

The smallest of small seeds. It can become a plant that sustains my life, how does this life begin? The eternal question! Do our plants need hocus-pocus to start the process of life? Do we cook them? Coat them with acid? Eat them? Freeze them? Hide them in dark places???? The questions just go on and on!

Exhibit 3. Predator Bugs

We blithely let this genocide move forward? Is this really the War of the Insects? How can we live in such a world where eating one another is the order of the day! Or does this behavior make the world go round?

SECTION B - Photography

Exhibit Rules

- All entries must be received by Bill Dahnke by 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2017.
- Cropped photos are eligible in all categories. We do not accept enhanced or altered photos. Minor adjustments, including spotting, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast and slight color adjustment or the digital equivalents, are acceptable for all categories. If the judges determine that a photographer has altered his or her photo, they reserve the right to disqualify it.
- Photos may be matted, if desired; the matting may be any color. If a photo is matted, the matting is included in the overall size of the photo. Entries may be no larger than 50" in total outer size. Examples:
 1. An 8"x10" photo without matting has an overall size of 36" (8" + 8" + 10" + 10")
 2. An 11"x14" photo without matting has an overall size of 50" (11" + 11" + 14" + 14")
- For a photo in which a person is recognizable, a "Model Release Form" from the subject is required or, in the case of a minor, from the subject's parent or guardian. The form must be provided to the Poway Valley Garden Club at the time of submission. A sample Model Release Form is available on the club's website, <http://powayvalleygardenclub.org/projects.htm#flowershow>
- Similarly, entrants whose photos depict other people's work (such as sculptures, statues, paintings, and other copyrightable works) may need to obtain a release from the rights holder and provide it to the Poway Valley Garden Club upon request. When the work of others appears in a photograph, it must be as an object in its environment and not the main subject of the photo. Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright, are not eligible.
- Photos that contain objectionable or inappropriate content will be ineligible and removed at the discretion of the Flower Show Committee.
- At the conclusion of the show, photographers may pick up their entries at Templars Hall in Old Poway Park at 3-3:30 pm on Saturday, April 29, 2017. If a photographer wishes to reclaim their entry but cannot be present during this time, the entry may be picked up from Bill Dahnke up to two weeks after the show; after two weeks, the photos become the property of the Poway Valley Garden Club.
- You retain your rights to your photograph(s); however, by entering the contest, you grant the Poway Valley Garden Club a royalty-free non-exclusive license to publicly display your photograph(s) during the Club's 2017 Standard Flower Show. You are also granting the Club the right to make photographs of your photograph for historical, documentary, and archival purposes.
- Photo entries will be judged based on creativity 25%, composition 25%, technical merit 20%, conformance 20%, and distinction/wow factor 10%.

Exhibit Awards

Top entries will be awarded First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention ribbons in accordance with National Garden Club standards. Top Club Award: PVGC Photography Award: 2017

Photography Exhibits *Language of the Universe*

Submit no more than three (3) photographs per class for a total of nine (9) submissions.

Exhibit 1. Way Out Plants

Exhibit 2. Way Out Bugs

Exhibit 3. Way Out Landscape

Poway Valley Garden Club

Meets the second Wednesday of the month

September through June

at 9:00 a.m.

Templars Hall, Old Poway Park, Poway, California

Our Objectives

Promote interest in gardening and related creative activities

Improve and beautify our community

Provide garden education and information

Ongoing Service Projects beautifying the City of Poway:

Blue Star Memorial Highways & Byways Marker: National Garden Club approved the Blue Star Memorial Byway marker in 1994 for placement in parks, historic sites and civic areas. They are a tribute to all who serve or have served in the Armed Forces and to beautify our country. Keep our blue star shining lest we forget those who keep us free. Poway Valley Garden Club has purchased a Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker in 1988 and it is located in our community rose garden at Lake Poway.

Christmas in the Park:

An annual event sponsored by the Old Poway Park Action Committee and takes place at Old Poway Park on Saturday, December 10th. It is a festive evening with music, food and fun activities for the family. Our Club has a booth where we sell plants and promote membership.

December Nights:

PVGC decorates a Christmas tree to share with visitors of Balboa Park in San Diego. It is lots of fun getting together with club members to decorate our tree.

Garden Therapy:

Our members work hands on with the residents at a local community of assisted living homes. We bond with the residents, all with memory care issues, while engaging in horticultural related activities to improve their minds, bodies and spirits. Many are also physically challenged. Empirical research confirms that healthful benefits accrue when people connect with plants by viewing, planting, growing and/or caring for them.

Hummingbird and Butterfly Garden:

Three hundred square feet of garden has been planted in Old Poway Park. This attractive garden invites and feeds hummingbirds and butterflies in the park to help pollinate the nearby fruit trees.

Lake Poway Rose Garden:

Initiated and maintained by Poway Valley Garden Club at Lake Poway, this attractive garden also serves for public-pruning demonstrations each January. Members volunteer for duty bi-weekly throughout the year.

Nelson House Period Garden:

The Kitchen Garden, located on the south-side of the Nelson House in Old Poway Park, features plants used in cooking, floral arrangements and minimal landscaping common around the turn of the century.

Nelson House Volunteer Appreciation Garden:

As of August 2016 we are planning a new garden that will be on the North side of the Nelson House. Our goals for this new garden are to make it a beautiful spot for park visitors to sit in the shade and to remember, as well as to be an educational space where we can demonstrate sustainable choices in the landscape.

Orchard:

In 2015 our club started maintenance of the fruit trees next door to Templars Hall.

Old Fashioned 4th of July:

This is an annual event sponsored by the Old Poway Park Action Committee (OPAC) and takes place at Old Poway Park. It is a festive day with music, food, activities and crafts. The Club has a booth where we sell plants and promote membership.

Penny Pines:

Donations are made to the Penny Pines project and are part of the Cleveland National Forest.

Poway Valley Youth Garden Club:

Our club financially assists local school gardens. We organize and teach children how to grow and maintain fruit and vegetable gardens. Members also work hands-on at the schools to develop future gardeners and get the students excited about growing their own food. Children who garden eat five times more veggies!

Porter House Orchard:

The orchard is located in front of the Porter House and features fruit easily grown in the Poway area at the beginning of the 20th century.

Rose Room Garden:

The garden leading to the Rose Room in the Porter House at Old Poway Park contains a small collection of period roses.

Templars Hall Garden:

The Native Plant Garden (Statuary Garden), located in front of Templars Hall, in Old Poway Park, features selected plants easily found in Poway around 1900 as well as today.

Community Outreach:

Our dedicated outreach team members collect donated flowers and plants from a local retailer. From here they are cleaned and rearranged into beautiful arrangements that are distributed to libraries, hospitals, retirement homes and other community locations.

Poway's Past is Present

Over 400 dedicated volunteers give generously of their time to recreate and preserve Poway's history. The Poway Midland Railroad Volunteers operate and maintain the park's narrow gauge railroad. The Poway Historical and Memorial Society operate the Heritage Museum and the Nelson House. The Poway Arts and Crafts Guild demonstrates authentic early 20th century crafts and trades. Other participating groups are the Poway Blacksmith Guild, the Heritage Dancers, the Poway Women's Club and the Shadow River Regulators.

Special events held at Old Poway Park during the year include: an Old-Fashioned Fourth of July, Christmas in the Park, music Festivals and various shows and displays. Regular weekend activities include a farmer's market on Saturday mornings, train rides, arts & crafts markets and tours through the Heritage Museum and Nelson House. The City of Poway Community Services Department offers recreational classes during the week. Templars Hall, Porter House, and the Gazebo can be reserved for weddings, meetings and parties. The green park area is available to the public for picnics on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Old Poway Park is staffed by a Recreational Interpretive Specialist who assists the various guilds in their mission to make local history come alive. The park office is located in the Porter House.

Old Poway Park is a dream come true. As Colonel Porter's wife said, "What the City has done to the property was exactly what my husband had planned." The City of Poway has created it to represent a way of life, suggesting sights that might be part of the lives of Poway citizens around the turn of the twentieth century. Nearby communities were at least four hours away by horseback or carriage. Most non-perishable items needed for everyday life had to be ordered and shipped. People had to grow all their fresh foods, as well as be creative in the way that they preserved their garden's bounty.

Special Thanks

Poway Valley Garden Club would like to thank the City of Poway, the Community Services Department and the staff of Old Poway Park for providing the facilities and assistance with publicity for this event. We are proud and honored to be part of this great "City in the Country."

Poway Arts and Crafts Guild will hold a "Market at the Flower Show" on Saturday, April 29, 2017, during hours of the Flower Show. This is a juried show of contemporary artists working in traditional crafts. Some of these items are for sale.

The Poway Historical and Memorial Society will feature part of our show again this year. The Nelson House and the Porter House will exhibit floral designs and educational exhibits.