

Native Daughters of the Golden West

Pre-Application Discussion



Who are the Native Daughters?

The Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West is a fraternal and patriotic organization, founded on the principles of:

Love of Home

Devotion to the Flag

Veneration of the Pioneers

Faith in the Existence of God



Our Mission

The mission of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, as one of the oldest associations of diverse California-born leaders, is to preserve California's history and better the quality of life through active participation in education and community service.



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Native Daughter History



*Lilly O. Reichling Dyer
Founder*

Native Daughters of the Golden West was instituted in September 1886 in Jackson, California by a young woman named Miss Lilly O. Reichling (later Mrs. Dyer). She loved California, and at the age of 20 years old she began an organization for all California-born women of good moral character and who also shared her love of California.

NDGW Childrens Foundation



The Childrens Foundation provides assistance for children in California whose medical needs outstrip the means of the family and who are not eligible for other medical aid. This includes provision of medical equipment and even orthodontic care in some cases.

NDGW Home

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Home was designed by renowned architect Ms. Julia Morgan. She was a California native, and the first licensed female architect in the State. She also designed Hearst Castle and many other buildings in California.

All members are welcome to visit the NDGW Home and a bring guest. Guests must be accompanied by a member.



NDGW Charitable Foundation



The Charitable Foundation consists of the following Committees

- Americanism & Civic Participation
- California Admission Day
- California History, Landmarks & Historical Buildings
- California Lighthouse Preservation
- Education & Scholarships
- Environmental Issues
- Mission Restoration
- Veteran's Welfare
- Welfare

Americanism and Civic Participation



Many of our sisters also participate in community events such as parades, local historical societies, church groups, and other activities that promote the good of our neighborhoods and cities.



Preserving California History

Local Parlors (chapters) place plaques at historic sites. They also raise funds for the maintenance and preservation of historic sites in California, such as the missions and lighthouses.



Point Fermin
Lighthouse

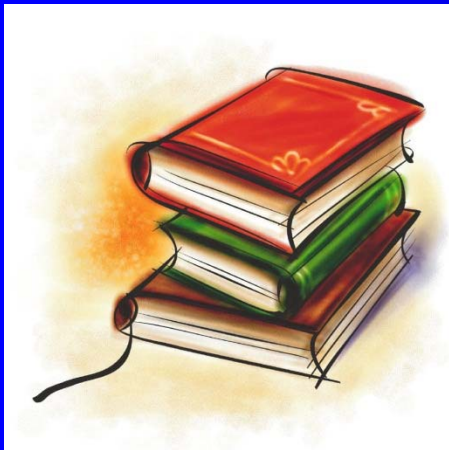


Mission San
Buenaventura



Campo De Cahuenga

NDGW Scholarships



The various scholarship programs provide funds to deserving students in different fields of study.

Environmental Issues



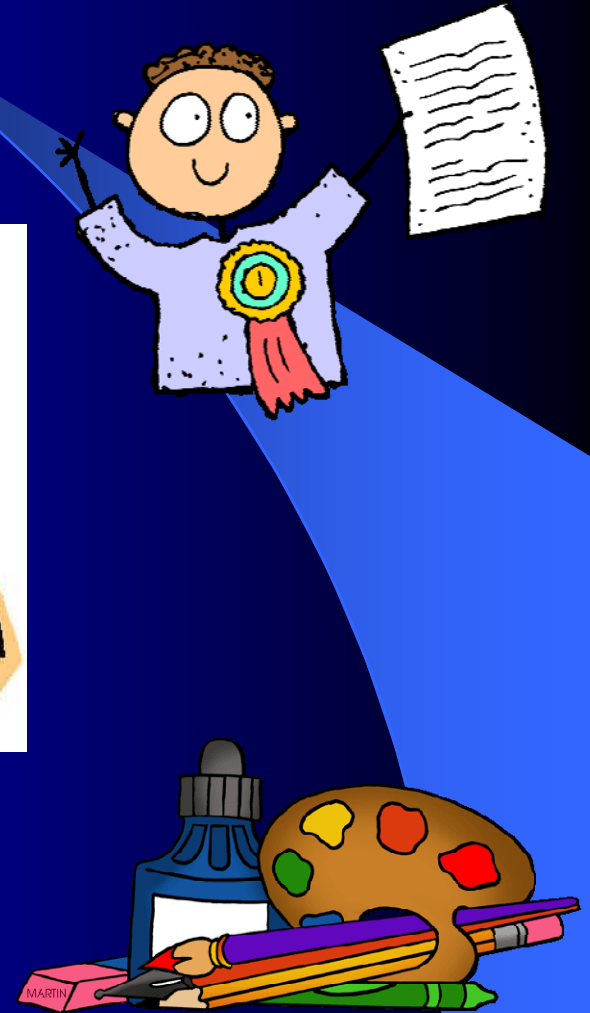
Members fund continuing maintenance of a redwood grove in Humboldt State Park and fields of golden poppies in the Antelope Valley Poppy Preserve.

In conjunction with the environmental program of the US Forest Service called Penny Pines, members raise money to preserve National Forest land and replant trees in fire-damaged areas.



Talent Contests

Through contests for art, photography and essay writing, both elementary school and high school students are encouraged to learn more about California, its history, and its natural wonders.



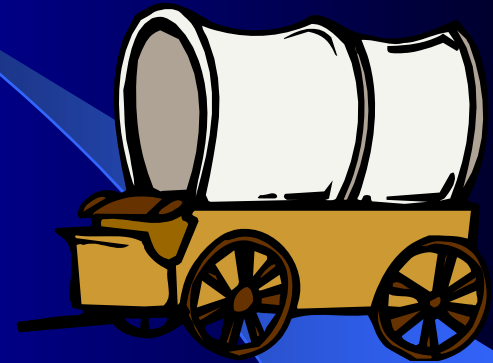
Veterans' Welfare

Many members also work on outreach projects for veterans such as providing greeting cards, visiting VA patients or donating items to facilities that serve veterans and their families. Each year Native Daughters sponsors a picnic at the Veteran's Home in Yountville.



Pioneer Roster

The Roster of California Pioneers and Index contains over 35,000 biographical entries about people who were born in or present in the State prior to 1870. Researchers may use the NDGW Collections on California Pioneers, California Women, California History, and the NDGW Order by appointment at the Home in San Francisco.



Joining a Parlor (chapter)

- **Membership is open to California born individuals.**
- **Members pay annual dues. The dues amount is set by the local Parlor. The Parlor also sets the meeting date and time.**
- **Check the Active Parlor page on the website to find the location of the nearest Parlor.**
- **Members may be asked to present a program, serve as an officer or committee member, or hostess refreshments for a meeting.**
- **A membership application is posted on the “Join Us” page of the website.**
- **Contact a local Parlor for more information.**

Thank You!

Thank you for your interest in Native Daughters. Please feel free to email questions to Grandparlor@ndgw.org or phone (415) 563-9091.

