

Dear Minerva,

*As all Native Daughters know, the California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) is the official State Flower of our glorious golden state. How did this flower come to be chosen as the State Flower? Also, is it illegal to pick them?*

From, Just Wondering

Have you ever wondered about an aspect of Native Daughters? Why not, "Ask Minerva?"

Submitted By Assessment and Renewal Committee (ARC) & Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) Member Denise Barney, Bonita Parlor No. 10



Hello Just Wondering,

The plant's bright orange flowers are an unmatched symbol of the Golden State, perhaps viewed as a floral representation of the "fields of gold" sought during the gold rush. The California poppy is commonly seen blooming in the spring and summer along country roads and freeways throughout much of the state, making this plant a highly recognizable symbol of California.

The California Poppy was chosen as the state flower of California in 1890 by the California State Floral Society, winning a vote against the Mariposa Lily and the Matilija Poppy; it was officially adopted by the state legislature in 1903. While there isn't a specific law against picking California poppies, it is illegal to remove plants from public or private property without permission, so picking them in state parks or on someone else's land could be considered trespassing.

Despite years' worth of urban legends to the contrary, picking California's state flower — something most residents have been told never to do — is not technically illegal. So why do so many people still believe it is? It might be because it's partially true. code includes a section saying that removing or damaging plants from property that a person doesn't own — without permission — may constitute trespass or petty theft.

It's also illegal to pick any plant in state or federal parks, and those who do could be prosecuted for a misdemeanor and/or fined — or sentenced to jail time. But there's no specific law that protects that California poppy — the official state flower — directly. Residents are free to collect their own California poppies on their private land, too.

The California poppy — *Eschscholzia californica* — became the state's official flower on March 2, 1903. Its official day — California Poppy Day — is celebrated on April 6 each year. Their bloom time changes depending on weather conditions, but generally their bright orange flowers — an unmistakable symbol of the Golden State — can be seen across California beginning in early April and through early May.

California poppies can grow easily in private gardens, according to [the California Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) — but they fare far better in the ground than they do when picked for arrangements.

So, if you're thinking of picking a poppy, it may not be the best idea anyway.

***From,
Minerva***



Welcome New Members:

Marguerite No. 12: Sally Long Johns; Judith Marten

Califia No. 22: Sarah Forte

Santa Cruz No. 26: Karen Perry

Ruby No. 46: Renee Menzes

San Jose No. 81: Diane Wilson

Sutter No. 111: Jacquelyn Donahue

Placer No. 138: Claire LaFleur, Donna Wright

Annie K. Bidwell No. 168: Emily Larsen, Linda Reynolds

San Juan Bautista No. 179: Valerie Pagarán, Debbie Bradshaw, Shirley Trevino

Fort Bragg No. 210: Cyndi Barclay

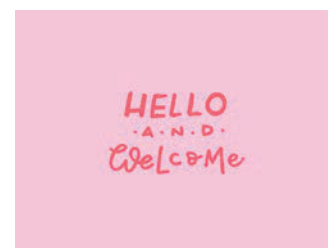
Petaluma No. 222: Heidi Johnson, Alyssa Ransom, Kery Poteracke, Kathy Rivas

South Butte No. 226: Christina Beil

Grace No. 242: Shirley Arendt

Lomitas No. 255: Cookie Rendon

Charter Oak No. 292: Rebecca Acevedo





California Admission Day 2024 *Happy 174th Birthday California!*

Submitted by: Suzi Riley, PGP
California Admission Day State Chairman

On Friday, September 6, 2024 Native Daughters of the Golden West along with the Native Sons of the Golden West celebrated *California Admission Day in San Francisco, on Admission Day!* This long-time tradition of both Orders joining together to honor California on Statehood Day has been very exciting and a glorious celebration for all in attendance gathered to celebrate California's 174th Birthday!



It was so exciting that more than 120 Native Sons and Daughters from all across our golden state gathered together to Celebrate Admission Day – California's 174th Birthday at South San Francisco's Basque Cultural Center. Everyone enjoyed a fine meal and eagerly took part in the fantastic raffle of amazing prizes. Grand Officers and Past



Grand Presidents from both Orders attended making the event even more special. The event raised funds for the historical preservation of both

Orders and we were elated to celebrate California Admission Day in San Francisco. Honorary Co-Hosts of the event, **NDGW Grand President Darleen Carpenter and NSGW Grand President Steve McLean and First Lady, Karen McLean** ensured the entire afternoon was a wonderful success.

Historic displays filled the Luncheon room with the **N.D.G.W. Home's Evelyn I. Carlson Historic Collection Committee Members** presenting a wonderful exhibition of our N.D.G.W. Admission Day history.

The room looked bright and colorful decorated with California Bear Flags and California cutting boards as sought-after center pieces. The NDGW California Admission Day Committee also made a donation and helped to supply the favors and official birthday cupcakes and ice cream enjoyed by each guest.

The benefactors of our event were the Native Daughters and the Native Sons of the Golden West. **Thanks to the generous contributions collected, we raised \$4,593.00!** The funds have been divided between the **N.D.G.W. Evelyn I. Carlson Committee and the N.S.G.W. Historical Preservation Foundation.** We are so grateful for the work of both Committees and proud to provide these funds to preserve California's history! Congratulations to the Native Daughters and to the Native Sons of the Golden West!

Once again, the Basque staff served a delicious luncheon and following lunch, we all sang "*Happy Birthday to California!*" Thank you to **NSGW Halcyon-Alameda Parlor No. 47 Members GT Dennis and Kathleen Valerio, from Encinal Parlor No. 156** who led the community signing of "*I Love You California*"

Once again, the N.S.G.W. and N.D.G.W. California Admission Day Committees sincerely thanks everyone for their attendance and support. We are grateful to all of the Native Californians who attended this annual event as well as to our many donors for their contributions as well. Lastly, it is the hope of my amazing **Co-Chairmen, Donna Fletcher, Darina Parlor No. 114 and Native Son Bob Teal, National Parlor No. 118** and myself that we can continue this exciting **San Francisco Admission Day Celebration** into an annual event to help preserve the history of our beloved Golden State!



Sadly, **California Statehood Day** is no longer observed as a legal holiday in our glorious golden State. Therefore, it is so important that as Native Daughters we do our best to preserve and acknowledge this central date in our State's illustrious history. ***Congratulations and thank you to the Sisters who celebrated California Admission Day in their local Parlors and in their communities!***

THANK YOU to all of our PROUD N.D.G.W. Parlors who supported California Admission Day with Donations!!

Joaquin Parlor No. 5
Eshcol Parlor No. 16
Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26
Golden Era No. 99
Aleli Parlor No. 102
El Vespero No. 118
Reina Del Mar No. 126

Bonita Parlor No. 10
Berendos Parlor No. 23
San Jose Parlor No. 81
Vendome Parlor No. 100
Darina Parlor No. 114
Oakdale Parlor No. 125
Vista Del Mar Parlor No. 155

Click below to learn about how...

Marguerite Parlor No. 12 celebrates California Admission Day in a HUGE way!

Morada Parlor No. 199
 El Tejon Parlor No. 239
 San Bruno Parlor No. 246
 Jacki Matejka, N.D.G.W.
 Bonnie M. Tabor, P.G.P.
 Sherry Farley, P.G. P.
 Paul & Jobena Tipp, N.S.G.W./N.D.G.W.
 Bob Teal, S.D.D.G.P., N.S.G.W.
 Tim Tullius, G.T./P.G.P.
 Vicki Allen, N.D.G.W.
 Donna Fletcher, N.S.G.W./N.D.G.W.

Petaluma Parlor No. 222
 Grace Parlor No. 242
 Jurupa Parlor No. 296
 Renee Rianda, G.M.
 Gloria Courtney, N.D.G.W.
 Suzi Riley, P.G.P.
 Joe Ursino, P.G.P.
 Tom Perazzo, G.S./P.G.P.
 Alexis Pacheco, N.S.G.W.
 Anne Riley, N.D.G.W.
 Bob Fletcher, N.S.G.W



EL TEJON PARLOR NO. 239 CELEBRATES CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY SUBMITTED BY DARLEEN CARPENTER, G.P.



Mr. Ken Hooper
Speaker of the Day

On Thursday, September 12, 2024, our Parlor held our annual California Admission Day Luncheon and program in honor of California's 174th birthday at the American Legion Post 26. We had approximately 30 in attendance. We present a different topic of California history each year at our special community event. Our speaker was Mr. Ken Hooper a history and archivist teacher at Bakersfield High School, the President of the Kern County Historical Society and historian of the Kern Veterans

Memorial
 Foundation.

His Power
 Point and talk
 were on the
 history of our
 Kern County

Veterans. GP Darleen Carpenter opened the program with a history of how California became a state and our journey to statehood.

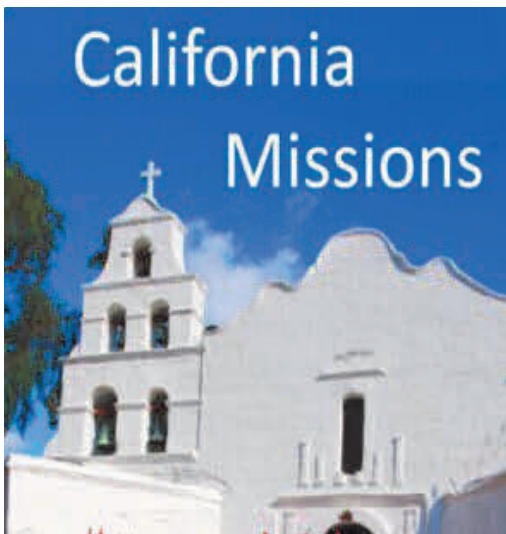
Our table decorations, of course, were our beautiful poppies with the California flags designed by Ethel White. The program was prepared by Darleen Carpenter, GP and delicious meal was prepared by Our President, Lee Ann Burns. Chairman, Brigitte Bonnet opened the celebration with the Invocation given by Vicki Simpson, followed by the flag salute, which was led by Sylvia Miller. Proceeding our delicious lunch, we were presented with proclamations and resolutions from Our Mayor, Karen Goh followed by County Supervisor, David Couch and representatives from State Senator, Shannon Grove,



**We were so proud to once again have
 Bakersfield Mayor Karen Goh in attendance.**

State Senator Melissa Hurtado, State Assemblyman, Vince Fong, State Assemblyman, Jasmeet Bains, and House of Representatives David Valadao. What an honor to host so many dignitaries!

The program concluded with the serving of our beautiful Birthday cake and singing Happy Birthday California. Each attendee was gifted with a bar of our homemade poppy soap. Many thanks to the committee-Chairman, Brigitte Bonnet, Ethel White, Darleen Carpenter, GP, Vicki Simpson, Lee Ann Burns, Sylvia Miller, Joyce Allen and Linda Chitwood. It truly was a wonderful event!



Eschol Parlor No. 16 in Napa celebrates their 20th Annual Mission Restoration Event! Congratulations to Jana Jack (center) and our Parlor Sisters for preserving our Missions for 20 years! Great work ladies!



The Parlors of District 19 were proud to welcome so many Grand Officers and guests ~ including PGP Lorraine Robinson (seated center).

Left: Grand President Darleen Carpenter presents membership emblems to Sisters Betty Morrow (left) and Tina Accardo (right). Congratulations!

Top right: PGP Bonnie Tabor presented GP Darleen Carpenter with a bubble-wrap suit to prevent any unexpected mishaps during the afternoon – All was great!

Thank you from the Native Daughters of the Golden West's
Charitable Foundation, Incorporated (N.D.G.W. C.F.I.C.)!

The C.F.I.C. is proud to announce the success of the

2024 Annual "Cash for Christmas" Opportunity Drawing

To Support Our 2024 FUNDRAISER



ALL ticket sales directly benefit our CFIC State Committees:

Our goal in 2024 is to sell all 2500 tickets!

Please contact GM Renee Rianda to purchase your 2024 Tickets (Details below).

Ticket prices are the same as last year!!!

The opportunity drawing to be held on Sunday, December 1, 2024. You need not be present to win.

Winners will receive:

****FIRST PRIZE: \$500.00 **SECOND PRIZE: \$300.00 **THIRD PRIZE: \$100.00****

Tickets are \$10.00 each; three for \$25.00; ten for \$75.00* or 13 tickets for \$100*****

***** (Purchase 9 tickets and receive a special bonus: one free ticket!) *****

Your purchase helps to Preserve, and Promote our Charitable Foundation Committees listed below:

Americanism and Civic Participation

California Admission Day

California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings

(Sub-Committees: Art Talent and Essay Contests)

California Lighthouse Preservation

Education and Scholarships

Environmental Issues

Mission Restoration

Veterans Welfare

Welfare

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc. is an established 501(c)3 nonprofit.
(EIN #26-3793035) All donations made to the Charitable Foundation Undesignated Fund, or the Individual
Above listed Committees are 100% tax deductible.

***So how do you get your tickets for this year's fundraiser you may be wondering??
All you need to do is Email, Text, Call or US Mail to:***

GM Renee Rianda with your ticket request. Contact phone is 530-304-7065
or Email: rrianda@aol.com or

US mail your request to: P O Box 535, Soledad, CA 93960.

Get your tickets now! Do not miss out on this opportunity!
Only 2500 tickets available

Thank you!!

Prize will be awarded for the most tickets sold by an individual or by a Parlor!

You must place your order for yourself or for your Parlor by Saturday November 30th at 5:00PM!



Itinerary of Grand President Darleen Carpenter 2024 - 2025



November

- 2 Official Visit ~ District 13 - Woodland No. 90, Califia No. 22, Sutter No. 111, Liberty No. 213, Zinfandel Bo. 337 - Woodland, Noon
- 8 *San Francisco Little Italy Honor Walk* ~ Honoring Dr. Mariana Bertola ~ Co-Sponsored by N.D.G.W. Plaque Unveiling Ceremony ~ 11:00AM (Corner of Filbert & Stockton Streets)
- 9 Childrens Foundation Meeting - 10AM - Zoom
- 11 Veteran's Day ~ Fly your flag and Support our Veterans!
- 12 Official Visit, District 2 - Eschscholtzia No. 112, Etna (125th Anniversary)
- 15 16 17 Board of Directors Meeting - San Francisco (in-person) ~ Guests: Finance Chair & Childrens Chair
- 16 "How to Conduct an Audit" - Via Zoom 1:30-2:30PM ~ All Book Officers, DGPs & Members are invited
- 19 NDGW Home Committee Meeting - 10 AM ~ Via Zoom
- 20 Assessment & Renewal Committee (ARC) Meeting - 6:30PM ~ Via Zoom
- 28 Happy Thanksgiving to all! (Grand Parlor Office closed 11/28 & 11/29)



December

- 1 District 15 & NDGW Home Holiday Luncheon ~ Basque Cultural Center, So. San Francisco 11:30 AM
- 1 NDGW Home Open House & Tree Lighting ~ NDGW Home, San Francisco 3:00-5:00 PM
- 3 NDGW Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco
- 25 Merry Christmas to All Sisters and their families! (Grand Parlor Office closed 12/24 & 12/25)



January 2025

- 1 Happy New Year (Grand Parlor Office closed 12/31 & 1/1)
- 10 Investment Committee Meeting - 10 AM, San Francisco ~ via Zoom
- 10 Finance Committee Meeting - 1 PM, San Francisco ~ via Zoom
- 10 Personnel Committee Meeting - 4 PM, San Francisco ~ San Francisco/Zoom
- 10 Board of Directors Meeting - 5 PM ~ Via Zoom
- 11 Childrens Foundation Meeting - 10AM - Via Zoom
- 12 Official Visit, District 27 - Lugonia No. 241, Grace No. 242, Jurupa, No. 296, Tahquitz No. 333
- 15 Assessment & Renewal Committee Meeting - 6:30 PM ~ via Zoom
- 18 N.D.G.W. CFIC Committee Meeting - 10 AM ~ Via Zoom
- 18 Grace Parlor No. 242 NDGW Home Luncheon - Knott's Berry Farm
- 21 N.D.G.W. Home Committee Meeting - 10 AM, San Francisco ~ via Zoom
- 25 Board of Directors Meeting - 10 AM ~ Via Zoom

