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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

This Year's Convention Theme: "California Dreamin' "

NOTES FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

**Megan Buland
NJHA President**

With convention quickly drawing nearer, it's time to start planning for this year's awesome meeting in California. There are so many awesome tours and events planned for this year (comfortable shoes are a must). It promises to be a time to remember. When you start packing to come to convention don't forget to pack warm weather clothes. During

your stay in California, the average temperature will be between 60 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit, so for some of you it will be much warmer than you are used to. Make sure to pack your swimsuit. Oh, and don't forget your dress clothes, with the opening and closing banquets, you will want to look your best. We will still be doing state display tables, so it's

time to start talking with your advisor about what you will want on your table. Finally, don't forget to bring pins from your state to trade with the other delegates; see if you can collect a pin from every state represented! Convention will be here before you know it. I can't wait to see you all in California.

**Erica Sprout
NJHA Vice President**

SAN DIEGO ZOO

On Monday we are going to the San Diego Zoo. It is the second largest zoo in America, and it is one of the most progressive zoos in the world. With over 4,000 animals and more than 800 species and is one of the

few zoo's that have the Giant Panda. The zoo is extremely active in conservations and species preservation efforts. The zoo offers a guided tour bus and overheard gondola that covers 75% of the

park. Then we are going to the San Diego Botanical Garden to explore 4 miles of garden trails. Visitors will be transported from tropical to desert climates all on one tour.

THE HILTON SAN DIEGO MISSION VALLEY HOTEL

**Lexi Gegare
NJHA Secretary**

The Hilton San Diego Mission Valley hotel is easily accessed to many different San Diego attractions. It is just minutes away from the Airport and San Diego beaches. The hotel is also very close to SeaWorld, the San Diego Zoo, and the historic Gas Lamp Quarter. The Hilton is very spacious and comfortable with modern decorations and furnishings. There is a heated pool, fitness room and restaurant. The hotel room rate with tax is \$122.62 a

night. There is the opportunity for contestants and families to get the special convention rate for 3 days before and 3 days after the convention. So why not come and enjoy a little more time in San Diego. There is a trolley that runs all around San Diego and even goes to Tijuana, Mexico. What a great opportunity to go and explore around the area, but don't forget your passport.

New this year is online registration and Paypal for convention fees. Tentative registration fees are \$235 for a single, to \$215 each for a family of 3 or more. Save your postage and submit your registrations online. Check out the website for more information at <http://www.njha.org>. We are all dreaming about the great time you will have in San Diego and we look forward to seeing you all. It's guaranteed to be a spectacular time!

Cruise

Martha Keckler
NJHA Past President

On Sunday afternoon we will be enjoying a relaxing cruise. The Hornblower provides public cruises as well as private charters. We will be having a lunch buffet as we sail

the southern coast. The Hornblower Company's yachts cruise from San Francisco, Berkeley, Sacramento, Long Beach, Marina del Rey, Newport Beach and San Diego. The

cruise offers unique and exciting tours and events, dinner cruises and whale and dolphin watching. Bring your shades and SPF!



Justin Simmons
NJHA Central Director

THE GAS LAMP QUARTER

The Gas lamp Quarter is a rare historic location in downtown San Diego. This downtown mecca is 16.5 city blocks worth of food, shopping, entertainment, educations, and much more. "The Gas Lamp" offers an exciting environment for those who like to shop. There are almost 100 Gas Lamp shops, boutiques, merchants, and more to

please any shoppers taste. If you want to dine, the Gas Lamp has an assortment of tastes for anyone; from American to Persian, Italian, Irish, to Thai and Indian cuisine. The Gas Lamp also blends the creative look of Victorian style architecture with upscale modernism to make up a vibrant, magical scene. You have the option of seeing a mov-

ie, live theater, or you can visit one of the fine art galleries. Whatever you choose to do, be sure that you will find something fun, classy, and entertaining at the Gas Lamp Quarter. For more information on this historic fixture, visit <http://www.gaslamp.org>.



FLAGS – STATE DISPLAYS

Patrick Ransom
NJHA Eastern President

The move to California will result in some changes to the convention this year, but we will still be having a designated area for state displays. A large portion of the eye opener questions at the Sunday morning breakfast meeting will be taken from these displays, so be sure to stop by the state display area and learn about regional horticulture. Also this year state leaders will not need to bring a flag. We will be providing state flags this year for a special flag ceremony.

SUNDAY BUSINESS BREAKFAST MEETING

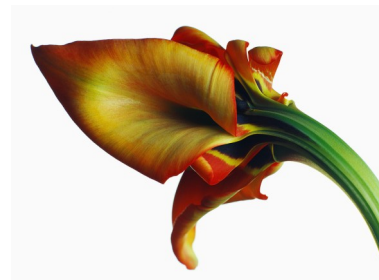
Be sure to be up bright and early to participate in Sunday's Breakfast Meeting. We will be discussing opinions of conventions. In addition to surveying the convention, we will be having outstanding California-style openers. Eye opener trivia questions will be off of the NJHA officer board.

So if you want to leg up on the competition, make sure you spend time at the display.

U.S.S. MIDWAY

One of the tours that delegates will have the opportunity to take is the tour of the U.S.S.

Midway. On the tour, there is ability to see the sleeping quarters: as well as a massive gallery, engine room, jail, officers country, post office, machine shop, and pilots' ready room. Spend your day listening to speakers share personal stories. Let the flight simulators, short films, and literature exhibits help you experience life at sea on a nuclear aircraft carrier. While you are there make sure to see the 25 restored aircraft that are housed at this location. The best part of the tour is that it is self-guided via audio recording.



Matthew Bond
NJHA Western Director

MISSION BEACH

On Saturday evening we'll be having a party at Mission Beach. You'll be able to swim in the Pacific Ocean and enjoy a special photo booth we'll be setting up. Also located at Mission Beach is the Wave House, a non

-stop entertainment center featuring restaurants, a live music stage, and Flow Rider wave machines for a unique surfing experience. Tony Hawk, Andy Macdonald and Jamie O'Brien are only a few of the pro athletes

who enjoy hanging 10 at the Wave House, which has been dubbed the royal palace of youth culture. Be sure to bring your swimsuit for a fantastic night at the California coast and this San Diego landmark.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR OFFICER TEAM ADVISORS

**Mike Ensor
and
Debbie Gegare**

It is not too soon to be thinking about applying for a NJHA Officer Team position. Any youth involved in horticultural activities between the ages of 15 to 22 can apply.

A NJHA Youth Officer must be responsible and have the communication and leadership skills necessary to network with their peers and adult leaders in putting NJHA “Full Speed Ahead” with its goals from beginning to end. Officers must be involved in decision making to implement and evaluate activities or programs. Taking on responsibilities and accomplishing goals can be quite satisfying for the Officers but one must have the time and commitment to devote to this National Youth Organization of NJHA throughout the year.

As one of our past Officers has said “There is no I in team” and that must be the emphasis of our Officer team. When becoming a NJHA Youth Officer, one accepts the challenges of being our horticultural leaders of tomorrow.

Last but not least, if you feel that you have the qualifications listed above for serving NJHA at the national level, then please give serious thought to applying for a NJHA Youth Officer position. If you are interested in a position, then go to the njha.org website, click on Officer Application Form and you will find detailed information on applying. Also you will find the responsibilities of the various positions. Resumes and references should be submitted and postmarked by September 15 to Mike Ensor at 2336 Mt. Carmel Road, Parkton, Maryland 21120 or emailed at mensor@umd.edu. Mike can also be reached by phone at 410-222-6757 (work), 410-357-0315 (home), or 443-416-3754 (cell) if you should have any questions about Youth Officer positions.



The NJHA Creed

We are growing, living parts of this earth.

We are conscious of our desire to cultivate our horticultural abilities and find comfort in sharing this knowledge.

We make our way together, each on a separate path, yet all in the same direction.

We are the National Junior Horticultural Association, and we accept the challenge of being the horticultural leaders of tomorrow.

**The Achievement & Leadership Award
Sponsored By:
The C.A. & Pauline Armstrong
Scholarship Fund
Is Worth \$500!
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**NJHA POSTER
CONTEST THEMES
2011
"Keeping It Green"
2012
"How Does Your
Garden Grow"
2013
"My Delicious Garden"**

For rules and regulations to enter the poster contest, Please visit our website www.njha.org and click on Poster Contest.

Attention!

For information regarding NJHA, please contact the Executive Secretary:

**Carole S. Carney
15 Railroad Avenue
Homer City, PA 15748
(724) 479-3254
carole@njha.org**

NJHA CONVENTIONS

2011 San Diego, CA
2012 Wisconsin
2013 Virginia

Future Conventions – If anyone would be interested in hosting a convention, please contact either Jack Leaver or James V. Parochetti.

We are not interested in the area west of Mississippi. Looking for areas in the upper southeast.

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The Alumni Scholarship was initiated in 2005 by the NJHA Alumni Association. The NJHA Alumni Scholarship is available to youth returning to the convention to expand their knowledge with NJHA. Winners will be awarded a fully paid registration for attending the convention. It does not include travel or lodging. If you are interested, please contact Mike Ensor, 2336 Mt. Carmel Road, Parkton, Maryland 21120. Email address is mensor@umd.edu. Phone numbers are 410-222-6757 (work), 410-357-0315 (home), and 443-416-3754 (cell).

Please include in your resume the following information:

1. One paragraph about yourself
2. One paragraph about your NJHA involvement
3. One paragraph about non-NJHA involvement
4. One paragraph about financial need
5. A letter of recommendation from a NJHA leader.

Please submit materials to Mike Ensor by September 1.

WANTED

We are still searching for NJHA material such as photos, slides or any other papers that one may have and would like to have them placed in the NJHA Archives. Photos and slides must have dates and names. If you have any material that you would like to donate, you may either snail mail or bring to this year's convention with you.

If you hand them to me at the convention, please place your name, state and date on the material and just hand it to me.

My mailing address is 15 Railroad Avenue, Homer City, PA 15748. Phone 724 479-3254

Thanks for considering this most important item

Carole S. Carney
NJHA Executive Secretary



2011 ALUMNI AUCTION

The Alumni will be having a 50/50 auction this year. Every day (Friday through Monday), the Alumni will be selling raffle tickets. At the end of each night, one winner will be drawn and will receive 50% of that day's sale. The other 50% will go towards the Alumni.

The alumni is also taking donations for an on-going online auction. The alumni WILL NOT be having a live auction this year. Please contact Stan Stark at grandparents1196@yahoo.com to donate items to be sold online or more details about the online auction. We look forward to many donations!

Have You Contributed???

NJHA is financed through voluntary contributions from corporations, associations, and individuals who are interested in horticultural related businesses, careers, or activities. Funds contributed in this manner provide the only means by which the projects and activities of the association can be maintained.

With NJHA enrollment outgrowing its financial resources, new donors are needed to continue and expand services to present members and to permit increased publicity and additional enrollees.

Contributions in any amount are welcome and are tax deductible under IRS status 501 c (3). Checks should be made out to the National Junior Horticultural Association and may be mailed to Jack Leaver, 1088 Fountain View, Circle #3, Holland, Michigan 49423

2011 NJHA CONVENTION PACKING LIST

Be reminded to bring these items with you to the convention.

- **Eye Opener Items (optional)**
- **Trade Pins/Ice Breakers**
- **Y/C Handbook**
- **Y/C Notebook or an empty notebook if you plan to become a Y/C**
- **Digital Camera**
- **Rain Coat/Umbrella**
- **A new friend into Horticulture and NJHA**
- **Your knowledge skills**

BIG SMILE AND A GREAT ATTITUDE

FRIDAY

Check In	Business Casual
Flag Show Practice and Banquets	Sunday Dress
Friday Night Activities	Business Casual

SATURDAY

Contests	Dress appropriately for contest you are participating in
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SUNDAY

Business Meeting/Breakfast	Business Casual
Workshops	Nice Business

MONDAY

Tours	Business Casual
Awards Banquet	Semi Formal
Dance	Casual

National Junior Horticultural Association



**Generic Program
77th Annual Convention
Theme: California Dreamin'
October 7 – 10, 2011**

**The Hilton at Mission Valley
901 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego, California 92108**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

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