

# Desert Trumpet

Newsletter of Desert Planters of Ridgecrest  
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"Exploring the Many Facets of Gardening"  
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Desert Empire District (DED)  
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## *No Meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> - Holiday Party Instead!*

Desert Planters of Ridgecrest Holiday Party is at Lucille Nielson's home at 501 North Randall Street—at the corner of North Randall and Las Flores Blvd. Her lovely home is ideal for parties and her son, David Kimble, is a great help and host.

Please contact Wanda Church at 375.6492 email [church1@ridgenet.net](mailto:church1@ridgenet.net) or Debbie Wheeler at 499.1431 email [jasper-dog@hotmail.com](mailto:jasper-dog@hotmail.com) to let them know you are coming and what you are bringing. DPR provides the turkey, ham, beverages and paper goods--main dishes, veggies, salads and desserts are needed.

An optional \$10 gift exchange is always a highlight with carols and good conversation added in. All members, guests and supporters are invited.

## *Kern County Library Holiday Decorations Event*

Decorating the Ridgecrest Branch of the Kern County Library will take place on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 to 11 a.m. The Library is at 131 East Las Flores Avenue in Ridgecrest. All members and guests are invited to help in this long-standing tradition of Desert Planters. The Library will be undecorated on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 to 11 a.m. All decorations are provided

## *Penny Pines Update*

Another Penny Pines plantation is being ordered by DPR Treasurer Art Spiegel due to the outstanding donations from members and Farmer's Market booth customers. One plantation of pines is \$68.

### **Penny Pines Tidbits**

During the past 66 years, the PENNY PINES donations have helped maintain the National Forests of California. Participation in the program has also helped many people understand important things about conservation of natural resources and wise management of the public forestlands that belong to them.

## *Potting Workshops*

The next workshops will be in January in preparation for the March 15<sup>th</sup> plant sale at High Desert Home Center. Participation is increasing at the weekend Workshops!

## *November 17<sup>th</sup> Plant Sale Report*

The plant sale proceeds for Desert Planters was \$390.75—one of our best ever! Thanks to the eight DPR members who came to help and to the MANY guests, supporters and members who came to shop.

## *Holiday Tablecloths Available for a Donation to Penny Pines*

Gerry Wisdom has made card table-size Holiday tablecloths available for a minimum donation of \$5 to Penny Pines. The tablecloths will be at the Farmer's Market booth on Friday mornings and at the party on Saturday evening.

<i>Calendar of Events</i>				
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	NOTES
Saturday, December 1, 2007	Holiday Potluck Party <b>NO GENERAL MEETING</b>	Lucille Nielson's home, 501 N. Randall Street in Ridgecrest (corner of Las Flores & Randall)	6 to 9 p.m.	Optional \$10-limit gift exchange, carols, potluck dinner, and luscious desserts! More details on page 1.
Monday, December 3, 2007	Decorate Kern County Library	131 East Las Flores Avenue in Ridgecrest	9 to 11 a.m.	Anyone interested is invited to join in on this long-standing tradition. Call Janet Coleman at 375.5335 to volunteer.
Tuesday, December 18, 2007	<b>NO BUSINESS MEETING!</b>			
Monday, December 31, 2007	Undecorate Kern County Library	131 East Las Flores Avenue in Ridgecrest	9 to 11 a.m.	Helpers are always needed to take decorations down. Call Janet Coleman at 375.5335 to volunteer.
Saturday, January 5, 2008	DPR General Meeting	Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest	1-3:30 p.m.	Michelle Holleran, Home Depot Garden Dept Manager—the realities of Big Box Store plant & gardening department selections.
Tuesday, January 15, 2008	Business Meeting	Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest	1-3:30 p.m.	Officers are requested to attend, members and guests are invited but guests cannot vote.
Saturday, January 26, 2008	Rose Pruning Demonstration	TBD	10 a.m.	Cuttings taken will be used at the February 2 <sup>nd</sup> General meeting on starting rose cuttings.
Saturday, February 5, 2008	DPR General Meeting	Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest	1-3:30 p.m.	Program on starting cuttings from rose prunings.

*Farmer's Market Booth Needs Plant Tenders and Helpers*

Farmer's Market will be held at the usual Triangle Drive location in Ridgecrest December 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 8 to 11 a.m. Members are sorely needed to tend to plants between Market dates, pot plants for future sales, and bring them to the Market on Friday mornings and then take any unsold back home again.

After December, Marianne Kistler will no longer be providing all these services for the Farmer's Market. After all these years, she needs a break!

Please contact Judy Talbot at 371.1953 email [jatalbot@mchsi.com](mailto:jatalbot@mchsi.com) to offer to help.

*Desert Planters Officers 2007-2008*

Dues are \$25 per year per individual; \$35 per year per household.

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