

Desert Trumpet

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Program Change for January 5th General Meeting

Our speaker from Home Depot, Michelle Holleran, is unavailable on Saturday, January 5th due to a just-scheduled required employee training session that day.

A panel discussion on compost is planned instead. If you make compost, have problems making compost, always wondered about compost or are not sure what compost is, this program is for you! Bring your questions and your experiences to share with the panel and the group. Door prizes related to composting will be presented.

The meeting is at Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 North China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in gardening techniques for the desert's challenges is welcome.

Kern County Library Decorating Project

An outstanding group of Holiday Decorators provided the traditional transformation of the Library on December 3rd. Those taking part were Art Spiegel, Marianne Kistler, Debbie Wheeler, LaVerne Harms, Mary and Robair Phillips and Janet Coleman. Their enthusiasm and support is a treasure!

The Ridgecrest Branch of the Kern County Library was un-decorated on Monday, December 31st.

DPR Planning for the Future Committee

A committee is being formed to make decisions on future planning and direction for Desert Planters. If you are a member of DPR and want to be involved please call or email Judy Talbot right away: phone 371.1953, email jatalbot@mchsi.com. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20th from 1 to 3 p.m. at 433 North Inyo Street in Ridgecrest.

Penny Pines Update

Desert Planters has sent in a check for an additional eight Penny Pines Plantations bringing our total this year to 11. That equates to over 3,850 seedlings planted in the fire areas of California. Budgeted funds designated for Arbor Day, Veteran's Day and Patriot Tree plantings were used since there is no chairman coordinating those events this year or last year for DPR.

Funds Given for USO Building Landscaping

A check for \$800 has been issued by DPR Treasurer Art Spiegel for five large landscape trees at the USO Building and will be presented to the Renovation Committee in early January. An additional \$200 was added to the originally planned \$800 to enable the purchase of trees large enough to benefit the area sooner. DPR members and the press will be notified when the presentation is to be made.

Rose Pruning Demonstration Planned January 26th

A rose pruning demonstration led by Marianne Kistler will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 26th. The location is still being cleared so an email will go out to members with the location as well as news items in the local papers and on the radio. Cuttings will be used the following Saturday for starting roses that way—only non-patented roses can legally be started from cuttings and a patent is in place for 17 years.

<i>Calendar of Events</i>				
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	NOTES
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.	Composting in the Desert—a panel discussion by DPR composters is planned.
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.
Sunday, January 20, 2008	DPR Planning Meeting	Judy Talbot's home, 433 North Inyo St just off Las Flores in Ridgecrest	1 to 3 p.m.	Planning for the future of Desert Planters
Saturday, January 26, 2008	Rose Pruning Demonstration	TBD	10 a.m. to noon	Cuttings taken will be used at the February 2 nd General meeting on starting rose cuttings.
Saturday, February 2, 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.
Monday, February 11, 2008	Desert Empire District Winter Board Meeting	CA City	9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Members are encouraged to attend; call Judy or Marianne for arrangements.
Tuesday, February 19, 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, May 10, 2008	IWV Water District Xeriscape Workshop	To be Announced	10 a.m. to Noon	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest is hosting the event.

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