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Nursery Tour is Program for March 1st General Meeting

After a brief welcome, inspiration, announcements and horticulture segment, the program for March 1, 2008 is a tour of Bella Rosa Nursery in College Heights. Bella Rosa specializes in Mediterranean plants that provide a lush look but are still waterwise.

A car caravan will provide transportation to the nursery; if you know you need seating please bring your own folding chair. Limited seating and refreshments will be provided by Kari Hunter at Bella Rosa. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. at Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 North China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest.

Nominating Committee has full slate of officers for 2008-2009

Nominating Committee Chair Penelope LePome and her committee will present a slate of officers at the March 1st general meeting for the new garden club year that begins July 1, 2008. Members of the Nominating Committee, in addition to Penny, are LaVerne Harms and Lucille Nielson. Nominees are announced in March, voted on in April and installed in May. Nominations are accepted from the floor at the April meeting if anyone wants to do that. Please be sure anyone you nominate has agreed in advance to serve.

Because of the hard work of the Nominating Committee and the willingness of members to serve as officers, Desert Planters of Ridgecrest will continue as a CGCI club for the coming garden club year.

California Arbor Day Tree Planting Planned

LaVerne Harms and Gerry Wisdom are coordinating a California Arbor Day tree planting event at Mesquite High School; the date and time is not yet firm so an email will go out to all DPR members with that information. Members without email will receive a mailing with that information.

A Catalpa Tree will be planted to add to the Xeriscape landscaping already in place designed by Ridgecrest's Raintree Nursery owner Luis Miro. Many thanks to LaVerne and Gerry for making this happen!

Desert Empire District April Flower Show in Ridgecrest

Desert Empire District of California Garden Clubs, Inc., of which Desert Planters is a member club, will sponsor a flower show at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds April 24-27, 2008. Judging will be on Wednesday, April 23rd. Members of Desert Planters are encouraged to enter the many categories for judging. Marianne Kistler will provide information on categories, rule books and general guidance at the April 5th general meeting.

CGCI Winter 2009 Board Meeting in Ridgecrest

California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) will hold the Winter 2009 Board meeting in Ridgecrest in January 2009; all Desert Empire District clubs are expected to help with the four-day event. Programs, table decorations, courtesies for visiting State Officers and more will need to be arranged. Oasis Garden Club of IWV member Wanda Hewett is coordinating the event.

DPR Farmer's Market Booth at the Triangle every Friday 8 to 11 a.m.

Invasion of Spring

There's a pride of lions on my front lawn,
 Their dandy ruffs dancing in the dawn.
 King Arthur guards with an army grand
 His yellow soldiers make a merry band.

Arsenals of tulip tips break the ground,
 Explosions of red buds make not a sound.
 Pansy recruits wake, raising their eyes
 To flicker jets swooping from the skies.

Only the front guard is engaged as yet,
 In early assault of this seasons' onset,
 But reinforcements wait in jubilation
 To join the siege of spring's occupation.

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Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	NOTES
Saturday, March 1, 2008	DPR General Meeting	Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest	1-3:30 p.m.	Tour and program at Bella Rosa Nursery in College Heights.
Friday, March 7, 2008	California Arbor Day			See article on Page 1 for DPR's plans.
Saturday, March 15, 2008	Plant Sale	High Desert Home Center, xxxx West Ridgecrest Blvd. in Ridgecrest	9 a.m. to noon	Specializing in grasses, veggies & herbs plus locally-grown plants well-suited for high desert gardens.
Tuesday, March 18, 2008	DPR Business Meeting	Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 North China Lake Blvd.	1 to 3:30 p.m.	Officers & Committee Chairs are requested to attend; all members are encouraged to attend.
April 24-27, 2008	Desert Empire District Flower Show—Theme is "Spring Creations"	Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest	All Day	Members of any DED garden club are encouraged to submit entries. See article above.
Wednesday, April 23, 2008	DED Flower Show Judging	Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest	All Day	
Saturday, May 10, 2008	IWV Water District Xeriscape Workshop	Gladys Merrick Garden at Maturango Museum	10 a.m. to Noon	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest is hosting the event.

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

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