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**Desert Planters
of Ridgecrest
Charter Motto:
"Make
RIDGECREST
Clean & Green"**

The President's Corner

By Shirley Craver

THEME: *Gardener's We Are, We Plant
Our Gardens With Beauty*

Greetings everyone,
We are into March already and a lot of club interests to be thought about. We need to be planting and transplanting into gallon size containers for the Home Show March 27th (Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and March 28th (Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) We need lots of plants and will offer baked items again. Please label and wrap bake goods with clear material so a buyer can see what the item is, label contents, such as CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES, muffins or what ever. "Baggies" work very well, especially the zip-lock type.

Please have plants and baked goods at the fair grounds by 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. We are at located in the same building as last year. If you can help at the sales table, please contact LaVerne or Shirley. This

is one of our projects for raising funds for the club. Please help if you can by donating plants, baked goods or your time.

The committee chairman Rozella Eyre is looking for candidates to run for office (election is in April.) If you want to run for office please contact her.

Gerry Wisdom is Program Chairman for September 2010 thru June 2011. if you have suggestions for programs or know of someone who has special interests that the club would love to hear about

for a program.

LaVerne, our vice president and program chairman for this year, has made arrangements to have our annual end of year meeting at the Grape Leaf Restaurant on May 8th, which is our regular club meeting day and I believe the time to meet there is 12 noon. (More later.)

We are also planning the Desert Empire District meeting that Desert Planters will host on May 17th. We will be calling on members to donate different items for the breakfast and lunch, as well as help setting up that morning before the event.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU
BEEN A MEMBER? IF MORE THAN
TEN YEARS PLEASE CONTACT
ME.

We are looking for members who have been in the club the longest.



**Spring Plant Sale
at the Home Show March 27, at
the Desert Empire Fair Grounds.
Continue to pot up your plants in
gallon size containers.**

Two volunteers are needed for the MARCH AND APRIL general meeting for refreshments, one to bring cookies and napkins and another to bring drinks and cups. PLEASE CONTACT ME, SHIRLEY, if you would like to be a host.

The Life Membership Committee is selecting a deserving member for a Life Membership. CGCI uses these funds for several scholarship awards

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- March 7 **California Arbor Day**
- March 9 **Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon,**
2nd Tuesday, 12:00 noon at Victoria's at the Heritage. (In courtyard at Heritage Inn). RSVP 375-8331. DPR is a member.
- March 13 **DPR Monthly Meeting, 1 PM** — Immanuel Christian Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd.
- Speaker:** Taryn Tree, is a Landscape designer and owner of *Treehouse Landscape Design*, a landscape design and consulting business she opened in Ridgecrest, in 2003. At this meeting Taryn will talk about your *Garden Focal Point*. She has had the opportunity to draw plans and put in many beautiful landscapes throughout the area, as well as custom ordering of unique plants that grow well here. Taryn graduated from Brigham Young University in 2000 completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture: Landscape & Urban Horticulture. Taryn worked and studied in the horticulture/plant industry since 1993 with organizations and companies in the wholesale/retail plant industry (Internship at Monrovia Wholesale Nursery, Dayton, Oregon, and Walter Anderson's Nursery in San Diego), National Park Service (YCC leader for Cabrillo National Monument in San Diego), landscape maintenance, landscape design (Internship with Designer's Touch, Spanish Fork, Utah). Bring a note book to write notes in. We are delighted to have Taryn back.
- Horticulture Grow & Show by: All members please bring plant cuttings from your garden.
 - Door Prizes awarded, come and be the lucky winner.
 - Hosts: TBD
- March 23 **DPR Business Meeting is the 4th Tuesday. 1 PM.** Meet at Lucille Nielson's home, 501 North Randall Street. Randall Street is off of Los Flores, one street east of Downs Avenue. **All members welcome.**
- March 27—28 Plant Sale at The Home Show located at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds. 520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest (March 27th. Members set up at 9:30 A.M.) The show starts (Saturday. 10 AM to 6 PM and March 28th Sunday, 10 AM to 3 PM.) The IWW Water District Hands-On, How-To Seminar from 1-3:30 PM.
- Date TBD An Arbor Day Planting will take place for Kathleen Pratt at the *Gladys Merrick Gardens* at the Maturango Museum. Date TBD.

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each year. If you have suggestions the committee would appreciate your suggestions. Please contact Chairman Lucille Nielson.

That's it for this month. SEE YOU MARCH 13th at the GENERAL MEETING. THANK YOU EVERY ONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT. *Shirley*

March in your Garden:

Bulbs are up and blooming all over the garden, it's exciting to find a new one in bloom each new day. After your bulbs are through blooming do not cut off the spent foliage, but do clip the seed heads which form after the flowers are gone. "The foliage is needed by the plants to store food for the next year's blossoms." Enjoy the spring bulbs now and plan to plant more next fall. The red tulips no longer come up that I planted 30 years ago, but my father-in-law Max always enjoyed them. So next fall I shall replant some in his memory.

Our violets bloomed all winter long under the Mesquite tree in our front yard. Now is a good time to transplant them along with primroses, coreopsis and calendula.

"Early March is a good time to divide perennials or to set out new ones. Do not disturb iris or daylilies now. They are best moved and divided when dormant in August. It is a good time to establish star jasmine, gazanias and rosemary."

"All early vegetables: onion seeds or sets, peas, radishes, lettuce, spinach, chard, beets, carrots, cabbages and broccoli and hardy flowers can be planted now. Don't delay past the middle of the month. Keep the soil evenly moist until the seedlings emerge..."

"By late March, plant corn, beans, melons, squash, and frost-tender flowers. Set out bedding plants and perennial ornamentals from containers. Tomatoes and peppers can go in by the end of March. Protection in the form of hot caps may be good idea if nights are still below 50°. Open the hot caps to allow air circulation on warm days. The plants will soon grow out of the tops..."

Quotes from *Month by Month Gardening* by Evelyn Calaway and Revised by Kathleen Pratt. Published by Desert Planters of Ridgecrest. *LaVerne Harms*

Thank You: Lucille Nielson for the delicious home made cookies, LaVerne Harms for providing drinks and Shirley Craver for providing the cups for the February meeting. Thank you Agnes Mayes and LaVerne Harms for bringing plants (Rosella Eyre's plants) for the door prizes.

CGCI, NGC, DED AND DPR, COMING EVENTS:

April 7-9, 2010 Flower Show Symposium, Sacramento. Sponsor: CGCI. Chairman: Gloria Aminian

April 20-21, 2010 Gardening Study School, Series 21, Course II, Loomis. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District. Chairman: Patsy Jeffery

April 22-24, 2010 66th Annual Pacific Region Convention, Spokane, WA.

May 1, 2010, 10-Noon. Spring Xeriscape Workshop. Sponsor: IWV Water District. Co-Host Desert Planters at the USO Building, Ridgecrest Blvd. along with a plant sale. Special guest R. Steve Miller, Landscape Architect, Native Plant Expert and Master Gardener Program Educator.

May 8, 2010, 12 Noon Desert Planters of Ridgecrest Anniversary Luncheon — Grape Leaf Restaurant, 901 N. Heritage Drive, Ridgecrest.

May 17, 2010 9:30 AM, Desert Empire District Annual Spring Meeting. Host: Desert Planters of Ridgecrest. United Methodist Church, 639 N. Norma Street, Ridgecrest.

June 4 – 7, 2010, CGCI 79th Convention, Westlake Village. Sponsor: Channel Islands Dist.

June 14, 2010 Desert Empire District Post Convention. Desert Empire Fair Grounds, 520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest. Host: Oasis Garden Club of IWV.

- CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (CGCI) State Garden Club information www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org.
- PACIFIC REGION www.PacificRegionGardenClubs.org
- NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. for National Garden Club information—www.GardenClub.org.
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