

Desert Trumpet

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November 10, 2007 Program: Starting Hardwood Cuttings

The DPR November 10th meeting will feature a hands-on lesson on taking hardwood cuttings and starting your own plants from them. Our own Marianne Kistler will show us how to plant them, what soil type and size of pot to use and how to keep them growing. This is a hands-in-the-dirt opportunity to learn a very valuable skill.

Hardwood cuttings are done during the fall season from trees, shrubs, roses and a few natives such as Chitalpa tree branches, Olive tree, Arborvitae, Ash tree, Red-Twig Dogwood, Pomegranate, Vitex, Carolina Jessamine, Honeysuckle, Spirea, California Bay Tree, California Native Rose and a few other roses. Cuttings of most of these will be available for planting. Attendees will be able to plant several cuttings of their choice and take them home.

The meeting is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest. Guests are always welcome; meetings are designed to teach about gardening in this challenging climate and include a horticulture segment on plant identification and care.

DPR November General Meeting Date Changed for Xeriscape Workshop

To allow participation in the IWV Water District Xeriscape Workshop on Saturday, November 3rd, Desert Planters November General meeting has been moved to Saturday, November 10th. All members of Desert Planters are encouraged to take part in the Workshop; call the Water District Community Education Coordinator, Lucinda Sue Crosby at 384.5518, to reserve your spot and get directions to the location. It is an outstanding opportunity to see how inviting and creative xeriscape gardening can be. Low water use landscaping is an important part of gardening in the desert.

If you have email and would like to receive your newsletter in Adobe Reader format, please send a note to Judy Talbot at jatalbot@mchsi.com to get put on that list. Website www.adobe.com has the Reader available free.

Desert Planters Yearbook Available at November 10th Meeting

The DPR 2007-2008 yearbook will be available for all members at the November 10th meeting. Those attending the General meeting that day will be able to take their Yearbook home; the remainder will be mailed.

Desert Planters of Ridgecrest By-Laws Change Requires Vote

In order to change the DPR By-Laws to include the IRS tax exempt organization paragraphs, a vote of the membership is required. This brief item of business will be part of the General meeting on November 10th.

Plant Sale November 17th at High Desert Home Center

A plant sale for trees, shrubs, houseplants, bulbs and more will be on Saturday, November 17th from 9 a.m. to noon at the east side of the High Desert Home Center parking lot, 235 West Ridgecrest Blvd in Ridgecrest. All members, guests and supporters of Desert Planters are encouraged to stop by, help at the booth and/or tell friends, family, neighbors and co-workers—where else can you buy acclimated plants for this area in the prime planting season? And the prices can't be beat!

DPR Business meeting minutes & Treasurer's Report are available on the Information tables at each General meeting.

Penny Pines Banks

DPR Treasurer Art Spiegel reports about \$40.00 has been donated to the Penny Pines fund so far this year. Mary Phillips is Desert Planters Penny Pines Chair. Penny Pines is a reforestation project to help replant after forest fires—a major concern after the devastation in Southern California in October. A plantation of 350 trees is \$68.00. For more information go to: www.cagardenclubs.org/html/Chairmen/pennypines.html

Penny Pines Tidbits

The program is a statewide conservation project supported by numerous individuals and organizations. Garden clubs, Women's clubs, men's service organizations, youth groups and schools have all cooperated to help keep California's forests green and growing.

Potting Workshops October 31st and November 11th

A weekday plant workshop is planned at Donnie Woods' potting area at 458 East Monte Vista Avenue in College Heights, 375.7243, woods1@ridgenet.net on Wednesday, October 31st at 1 p.m. Weekend plant workshops are held at Judy Talbot's garage at 433 N Inyo Street just off Las Flores west of Downs, 371.1953, jatalbot@mchsi.com. Date this month is November 11th from 2 to 4 p.m. See the calendar on page 3 for details.

Potting Workshops are an opportunity to learn potting, planting, transplanting, container mixes, how to choose containers, plus tips and skills of experienced gardeners. And it's relaxing fun among friends!

Committee Chairs Still Needed

The following DPR committee Chairs still need to be filled for 2007-2008:

- Arbor Day, Veteran's Day, National Garden Clubs. Inc. Patriotic Tree plantings—has one committee member: Elizabeth Lorch
- Farmer's Market Promotions and Operations—vacant
- Horticulture Chair—vacant
- Kern County Library Holiday Decorations—has one committee member: Mary Phillips
- Nominating Committee—has one member: Penelope LePome, By-Laws require three.
- Scholarship Fundraising--vacant
- Scholarship Recipient Search—has one committee member: Taryn Tree

Contact Co-Presidents Marianne Kistler at 384.4995 kistler@iwvisp.com or Judy Talbot 371.1953 jatalbot@mchsi.com to learn more and volunteer.

Nominating Committee Has One Member

Penny LePome has accepted a nomination to the DPR Nominating Committee; two more members are needed.

Thank you Penny!

October 20th Plant Sale Report

Plant Sale Coordinator, Marianne Kistler, reports \$181.25 was made in three hours at the October 20th sale held in conjunction with the USO Building Yard Sale. DPR members staffing the booth were Donnie Woods, Debbie Wheeler, Judy Talbot, Mary Phillips, Elizabeth Lorch and Marianne Kistler. In spite of high winds—and an airborne table!—the morning was very enjoyable.

Desert Planters Officers 2007-2008

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

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<i>Calendar of Events</i>				
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	NOTES
Wednesday, October 31, 2007	Weekday Potting Workshop	Donnie Woods' potting area, 458 East Monte Vista Avenue in College Heights	1 to 3 p.m.	Bring water, snack, hat, gloves; potting soil, trowels, pots are provided.
Saturday, November 3, 2007	IWV Water District Xeriscape Workshop FREE -- RESERVATION REQUIRED.	Provided at Registration	10 a.m. to noon	Speaker: R. Steve Miller CA Dept of Transportation. Featured events: music, artists at work, door prizes.
Saturday, November 10, 2007 NOTE DATE CHANGE	General Meeting	Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest	1-3:30 p.m.	Hardwood Cuttings Demonstration/hands-on Workshop with Marianne Kistler. Come and learn how to do this fun project!
Sunday, November 11, 2007	Weekend Potting Workshop	433 North Inyo Street in Ridgecrest	2 to 4 p.m.	Bring your excess plants, seeds & cuttings if desired--potting soil & pots provided.
Saturday, November 17, 2007	Plant Sale	High Desert Home Center, 235 W. Ridgecrest Blvd in RC	9 a.m. to noon	Trees, shrubs, houseplants & bulbs.
Tuesday, November 20, 2007	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, December 1, 2007	Holiday Potluck Party NO GENERAL MEETING	Lucille Nielson's home, 501 N. Randall Street in Ridgecrest (corner of Las Flores & Randall)	6 p.m.	Optional \$10-limit gift exchange, carols, potluck dinner, and luscious desserts!
Monday, December 3, 2007	Decorate Library for Holidays	Kern County Library, 131 East Las Flores Avenue, Ridgecrest	9 to 11 a.m.	All members, guests and supporters are invited to take part in this long-standing tradition.
Monday, January 2, 2008	Undecorate Library	Kern County Library, 131 East Las Flores Avenue, Ridgecrest	9 to 11 a.m.	All members, guests and supporters are invited to take part in this long-standing tradition.

Farmer's Market at the Triangle November 2, 9, 16 and 30 from 8 to 11 a.m.

Golden Gardens Magazine Available
 CA Garden Clubs Inc. magazine has articles in the October-November 2007 issue that include: State President Robin Pokorski's travel schedule, container gardening with succulents, several new guidebooks for Clubs, growing veggies, CA native plants and saving heirloom seeds, grants available for local clubs and much more. You can pick up a copy free at the Information Tables.

Desert Planters was organized by Alice Hirsch on April 20, 1963 and federated (joined CGCI) on May 22, 1963. Check the new Yearbook on pages 35-41 for a glimpse of Desert Planters of Ridgecrest 45 years of history.