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The Presidents Corner

By Shirley Craver

THEME: *Gardeners We Are, We Plant Our Gardens With Beauty*

Hello Members and Friends of the Desert Planters of Ridgecrest Garden Club,

Our club is open to all who wish to visit. — The truth is, we really need you...

General meetings are at Immanuel Ministry Center between the hospital and Pizza Hut from 1 — 3:30 PM. Business meetings are the last Tuesday of the month, same place, same time. The December meeting is our Christmas party at the home of Lucille Neilson (no meetings).

There are two big events coming up shortly, first, the CGCI Winter Board Meeting in January and DED Board meeting February 9, 2009, that we are hosting (see more DED details in the December newsletter.)

The CGCI Winter Board is January 22 — 25, 2009, WHICH INCLUDES ALL OF CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS, this event is taking place at the Carriage Inn in Ridgecrest. CGCI Officers and Chairmen are required to attend and invited guests are coming from all over the state of California. This is where the CGCI business is generated for all the state garden clubs. There are Guest-speakers, entertainment, chairmen reports and etc. Wanda Hewitt of Oasis GC is the CGCI-Winter Board chairman. See www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org web site for registration forms and information.

The Desert Empire District is hosting this meeting. The district includes four clubs:

California City, Boron Garden Club, Oasis Garden Club of IWV, and Desert Planters.

As DPR, are part of the DED we are doing the table designs for one of the dinners (10 tables). Renee Oliver has a clever design in mind. If you want to help her out, give her a buzz at 375-6498.

Help is also required in the Hospitality Room, two Page's attend each business meeting, there is a raffle ticket table, and a registration table. Each club is to donate four-dozen cookies or bars for the hospitality room. This district has a small membership, but a big heart.

There are three days that DPR has a table to set up in the hospitality room, where we can offer items to purchase, nice home made crafts, plants and etc. Whatever donations we receive go into DPR's bank.

Each registered guest receives a hostess bag. If you have a suggestion or know of a business or an individual who would like to donate something as an advertisement or gift, please give this President or another officer a call.

If you have any news you'd like to tell us about or an article, call Editor La Verne, 375-9505. Also, if you know of a member who is ill, or any thing that we can help a member that is in need, please call, Sunshine chairman — Wanda Church.

Thanks everyone for all your help, especially LaVerne, our newsletter editor, Arthur, Treasure, Wanda, Sunshine plus a lot more, Lucille, Penny Pines chairman, Renee, Recording Secretary and for all the legal help, Crystal, photos, Agnes, who is always eager to help in other areas, Dorothy Bennett, Civic Chairman, and, Penny, who makes sure club advertisings gets in the newspapers

My Best to every one,
Shirley

**Charter Motto:
"Make Ridgecrest Clean and Green"**

**NOVEMBER 8,
PROGRAM:**

SPEAKER: Janet Eyre

DATE/TIME: Saturday,
November 8, 2008—1PM

LOCATION: Immanuel
Ministry Center, 1201 N.
China Lake Blvd., Ridge-
crest

TOPIC: "Floral Table
Designs for your Holidays."

Eyre has been designing
with flowers for 30 years,
she has many design
awards.

She attended "CGCI
Flower Show School"
which consists of (three-
classes) and was a member
of the "Desert Design Study
Group."

Members and guests are
encouraged to bring a vase
to put their designs in, (DPR
is not supplying vases).

Taryn Tree is leading the
horticulture discussion. She
is a member and a local
business owner, *Tree House
Landscaping*. Also DPR
Landscape Design winner.
The meeting includes a
"Show and Tell" of horti-
culture specimens by
members. Refreshments.

**Plant Exchange and
Sale at Monthly
Meetings**

Remember: to bring
plants to the November 8th
meeting for the "Plant Ex-
change." To become
involved bring a plant to
the meeting to exchange or
you can purchase one.

**MENDMENTS, COM-
POST, and MULCH**

By Wanda Church

What is the difference?
Here are some definitions to
help you navigate the puz-
zle.

A soil **amendment** is a ma-
terial that primarily im-
proves the soil physically,
as opposed to chemically.
Soil amendments typically
consist of organic matter
such as peat moss, compost,
aged manure, leaf mold,
worm castings, or similar
organic materials. Although
soil amendments sometimes
contain plant nutrients, the
nutrient level is generally
not high enough for this ma-
terial to be considered fertil-
izer. (Take a soil sample
and add the nutrients
needed).

Compost is made by trans-
forming biodegradable
waste products into a mate-
rial which helps produce
rich and fertile soil. You can
either buy it or make it
yourself. Consult your gar-
den book or the Web for
instructions on how to make
it. A few of the best com-
posting materials include
leaves, shredded newspaper,
grass clippings, farm ma-
nure, garden waste, sawdust
(not from particle board or
plywood) and vegetable
peelings. Items you defi-
nitely don't want to use are
bones, meat scraps, cat or
dog manure, grease, unde-
sirable such as crabgrass
and goat-heads or diseased
plants.

Mulch is any substance
spread on the soil surface to
protect plant roots from

heat, cold or drought or to
keep fruit clean. Mulches
include plastic, rocks, rock
chips (don't work rocks
back into the soil), straw,
compost, sawdust and simi-
lar materials.

As you can see from the
above, **Compost** is a great
multi-tasker as a soil im-
provement, an enrichment,
and a mulch. It will benefit
your garden in many ways.

Wanda Church

BELLA ROSA NURSERY

Judy Talbot reported:
"Bella Rosa Nursery, lo-
cated in College Heights
offers Mediterranean type
plants for sale which do
very well in our climate..."

Judy Talbot

"For anyone who may be
interested Bella Rosa Nurs-
ery and its proprietor Kari
Hunter have run into zoning
trouble

...There will be an opportu-
nity for Ridgecrest citizens
to express their opinions on
this matter at Jon
McQuiston's local office on
Thursday, November 13 at 7
PM. Statements will be
taken via satellite..."

*Lucinda Sue Crosby, Indian
Wells Valley Water District*

**UPDATE — DED
HOSTING CGCI
WINTER BOARD IN
RIDGECREST**

By Editor

It was suggested at the
DPR Board Meeting to
make one basket containing
items for tea, including a tea
pot, cups and of course vari-
ous types of tea.

Another basket with gar-
den items such as a trowel,
garden gloves, and etc.
These baskets are raffled off
at dinner time during the
four day event. This is a
money maker for the district
and is very popular with the
CGCI members who attend
these meeting, we all want
to be winners.

Editor

"...Cecile could use more
hostess help. ...Everyone
needs to help with this pro-
ject, by calling Chairperson
Cecile Campbell of Califor-
nia City — phone (760)
373-3517 or e-mail at
Cecile@icnuts.com. Any-
one who has any questions
on this topic contact Cecile."

Renee Oliver

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CALENDAR 2008—2009

- Nov 8 Desert Planters Meeting, 1 PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake. Program: “Floral Designs for your Holidays,” by Janet Eyre, Floral Designer, President of Boron Garden Club, CGCI Memorial Gardens Chairman, former DED Director and DPR member. Bring a vase or container of your choice. Desert Planters is supplying the flowers. See Program details, Pg 2, Col. 1.
- Horticulture Chairman: Taryn Tree — Bring plant specimens from your garden for *Show and Tell*.
- Prior to the meeting we are meeting at 11:15 AM, with Janet Eyre for lunch at the Potpourri located in the Carriage Inn. Everyone is invited, please call LaVerne Harms for reservations, 375-9505.
- Refreshments: Penelope LePome and Lucille Nielson
- Nov 8 2008 Fall Xeriscape Workshop, *Water Wise is Beautiful*, at Historic USO Building by the IWV Water District, 9:30 AM—12, To reserve a seat contact: Lucinda Sue Crosby, 760 384-5518. Attend the Xeriscape Workshop in the AM, then attend Desert Planters meeting in the afternoon.
- Nov 11 Plant Potting Workshop, Shirley Craver, 6554 Plains, Inyokern. Bring plants and pots if you don't have plants come anyway and bring a pair of gloves. For directions call 377-4629. **HELP**— If any of the members or friends of Desert Planters has empty gallon pots please notify one of the officers, we desperately need them. Please call Shirley for directions to her home, 377-4629.
- Nov 20 DED meeting for planning the CGCI Winter Board Meeting—Time 11 a.m., at the Oasis boardroom at the fair grounds.
- Nov 24 DPR Board Meeting, 1 PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake. All members welcome.
- Dec 1 Decorate Ridgecrest Library for Christmas, 9—11 AM, 131 E. Las Flores Avenue. All members can participate.
- Dec 13 DPR Christmas Party, 6 PM at Lucille Nielson's home, 501 Randall Street. Potluck and gift exchange.
- Jan 10 Desert Planters Meeting, 1 PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake. Program: California Native Plants, Speaker: Donna Thomas, Oasis GC President, CGCI CA Native Plants Chairman, DED Treasure, former DED Director and member of Water Board.

CGCI SPONSORED SCHOOLS

- Landscape Design Study Program, Series 23, Course III, February 4-5, 2009, Temecula Public Library, Temecula
Sponsor: Palomar District,
Chairman: Felicia Hogan, 951-587-8181 or felicia10@roadrunner.com,
Registrar: Joan Patten, 760-749-3766 or JoanPatten@vcweb.org.
See www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org for registration form.

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