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The President's Corner

By Shirley Craver

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

Happy thanksgiving to all our members and your family. I hope this finds all of you well, and avoiding that terrible flu. Get your flu shot. Information about the flu clinics in this vicinity is included on page three.

We had a very interesting board meeting on Oct 26, at Lucille's house. The main interest points are also in the newsletter. It is my hope that everyone reads the club news letter as LaVerne works hard to inform every one of all the club news if you are unable to come to the meetings.

The officers hope that you will attend the general meetings as that is where we ask you to vote on projects or changes in rules and agendas. You, the member, are the most important person in this club, since without you there would be no Desert Planters Garden Club. Come and take part, we need you. REALLY, WE DO !!!!

The Christmas party is Dec. 5th at Lucille Neilson's, same place as last year, on Randall at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite food, salad, main dish, desert or what ever you wish to bring. The club is furnishing the Turkey.

If you wish to exchange a gift, bring one, not over \$10 wrapped, but not labeled. You do not have to take part in the gift exchange unless you wish to do so, BUT

STILL COME, EAT AND ENJOY
GREAT FRIENDS.

Thanks for supporting the garden club All of you are very wonderful people (members and family).

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND
PLEASE, STAY WELL !!
Mrs. S. B. Craver, Sr.

Remember: November 7th bring all your plants, new or used garden related items, books, gloves, tools, etc. for the Plant Sale at the USO Building.

Egyptian Walking Onion

Available at the DPR plant sale Saturday are Egyptian Walking Onion sets that I received from Sharon Todd a friend of DPR. For further information check out these two sites she suggested.

<http://www.egyptianwalkingonion.com/home.htm#> and
<http://davesgarden.com/guides/articles/view/2296/>.
Editor

Remember: to bring a nonperishable food item to the meeting for the food pantry.

- 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.
- Desert Empire District (DED). To download the *Desert Trumpet*—www.DesertEmpireDistrict.org.

November 7
Saturday

Indian Wells Valley Water District is presenting the *Fall 2009 Xeriscape Workshop* on Saturday, from 10 am to noon at the USO Building on Ridgecrest Blvd. Event Chairman Lucinda Sue Crosby.

Desert Planters and Oasis Garden Clubs Plant Sales start earlier at 9:00 a.m. until Noon (We will setup at 8 A.M.) outside on the east side of the USO building. DPR will have membership information pamphlets, the *Desert Trumpet* newsletter, to hand out and our *Month by Month* garden books will be available for \$12.00.

Remember: Bring all your plants, new or used garden related items, books, gloves, tools, etc. for the opportunity table. Be sure and have the plants identified and the price marked on all your items.

November 10
Tuesday

Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon, 2nd Tuesday, 12:00 noon at Victoria's at the Heritage. (in courtyard at Heritage Inn). RSVP 375-8331

November 14
Saturday

- **DPR Monthly Meeting, 1 PM** — This month the meeting is back at the Immanuel Christian Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd.
- **Speaker:** Aida Stafford is planning to discuss "Floral Designs for Fall and the Christmas season." She is showing us how to use different types of wreaths. Stafford is a member of Oasis Garden Club of IWW, she participated and has helped their club set up many flower shows here in the valley.
- Horticulture Grow & Show by: All members please bring plant cuttings from your garden. Door Prizes awarded, come and be the lucky winner.
- Refreshments graciously provided by: Wanda Church and LaVerne Harms.

November 24
Tuesday

Please note: DPR Business Meeting location change:
DPR Business Meeting 4th Tuesday. 1 PM. Meet at Lucille Nielson's home, All members welcome.

November 30
Monday

Decorate the Kern County Library for the Christmas Season. 9 A.M. Enter the library by the west side office door. The Librarian Marsha Lloyd will have the door open just for DPR. Please sign up with the decorating chairman Arthur Spiegel. This will be the 46th year DPR is decorating the library.

December 5
Saturday

Desert Planters 46th Annual Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner Saturday evening.
6 P.M. Lucille Nielson is graciously hosting the party at her home.

January 8 - 9, 2010

CGCI Winter Board Meeting,
San Diego, Host Palomar District.

February 8, 2010

Monday **Desert Empire District Winter Board Meeting**
Host: Desert Rose of California City, Cecile Campbell, President

Charter Motto:
" Make Ridgecrest Clean and Green "

TOP- 10 THINGS TO DO IN THE FALL – OR – “PUTTING AWAY THE GARDEN”

SUGGESTIONS BY KARI HUNTER OWNER OF BELLA
ROSA NURSERY, RIDGECREST

By Wanda Church

1. Gather seeds. Put them in glass jars and mark with a permanent marker.
2. Plant shrubs and trees such as vitex, bird of paradise, Texas mountain laurel, Mediterranean fan palms, red yucca, silver berry tree and penstemon.
3. Transplant volunteers. You have six weeks of growth before it gets cold.
4. Start cuttings. For succulents, take cutting and strip about 2 inches (let set out for a day) dust the cutting with root hormone then stick into dirt.
5. Start cold crops broccoli, peas, lettuce, etc. Shake herb seeds into the garden.
6. Compost with dead plants, coffee grounds, leaves, etc.. Keep them wet all winter and add African night crawlers. You can get them at Wal-Mart in the Sporting Dept.
7. Feed everything now. Add bone meal and blood meal.
8. Add hardscapes if want while the temperatures are cooler to work in.
9. Paint pots now to add color to your garden for the drab winter. You can repaint another color for spring if you desire.
10. Get houseplants. To liven up the indoors for fall and winter. Try orchids in a large jar. Kari Hunter is having success with orchids in a large terrarium.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

October 26, 2009 Business Meeting

- There were no recommendations.
- October 12, 2009, the committee completed the changes to the bylaws, and standing rules, they are included with this newsletter. We will vote on the changes at the November 14th meeting.

DOOR PRIZES:

Thank you for the door prizes donated at the October meeting:

- Wanda Church an Elephant plant, and an Aloe Vera orange bloom.
- Agnes Mayes two Ruella's that she started from cuttings. Walgreen's has some growing around their store with the purple blooms.

Note: If you missed us at Immanuel Baptist Church again last month we ended up at the Kern County Library because of construction at the church.

Editor

*Happy Thanksgiving
to all!*

My Garden

By Ogden Nash

My garden will never make me famous
I'm a horticultural ignoramus,
I can't even tell a string-bean from a soybean,
Or even a girl bean from a boy bean.

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Swine Flu Vaccine Clinics

Kerr McGee Center, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Inyokern Baptist Church, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to
noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Rand Community Building, Nov. 18 from 9-11 a.m

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