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The Presidents Corner

By Shirley Craver

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

Hello every one!!

It is getting to be fall as we can see the trees turning and temperatures going down. We are helping with the CGCI Winter Board 2009. We are lucky to have it in Ridgecrest as we will not have to travel and this will also be the same location for the Wildflower conference in Ridgecrest

Desert Planters decided to change the October date for our plant sale to another date, most likely in the spring. Please keep planting for the sale though, it is important that we have a good variety of plants. Also, the District canceled the bazaar in November to later date due to not finding a real good place to hold it.

Remember to bring a plant to the General meeting (second Saturday in October) for exchanging or to buy. The (executives group) hope this will bring some money into the treasure)

There are dates set for potting work shops and everyone is welcome. If nothing else, come and visit!!!!

Bye for now,
Shirley Craver, President.

HOW TO "FORCE" HYACINTHS, CROCUS AND PAPER WHITES

By Wanda Church

Forcing bulbs is an easy project and provides cheer and a heavenly fragrance for the dreary days of winter.

There are special vases made for forcing bulbs that have a fairly narrow neck with a fanned out rim at the top large enough to support the bulb. You can find these at garden shops or mail order houses, but you can improvise if you have a jar or vase of similar shape. Try hyacinths or crocus bulbs for this type of vase. I found some at the drugstore last year.

Bulbs are available now at garden shops, so pick the healthiest ones available. Look for those that still have the brown papery covering attached.

Put water in the vase up to where it "necks" down. Then place the bulb in the top so the root end just barely touches the water. Place it in a cool, dark room, i.e., an unused closet, for about four to eight weeks or until the root system has developed and the tops are long and green. Then put it out into indirect sunlight and you will soon have a lovely blossom.

For paper whites, use a shallow pan and fill it with water and pebbles to support the bulbs. Use several bulbs this time and place them securely in the pebbles deep enough that a small portion of the very bottom of the bulb contacts with the water. Here again, put them in a cool, dark room for several weeks and take them out when you can see the root growth and green shoots. Then move to a sunny location for beautiful white blooms and a heavy fragrance. You can move it outdoors if the fragrance is overpowering.

Charter Motto:
"Make Ridgecrest Clean and Green"

October 11, Program: "

By Penny LePome

SPEAKER: Representative of the Kern County Fire Dept

DATE/TIME: Saturday, October 11, 2008 1PM

LOCATION: Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd., Ridgecrest

TOPIC: "Fire Retardant Plants for Your Landscape" Besides talking about fire retardant plants for your landscape, they will also speak about fire safety in and around your home, such as smoke detectors. The meeting will include a "show and tell" of horticulture by members. Refreshments.

Plant Exchange and Sale at Monthly Meetings

Bring a plant to the November 11th meeting for the "Plant Exchange." To become involved bring a plant to the meeting to exchange or you can buy one. This donation will increase our treasury since we are no longer able to continue selling our plants at the Farmer's Market on Fridays.

Editor

Update—DED Hosting CGCI Winter Board in Ridgecrest

By Editor

Several DPR members are chairman for this event that is going to be held January, 22-25, 2009 at the Carriage Inn. Wanda Hewett is the DED Chairman. If you would like to be involved its not too late to call her and volunteer, 760 377-4655. It's going to take a large number of DED members to host this event.

Renee Oliver has a good idea for a table designs, she is even making the containers in her pottery class at Cerro Coso College. Our club is responsible for 10 tables for one of the dinners.

We are also responsible for making up a beautiful basket that is going to be raffled off during the four day event. This is a money maker for the district and is very popular with the CGCI members who attend these meetings, were always hoping to be winners.

Your president would like our club to make up two baskets, one a combination picnic basket and the other is up for suggestions.

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At this 4-day meeting our club has an opportunity to a set up a table to sell items of our choice, such as hand-made crafts, plants, nuts, etc. What ever *donations* we receive the club keeps for our treasury.

Hope we can come up with some suggestions. The California City GC is considering offering *See's Candy*

The next planning meeting is October 30, at 11 AM Location: the Oasis GC meeting room at the Desert Empire Fair Grounds.

LaVerne Harms

Board Recommendations, September 23, 2008 Meeting:

1. To provide a door prize at the general meeting.
2. It was moved that the prize is not to exceed more than \$10.00 dollars.

Ratify:

1. Accept with regret the resignation of Crystal Tripp, Corresponding Secretary.
2. The appointment of Wanda Church for Corresponding Secretary

DPR Plant Sale Rescheduled

Plant sale set for Oct 17, is **rescheduled** to April 17, 2009 at the High Desert Home Center, 345 W Ridgecrest Blvd.

"Only after the last TREE has been cut down, Only after the last RIVER has been poisoned, Only after the last FISH has been caught, Only then will you find that money CANNOT be eaten."

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CALENDAR 2008—2009

- Oct 11 Desert Planters Meeting, 1 PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. Horticulture Chairman: Renee Oliver — Refreshments: Wanda Church and LaVerne Harms. See Program details, Pg 2, Col. 1.
- Oct 13 Plant Potting Workshop, 1 PM, Harms's, 2395 W. Ridgecrest Blvd. Bring plants and pots if you don't have plants come anyway and bring a pair of gloves and get your hands dirty and join in the fun.
- Oct 28 DPR Board Meeting, 1PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake. All members welcome to attend.
- Oct 16 to 19 Desert Empire Fair, Floriculture/Horticulture "We're Nuts About the Fair" Sponsor, Oasis Garden Club. Entries Received Oct. 14. See DEF Exhibitor Guidebook for rules.
- Oct 30 DED planning meeting for CGCI Winter Board, 11 AM, Oasis GC Meeting room.
- Nov 4 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.
- Nov 8 Desert Planters Meeting, 1 PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake. Program: "Floral Designs for the Holidays," by Janet Eyre, Floral Designer, President of Boron GC, CGCI Memorial Gardens Chairman, and former DED Director. Bring a vase or container of your choice. Desert Planters is supplying the flowers.
- Nov 8 2008 Fall Xeriscape Workshop, *Water Wise is Beautiful*, at Historic USO Building by the IWV Water District, Nov 9:30 AM—12, To reserve a seat contact: 760 384-5518. Pick up a flyer at the DPR meeting.
- 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 St. 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 Director and member of Water Board

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Water Conference

October 23 & 24, 2008

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd.,
Encino, 91436-1101

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To encourage the improvement of roadsides and parks.

Visit www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org for registration form

Environmental Studies School

November 1 & 2, 2008

Series 4, Course 3 San Mateo

Sponsor: Bay Ocean District

Chairmen: Shane LooperSLoooper@sbcglobal.net

See www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org for flyer.

Landscape Design Studies Program

October 25-26, 2008

Series 22, Course 3

Location: San Andreeas

Sponsor: Calaveras County Garden Club

See www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org for flyer.