



We Want You!

*Together WE can Enhance the Present and
Protect our Future - - Jump In!*

Desert Planters of Ridgecrest Desert Trumpet Newsletter

PLANT!!



Protect the Pollinators



Water Conservation



Pesticide Awareness



Teach



JUMP IN!!!



*Members and Non Members—get involved with YOUR future!
Bring your Friends and Family to the Desert Planters Club Meetings.
There are Plant Sales, Presentations and President's Projects that you can
PARTICIPATE with!
Be part of a Cleaner Healthier Ridgecrest!*

Remembering One of our Members

Agnes Mayes

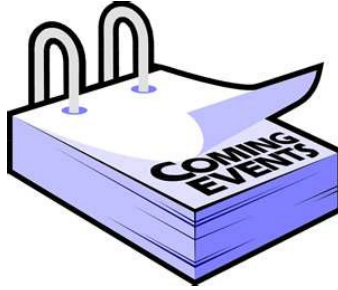


You will all remember Agnes Mayes, who has been a faithful member of Desert Planters since the club's earliest days. She has generously donated many, many plants from her garden for our plant sales and door prizes. Over the years, she has willingly shared her gardening expertise and experiences. We all miss her presence at our meetings.

Agnes is now living in a Skilled Nursing Facility in Lake Isabella and would love a visit or a newsy card from her friends in the club.

When you have time, please write or visit her.

This Year's



September 17th
DPR Meeting
10:00am; Library
Topic: "Your Garden & Birds"
By: Mr. & Mrs. Dan & Brenda
Burnett
(Possibly Ms. Kathy LaSure)



September 26
DED Meeting
9:30am
Oasis Garden Club Hosting at
Fair Grounds



September 28
DPR Board Meeting
1:00pm
Lucille's Home



October 14
DPR Meeting
10:00am
Library



October 15
"The Evolving Back Yard"
By: Mr. Skip Gorman of
Windfall Ranch



October 26
DPR Board Meeting
1:00pm
Lucille's Home



November 19
DPR Meeting
10:00am; Library
Topic: "Flower Holiday"
By: Ms. Merrilee Ray and
Ms. Wanda Hewett



November 23
DPR Board Meeting
1:00pm
Lucille's Home



December 17
DPR Christmas Party
5:00pm
Lucille's Home

President's Corner



Hi, my name is Dave Jester. I have been asked to further introduce myself; so here it goes:

My parents moved from Denver Colorado to California where I was born a little more than Sixty six years ago in Long Beach California. I lived in Torrance and Lomita for many years until my move to Ridgecrest which happened about 35 years ago. I worked on base as a Federal firefighter this until I had a vehicle accident (1980), which left me unable to continue my chosen occupational field.

I transferred into several different occupations until I ended up being a Configuration and Data Manager for the F/A-18 Program Office. I continued with this occupation until I retired on September 1st, 2010.

I enjoy many hobbies and actively participate with several organizations:


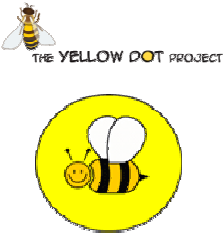


1. Nearly daily, I fast hike the hills south/east of Cerro Coso Jr. College,
2. I have worked for many years on my Family Tree via www.ancestry.com,
3. Learning about Honey Bees and their plight has prompted me to study them and to make other people and organizations aware of that situation and how to do our part to prevent the extinction of bees.
 - a. I am a member of the Central Valley Beekeepers Association (<http://www.cvbeekeepers.org/>),
 - b. Member of the California Association of beekeepers (<http://www.californiastatebeekeepers.com/>),
 - c. I support the Pollinators Partnership (<http://www.pollinator.org/resources.htm>).
4. I am President of the Desert Planters of Ridgecrest,
5. I am an active member and office holder of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem. This organization deals with helping Christian organizations worldwide. Our web site address is: www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=100786,
6. I purchase and rebuild Lionel Trains, transformers and track,

I could continue on--but as it is, I believe that I can see heads swaying and eye lids giving up!

President's Corner

Continued

President's Continuing Projects

<p>Keep Ridgecrest Beautiful</p> 	<p>The "Adopt-a-Spot" Volunteer Program If implemented, this action will provide civic minded individuals, neighborhood groups, civic organizations, and local businesses the opportunity to participate in creating a cleaner, more beautiful community and play an active and ongoing role in the greening and maintaining our neighborhoods, streets and parks. You or your organization can sign up for a spot. President's Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet with City Officials to identify which office should handle these activities, 2. Discuss with City Officials accident waivers etc., 2. Define "Spots", 3. Define plants.
	<p>The "Yellow Dot" Project Honeybees are disappearing faster than you can imagine. In the past two years, wild colonies of honeybees in the United States have all but vanished and 50% of farmed honeybees have died. We can all do something simple to help. Plant something with a yellow dot.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nurseries and/or plant wholesalers decide they want to help save our honeybees. 2. The Project provides the materials and manpower needed to label plants with the yellow dots: (The dots allow buyers (and staff!) to easily locate honeybee-friendly plants, attract attention and educate people about our honeybee crisis and are waterproof stickers designed to withstand wear and weather). 3. The buyer plants the honeybee friendly plant, increasing the habitat needed for honeybees to thrive. <p>President's Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet with Home Depot Garden Manager, 2. Discuss implementation, plant pricing, Club Support
<p>Green House</p> 	<p>The "Green House" Project Build or obtain a greenhouse to grow plants. Desert Planters club members will start to propagate beautiful plants for enthusiastic gardeners to purchase and plant in the spring. Club members will use these plants to place in the city's Adopt-a-Spot program. The club's proceeds go towards educational programs and the further development of the greenhouse and to purchase additional plants, soils and equipment. We will still need to continue our fundraising events to reach our goals.</p> <p>President's Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss project with Club Officers, 2. Define size, cost, final location of house, 3. Define plant types
	<p>Educate Topics: Planting, Pollinators, Pesticides, and Water Resources. Through the utilization of local newspapers, Participation in Community Activities, Presentations at schools, clubs and organizations.</p> <p>President's Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sand Sierra School District: Develop topics of instruction, 2. Contact Clubs/Organizations: Develop topics, 3. Weekly newspaper articles; Develop topics/schedule.

If you're reading this newsletter and are not a
Desert Planter's Club Member--

JUMP IN!! Join Us!!



If you are a Desert Planter's Club Member--

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- 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
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www.desertempiredistrict.org
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