

# Desert Trumpet

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"Exploring the Many Facets of Gardening"

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Desert Empire District (DED)  
California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI)

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National Garden Clubs, Inc.

## *Program: Gardening with California Native Plants on October 6, 2007*

### *From the Ground Up: One Woman's Inyokern Landscaping Adventures*

Kathy LaShure, a life-long gardener with a green heart and 10 green fingers, has grown California native plants (and many other wonderful plants) in her gardens in Bishop, Sierra Madre, Whittier, and now Inyokern. She will share her experiences and provide reference materials and research tools for learning about California's amazing diversity of plant life.

She is the "Ring Leader" for the local Creosote Ring sub-chapter of the California Native Plant Society. Before moving to the Indian Wells Valley in May 2005, she was very active in the San Gabriel Mountains Chapter of CNPS. She organized their successful yearly California native plant sale, *Under the Oaks*, held at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena. She is also currently the chair of the Maturango Museum's Garden Committee, a Museum store volunteer and artisan soap maker.

The General meeting is at Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 North China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest on Saturday, October 6, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Door prizes will be featured plus a horticulture segment and refreshments. Invite your friends, neighbors, family and co-workers!

## *Desert Planters of Ridgecrest Programs for 2007-2008*

The programs planned for the coming garden club year are still being fine tuned so some dates or presenters could still change:

October 2007— Kathy LaShure on Growing Native Plants in the Indian Wells Valley.

November 2007—Marianne Kistler leading a hands-on Hardwood Cuttings Demonstration/Workshop.

December 2007—No General meeting; Holiday Party in the evening instead. Date TBD.

January 2008—Michelle Holleran, Ridgecrest Home Depot plant buyer, providing information and answering questions.

February 2008—Marianne Kistler leading a hands-on Rose Cuttings Demonstration/Workshop.

March 2008—Visit to Kari Hunter's Bella Rosa Nursery for Mediterranean and high desert adapted plants and information.

April 2008—Informational program on Water Issues by IWV Water District Community Education Coordinator Lucinda Sue Crosby and CA Resources Conservation District representative and CGCI/DED Water Conservation Chair Donna Thomas. Plus Election of DPR 2008-2009 officers.

May 2008—Installation of Officers, Life Member plus other certificates and recognitions presented.

June 2008—End of year pot luck luncheon at Crossroads Community Church, no program, various presentations.

## *November General Meeting Date Changed*

Since the IWV District Xeriscape Workshop is on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Desert Planters November General meeting has been moved to Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> so members can participate in the Xeriscape Workshop. The November program requires significant before-meeting preparation and program presenters want to go to the Xeriscape Workshop.

The November 10<sup>th</sup> program will be a Hardwood Cuttings Demonstration and hands-on Workshop with Marianne Kistler. Marianne says: "Everyone should know how to get new shrubs and trees without buying (or stealing) them. New plants are created in late fall from your own stock of trees/shrubs in the garden. Come and learn how to do this fun project!"

*Websites for organizations supported by Desert Planters of Ridgecrest*

Kern River Preserve-- <http://www.audubon.org/local/sanctuary/kernriver/>

Maturango Museum— <http://www.maturango.org/>

Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce— [www.ridgecrestchamber.com](http://www.ridgecrestchamber.com)

California Garden Clubs, Inc—[www.cagardenclubs.org](http://www.cagardenclubs.org)

Desert Empire District— [www.desertempiredistrict.org](http://www.desertempiredistrict.org)

*Plant Sale for Perennials, Vines and Bulbs is October 20th*

A plant sale is planned for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in Ridgecrest 9 a.m. to noon—the location is still being determined.

- Once the location is established ads will be placed in The Daily Independent, the News Review, on local radio stations and via email to all members and guests of Desert Planters.

Plants for sales and Farmer's Market are potted at the plant workshops planned for four dates in October as described on Page 3 of this newsletter. If you have excess plants in your yard this is a great way to have them removed and potted to benefit Desert Planters. Please call Judy Talbot at 371.1953, Marianne Kistler at 384.4995 or Debbie Wheeler at 499.1431 to offer your excess plants. If you don't have excess plants and are looking for sturdy plants acclimated to Ridgecrest and Inyokern, DPR plant sales are a golden opportunity!

Additional specialty plant sales are planned for November 17, 2007 for trees, shrubs, houseplants and bulbs and on March 15, 2008 for grasses, veggies and herbs.

*Nominating Committee Required by By-Laws*

DPR, and all CGCI garden clubs, are required by our By-Laws to have a Nominating Committee of three volunteers who are then appointed by your Co-Presidents. The committee is responsible for finding officers for the coming garden club year which starts on July 1, 2008. Without a Nominating Committee Desert Planters of Ridgecrest cannot continue as a garden club.

Please consider volunteering for this important task when the request is made again at the October 6<sup>th</sup> General meeting. Your Co-Presidents are prevented from just appointing Nominating Committee members; they must first volunteer.

*What Does a Healthy Garden Club Require?*

Members involved in their areas of interest.

Members telling friends, neighbors, co-workers and family about what their club is doing.

Members inviting all the above to meetings and events.

Members who volunteer to do the work of the Garden Club.

Members who agree to serve when asked.

Are you a contributing member of Desert Planters of Ridgecrest?

*Committee Chairs for 2007-2008*

These committees have Chairs and are up and working:

- Audit Committee—Chair Art Spiegel, members Judy Talbot and Lucille Nielson
- Budget Committee—Chair Art Spiegel, members Lucille Nielson, Judy Talbot as Co-President and Dorothy Morico as Vice President.
- District Meeting Luncheon—Wanda Church and Debbie Wheeler
- General Meeting Hospitality—Wanda Church, Debbie Wheeler and Elizabeth Lorch
- Maturango Museum Liaison—Art Spiegel
- Membership Chair—Debbie Wheeler, member Penny LePome
- Newsletter Editor—Judy Talbot, proofreader and mailing Debbie Wheeler
- Newspaper Gardening Articles—Wanda Church
- Parade of Gardens—Renee Oliver and Crystal Tripp
- Penny Pines—Mary Phillips
- Plant Sale Chair—Marianne Kistler
- Plant Workshops—Donnie Woods weekdays, Judy Talbot weekends
- Principal Financial Group Grant Dedication of Veteran's Memorial Chair—Marianne Kistler
- Sunshine—Wanda Church
- Website—Elaine Jackson and Judy Talbot
- Yearbook—Margaret Cornelius and Marianne Kistler

*Penny Pines Banks*

Mary Phillips is continuing her outstanding handling of Desert Planters involvement in Penny Pines; she has mailed a letter to all members outlining their participation in her innovative Penny Pines Bank approach to saving coins for reforestation efforts after wild fires. Please contact Mary at 371.3540 or [remdphil@earthlink.net](mailto:remdphil@earthlink.net) if you have questions or want to turn in your bank.

**Penny Pines Tidbits**

Penny Pines started in 1941. All those pennies donated since the program's inception amounts to well over a million dollars for each participating California National Forest!

*- Scholarship Fund Raising and Finding a Recipient*

Two elements are involved in the DPR Scholarship Fund: raising money to support the Scholarship Fund and searching for students as a recipient of the funds. DPR members are needed to volunteer for both these opportunities to encourage students in any aspect of the plant sciences.

In order to offer a scholarship we need people willing to spend time on the project. If you are interested in doing that please call Judy Talbot at 371.1953 or email at [jatalbot@mchsi.com](mailto:jatalbot@mchsi.com).

*Save Money for DPR and Get the Newsletter Early!*

Of the 88 people receiving the Desert Trumpet newsletter (which includes visitors of the past three months, community groups we support plus CGCI and DED officers), 27 have opted to receive it by email only; that saves Desert Planters about \$11 a month in postage. Since almost all our members and half our guests have provided an email address, it is suggested that sending the newsletter that way would benefit us all. Free Adobe Reader is required on your computer.

**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](mailto:jatalbot@mchsi.com) to get put on that list. Website [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) has the Reader available free.**

*Three Plant Workshops in October*

Weekday plant workshops are held in Donnie Woods' potting area at 458 East Monte Vista Avenue in College Heights, 375.7243, [woods1@ridgenet.net](mailto:woods1@ridgenet.net). Planned dates are October 10 & 31. 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](mailto:jatalbot@mchsi.com). Date this month is October 21<sup>st</sup>. See the calendar on page 4 for times & details.

*Farmer's Market Location Change*

Due to construction of a Pizza Factory on the south side of Beanster's at the Triangle scheduled to start soon, the weekly Farmer's Market will change location in coming weeks. Several alternate locations in town are being investigated with no firm decision yet. One possibility is to move to the north side of Beanster's.

*Desert Planters Yearbook Available for November 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting*

The DPR yearbook should be ready for members at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting; the delay is caused by new IRS statements required and other revisions plus limited time available for the two people completing the project. The DPR Board has recommended a Yearbook Committee for future years since it is a huge project for just two people.

*Committee Chairs Still Needed*

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

- Arbor Day, Veteran's Day, NGC 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—vacant, no volunteers at September meeting.
- Scholarship Fundraising—vacant
- Scholarship Recipient Search Chair—has one committee member: Taryn Tree

*Golden Gardens*

Free copies are available on the Information Tables for anyone interested in the CA Garden Clubs Inc. magazine.

**Farmer's Market is in its 9<sup>th</sup> year!**

<i>Calendar of Events</i>				
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	NOTES
Saturday, October 6, 2007	General Meeting	Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. in RC	1-3:30 p.m.	Program by Kathy LaShure: Growing Native Plants in IWV.
Wednesday, October 10, 2007	Weekday Plant Workshop	Donnie Woods' potting area, 458 East Monte Vista Avenue in College Heights	8 to 10 a.m.	Bring water, snack, hat, gloves; potting soil, trowels, pots are provided.
Tuesday, October 16, 2007	Business Meeting	Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest	1-3:30 p.m.	Officers are requested to attend; members are encouraged to attend. Guests may attend but cannot vote.
Saturday, October 20, 2007	Plant Sale	LOCATION TBD— watch for ads & email!	9 a.m. to noon	Perennials, Vines and Bulbs
Sunday, October 21, 2007	Weekend Plant Workshop	433 North Inyo Street just off Las Flores west of Downs Street	2-4 p.m.	Bring excess plants, seeds & cuttings-- potting soil & pots provided.
Wednesday, October 31, 2007	Weekday Plant Workshop	Donnie Woods' potting area, 458 East Monte Vista Avenue in College Heights	8 to 10 a.m.	Bring water, snack, hat, gloves; potting soil, trowels, pots are provided.
Saturday, November 3, 2007	IWV Water District Xeriscape Workshop	Announced at Registration	10 a.m. to noon	Details to come.
Saturday, November 10, 2007	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!
<b>NOTE DATE CHANGE</b>				
Saturday, November 17, 2007	Plant Sale	Tentatively at High Desert Home Center, 235 W. Ridgecrest Blvd in RC	9 a.m. to noon	Trees, shrubs, houseplants & bulbs.

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

*Desert Planters Officers 2007-2008*

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

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**DPR 2007-2008 Yearbook planned for distribution at November 10<sup>th</sup> General meeting.**