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The Presidents Corner

By Shirley Craver

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

Hello every one!!

It's good to get back with every one and also meet our new members.

It's been a long summer and hard on the plants as well as our selves. We still have two months to baby our plants and make sure they get enough to drink.

LaVerne is working hard putting the programs on line for the coming club year. From what I have heard, she will have some excellent programs. One is landscaping design, water resource information, and floral designs for the holidays, etc. Also, if you have a program your interested in call one of us.

I have been talking about a number of tours, if you have an interesting tour in mind, let LaVerne (375-9505) or myself (377-4629) know about them. Of course, we can car pool and share gas expenses.

I would like to remind all members, you are invited to attend the Desert Empire District meetings. The meetings are informative and important to you as well as the club. You are entitled to vote on all the issue's.

This gives you an opportunity to make decisions for the clubs activities that you are interested in. So, you can see what a difference your vote may make.

California City and Ridgecrest are only two cities where the meetings are held and occasionally at Boron. If you need a ride, speak up!! FOR \$5 THE HOST CLUB ALWAYS SERVE'S A GREAT LUNCH .

There are different thoughts on what to do for a year book. One suggestion is put every thing in the news letter or publish a year book in a simple 1 in. 3-ring binder, similar to CGCI.

You might consider keeping the *Desert Trumpet* news letter handy for future reference.

Try out the DESERT EMPIRE DISTRICT web site www.DesertEmpireDistrict.org. We intend to post the club calendar on the DED site. Mr. Roton is working on the site for the district. Also, check out the CGCI site to find out what is happening at the state level. www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. www.GardenClub.org and PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS, INC. www.PacificRegionGardenClubs.org

God Bless All of You.

My fondest thoughts to all ,
Shirley Craver, President.

September 13, Program: "All About Our Groundwater."

By Penny LePome

SPEAKER: Lucinda Sue Crosby, Coordinator of Education and Conservation for the Indian Wells Valley Water District .

TOPIC: "All About Our Groundwater." Crosby is discussing about our aquifer (natural underground water storage) a.) what it is; b) what it is made up of; c.) how water moves differently through the various types of components - gravel vs. clay, for example.

Members and guests can construct little aquifers.

Then Crosby will talk about the IWWVD pumping and treatment technologies, followed by a demonstration of how water can become contaminated using red food coloring.

There will be handouts, question and answer period, and "The Water Quiz.". It is a test about America's water usage. The Cerro Coso students who took this test this past Earth Day called it "hideously difficult - but fun!" The meeting will include a "show and tell" of horticulture by members. Refreshments to be served.

Charter Motto:
"Make Ridgecrest Clean and Green"

Jim Appleton a True Friend of DPR Missed

By Arthur Spiegel
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Jim Appleton, who was, as was his mother, a long time member of Desert Planters, and our treasurer for most of a decade, passed away last month at Ridgecrest Healthcare. Many of our members visited him there during the relatively brief time that Jim was living there; he said he enjoyed his visitors.

Several months ago, in December, a Penny Pines plantation donation was made in honor of Jim. Another plantation, this one in August, has now been made in Jim Appleton's memory also.

Even with his illness, Jim was always ready to help Desert Planters to the extent that he could. At the end of April, Jim, Art Spiegel, and Lucille Nielson met as the Audit Committee at Jim's house. Of course, no other Planters member could offer more expertise to the audit, required by the By-Laws, than could Jim. We will miss him.

Board Recommendations, August 13, 2008 Meeting:

1. To purchase five *Golden Garden* magazines for the officers of the club plus a few for the members who want to pick one up at meetings.
2. To continue to decorate the library for Christmas, either fully or partly or just put up tree in children's area.
3. To schedule a plant sale October 17 at High Desert Home Center on Ridgecrest Blvd.

DPR Contributions

We received a thank you from the SEEP program for the \$750 donation. DPR attended their annual ice cream social May 15. Members attending were Leroy Corlett, Art and Judy Spiegel.

We also, received a thank you note from the Maturango Museum for the \$500 donation for the Gladys Merrick Garden .

IWV Water Wise Partner Award

DPR members are pleased to accept the "Water Wise Partner Award" from the IWV Water District. Accepting the award were Leroy Corlett (IWV Board Member) LaVerne Harms, Marge Vargas, Wanda Church, Samantha Parson, Marianne Kistler, Debbie Meyers, and Elizabeth Lorch.

Membership Renewals (Dues) Needed at this Time

By Art Spiegel

Our Treasurer reminds members that according to our By-Laws, membership dues are due in April and delinquent after June 1st. Desert Planters has recently made major contributions to civic cultural, historical, and educational organizations (See article elsewhere in this Bulletin) and our treasury is somewhat leaner than in recent years.

We do have some very interesting programs lining up for this year, but our ability to schedule great programs every month depends on both our membership's participation and payment of dues.

Annual dues are \$25.00 for individual members and \$35.00 for family memberships. A portion of each member's dues is in turn sent by Desert Planters to the state organization (CGCI), to the district (Desert Empire District), and for liability insurance.

Art Spiegel

Country Store Bazaar

The Desert Empire District is planning a Country Store Bazaar Nov. 14, at the Crossroads Community Church, 235 N China Lake Blvd. Our members are encouraged to make crafts and home baked deserts or bring some plants to donate. For information contact

Chairman: Cecile Campbell, in California City, cecile@tcnuts.com, 760-373-3517 or our President Shirley.

Plant Sale and Plant Exchange

DPR is sponsoring a plant sale Oct 17, at the High Desert Home Center, 345 W Ridgecrest Blvd. This is our 1st fund raiser for the year. Renée Oliver one of our horticulture chairpersons is busy potting up plants. Hopefully all of our other members are doing the same. If you have plants that need dividing, some of the members would love to come to your yard and have a work party.

In addition the board members would like to try a "Plant Exchange" at our meetings. If you are interested in becoming involved bring a plant to the 1st meeting to exchange or you can buy one. This donation will increase our treasury since we are no longer able to continue at the Farmer's Market.

If your compost pile requires a boost try, "Quick" The High Desert Home Center has a this new product "Quick" Compost Accelerator. *Editor*

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Basic Garden Equipment

By Wanda Church

If you are a first-time gardener, this is a “bare-bones” list of the equipment you will need to get started. If you are serious about gardening, don’t skimp on the quality of your tools for good tools will last you for years.

1. Shovel: This is for digging and moving soil around. Pick a shovel with a flat edge at the top of the blade. This will give you better surface on which to set your foot.

2. Trowel: You probably will need two of these. One with a narrow blade for digging solid soil and one with a wide, rounded blade for scooping large amounts of soil. Pick one with a handle that is comfortable to your own grip.

3. Pruner: Two basic types of pruners are called anvil and bypass. They are used for pruning, cutting off dead heads, and to shape your plants. Try them out by lifting, holding in your hand and depressing the handles to find the one suited to you.

4. Hoe: You gotta have a hoe to get at those weeds and for cultivating around your new plants. Try it out for handle size.

5. Rake: You will use a rake year round for leaves, garden debris, and for smoothing out soil. It’s helpful to have two sizes. A narrow one for maneuvering around plants and wide one for raking leaves. A heavy metal rake with teeth is for smoothing the soil.

6. Wheelbarrow or Cart: You need something to haul things in, such as plants, compost, etc. It depends on the size of your garden whether you get a large wheelbarrow or smaller cart.

7. Watering can and hose: Don’t get a watering can so big that you can’t lift it when full. Get a hose long enough to reach to your garden spot and preferably one that is reinforced with mesh and is kink resistant.

8. Kneeling bench/stool: You will be very thankful for this! Get one that does double duty - for your knees and to sit on to rest.

—Wanda Church – August 14, 2008

CALENDAR 2008—2009

Sept 8 to 10 CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Grass Valley

Sept 13 **Desert Planters Membership Meeting, 1 PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. See Program details, Pg 1, Col. 4.—Refreshments: Shirley Craver and LaVerne Harms**

Sept 19 Desert Empire District Meeting, 9:30 AM. Sponsor: Oasis Garden Club, Desert Empire Fair Grounds.

Sept 23 **DPR Board Meeting, 1PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake. All members welcome to attend.**

Oct 11 **Desert Planters Meeting, 1 PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake. Program: “Ten Top List of Landscape Improvements,” by Tarn Tree, member and Landscape Designer.**

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 17 **DPR Plant Sale, High Desert Home Center, 345 W Ridgecrest Blvd.**

Oct 27 **DPR Board Meeting, 1 PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake. All members welcome.**

Nov 15 **Desert Planters Meeting, 1 PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake. Program: “Floral Designs for the Holidays,” by Janet Eyre, presently on the CGCI Board, former DED director and President of Boron GC .**

Nov 24 **DPR Board Meeting, 1 PM, Immanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake. All members welcome.**

Dec 1 **Decorate Ridgecrest Library, 9 to 11 AM, 131 E. Las Flores Avenue**

Dec **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 Wild Flowers or Pruning demonstration (tentative for Jan. or Feb.)**