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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

By Shirley Craver

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

Hello Garden Club Members

Here we are into August and time to start garden club for the year. I am happy about that as then we can all get together again to visit and tell about our summer trips.

There are several things already set for the board meeting on August 25 agenda. We are meeting too late to get in on the "Home Show" this year but there are two other occasions on the calendar. Are you raising plants or replanting into pots for two plant sales? These are the only fund raisers we have planned for the club year?

I'm looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces at the general meeting Sept. 12th. We are meeting at the Emmanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Boulevard, (one p.m.). To renew our friendships with each other.

Think about a committee that you would like to volunteer to work on. After all, this is your garden club, your ideas and in-put is very important to the club. You may win one of the door prizes !!!

I received a note from Gerry Wisdom along with a newspaper clipping telling about what her garden clubs did for Arbor Day at Mc Call, Idaho (where Gerry spends her summers,) planting trees and serving refreshments. I will bring the note to the club meeting so you can read it

God Bless every one, Shirley
Mrs. S. B. Craver,

GET WELL WISHES:

Renee Oliver has spent most of her summer in the hospital at UCLA. Her daughter Crystal Tripp says she is coming home this week. Keep them in your prayers.

FREE ADMISSION TO HUNDREDS OF MUSEUMS, ZOOS, AND GARDENS

By Art Spiegel, Treasurer

There is a remarkable money saving promotion run by Bank of America that may benefit some of our members. That bank is offering free admission to hundreds of museums, zoos, gardens, and other cultural institutions across the country for two days every month. The program is called Museums on Us, and it allows almost any Bank of America card holder, whether it be a check card, ATM card, or credit card, free admission to specific museums on the first full weekend of every month. This has been going on for more than a year already, and will continue through 2010. Upcoming weekends are September 5, 6, October 3, 4, November 7, 8, and December 5, 6.

Each card will get you one free admission. In our case, we have used Visa cards associated with the Automobile Club (AAA) but issued by Bank of America (their logo is on the back of the card).

If you are traveling, remember that this is a national program, and there are museums and gardens across the country that are participating. Check the website <http://museums.bankofamerica.com> for its list of museums in cities you may be traveling to. There are many in California, including

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- September 8 **Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon**, 2nd Tuesday, 12:00 noon at Victoria's at the Heritage. (in courtyard at Heritage Inn). RSVP 375-8331
- September 12 ♦ **DPR Membership Meeting**, 1 PM — Speaker: Barbara Emerich of Kramer Junction Cactus & Gifts. She is discussing how to use cactus, succulents and yard art in your garden and landscape. Barbara will have a variety of plants and artistic articles at the meeting that you can enjoy and may purchase.
- ♦ Horticulture Grow & Show by: Taryn Tree, member and owner of Tree House Landscape & Design. All members are encouraged to bring plant cuttings from your garden to share. Refreshments: Shirley Craver and Lucille Nielson. Door Prize awarded, come and be the lucky winner.
- ♦ Lunch at Potpourri at Carriage Inn, 901 N. China Lake Blvd. 11:00 AM. Meet and greet our guest speaker Barbara Emerich before the meeting.
- September 12 — 13 **Home and Leisure Show**. Saturday, Sept. 12, IWWWD presents XERIC (Xeriscape Education, Resource and Ida Corps) 11 AM—2:30 PM, Continental Hall, Desert Empire Fair Grounds. For more information, please call Lucinda Sue at 384-5518. Stop by the IWWWD booth both days.
- September 21 **DED Fall Board Meeting**. Host: Oasis Garden Club of IWV. Location: Desert Empire Fair Grounds, Staff Room. 9:30 AM coffee, 10:00 AM meeting. Lunch is \$5. Please support Ways & Means. Remember all club members are welcome. Please make a reservation with President Shirley Craver, 377-4629.
- September 22 * **DPR Board Meeting**. 1 PM. All members welcome.
- September 22 – 23 **CGCI Gardening Study School**. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District
- October 10 * **DPR Monthly Meeting, 1 PM** — Speaker: Kari Hunter, owner of Bella Rosa Garden and Nursery, who specializes in Mediterranean plants. After the meeting members are invited to drive to the nursery for a tour. Horticulture Grow & Show by: All members are encouraged to bring plant cuttings from your garden for "Show and Tell." Door Prize awarded, come and be the lucky winner. Refreshments provided by: Please volunteer.
- October 13 **Chamber of Commerce** Membership Luncheon, 2nd Tuesday, 12:00 noon at Victoria's at the Heritage. (in courtyard at Heritage Inn). RSVP 375-8331
- October Day TBD Maturango Junction Days
- November 7 **Indian Wells Valley Water District** is presenting the Fall 2009 Xeriscape Workshop on Saturday, from 10 am to noon at the USO Building. **DPR Plant Sale 9 AM—2 PM** (outside on the east side)
- November 14 * **DPR Monthly Meeting, 1 PM** — Speaker: Aida Stafford is planning to discuss "Floral Designs for Fall and the Christmas season." Horticulture Grow & Show by: Taryn Tree, member and owner of Tree House Landscape & Design. All members are encouraged to bring a plant cutting from your garden to share. Refreshments by: Volunteer. Door Prize awarded, come and be the lucky winner.

*Emmanuel Ministry Center, 1201 N. China Lake Boulevard

Desert Planters Charter Motto:
"Make Ridgecrest Clean and Green"

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the Los Angeles County Museum of Art in Los Angeles, the Autry National Center of the American West in Los Angeles near Griffith Park, the Birch Aquarium at Scripps in San Diego, and the Living Desert in Palm Desert.

The Living Desert is a remarkable zoo and botanical garden representing the desert environments of North America and Africa with over 1200 protected acres, 450 wild animals, live animal shows, kid's play park, tranquil gardens, model train exhibits, hiking trails, tram rides and more. Visitors experience an oasis of family fun. General admission is normally \$12.50 per person. 47-900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, California. Phone 760 346-7589. Website: livingdesert.org

Art Spiegel

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board Meeting August 25, 2009

- It was moved, seconded, and approved that the club put a Christmas Greeting in CGCI Golden Gardens magazine, at a cost not to exceed \$25.

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES:

The club has been dark since May. Most of the members have paid their dues, but a few of our members are delinquent. If you have a question about dues, please contact our Treasure, Art Spiegel at 446-7307 or email ajsbj@s@earthlink.net. You can send your check directly to Art at 1123 North Scott Street, Ridgecrest 93555-3011. Write your check out to Desert Planters.

RED ROCK STATE PARK ON GOVERNOR'S LIST TO BE CLOSED

“You may contact the Governor and our local Representatives with your opinion regarding this matter by going online, www.calparks.org/stopclosure. If the park system is of importance to you, you will want to respond and it only takes a moment. State parks receive less than 1/10 of one percent of the entire state budget.”... See the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association newsletter, Jun-Jul-Aug 2009 issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS: NGC, CGCI AND DED

CGCI 2009 Fall Board Meeting, September 11,
Concord Hilton, Concord.

CGCI Gardening Study School. September 22 – 23,
Sponsor: Golden Foothills District.

CGCI Winter Board Meeting,
January 8 - 9, 2010, San Diego,
Host Palomar District.

DED Winter Board,
February 8, 2010,
Host: Desert Rose of California City.

Flower Show School
February 18 - 20, 2010,
Sponsor: Palomar District.

Gardening Study School,
April 20 – 21, 2010,
Sponsor: Golden Foothills District.

NGC Convention
May 14 – 16, 2010, Atlanta, GA.

DED Annual Meeting,
May 17, 2010,
Host: Desert Planters of Ridgecrest

DED Post Convention
June 14, 2010, Host: Oasis Garden Club of IWV

CGCI 79th Convention,
June 4 – 7, 2010, Westlake Village.
Host: Channel Islands District.

President's Council,
July 12, 2010,
Host: Boron Garden Club.

NGC Fall Board,
September 23 – 26, 2010, Great Falls, MT.

For more information about CGCI meetings, schools and brochures see the website. www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org.