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# Desert Trumpet

Newsletter for  
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**Desert Planters  
of Ridgecrest  
Charter Motto:  
"Make  
RIDGECREST, CA  
Clean & Green"**

## The President's Corner

By Shirley Craver

THEME: *Gardener's We Are, We Plant  
Our Gardens With Beauty*

Welcome back to the Desert Planters of Ridgecrest 2010-2011 garden club year!! After a very "hot mucky summer" it will be good to see every one again on Saturday September 11th.

Our officers and chairmen have been working all summer to set up great programs for you from September through May 2011. No one feels like working in this heat, and it is not easy to take time at this time of year to plan the programs, work on the year-book, pot up plants, water, etc. Many of us have been on vacations. I don't know about you fellow members, but not only is the heat getting to me and everyone else, but you should see my poor garden. OUCH ON MY WATER BILL!!

September 20th is the district meeting in California City. If you plan to drive or catch a ride with someone, please call Shirley . We need to tell the host club how many members are planning to come. They need a lunch count-lunch is \$5. (This money is used to support the district expenses as voted by the members). If you have never been to a district meeting, please try to go, it is not only very pleasant, but educational, fun, and nice to get together with other district members. As a member you are encouraged to vote on the issues and express your

opinion about the topics being discussed.

We are planning to be at the Historic U.S.O. building again with our plant and bake sale November 13th from 9 AM to 1 PM. Please try to plant or transfer plants into gallon size containers with the name of the plant. An ice-cream stick works to use for labels then bring them to the sale. Also bring your baked goods, wrapped tightly, labels, and priced .

We need volunteers to be on a "phone committee." You will be asked to call a few members who do not have computers and remind them to come to the meeting, or to ask them to make cookies, or help on a committee. Please call if you can help a few minutes, maybe once a month or every other month.

At the board meeting on Aug. 24th we talked of planning a plant sale in October at a friends home in Ridgecrest. We are going to decide on a date at the September meeting. The scheduled date will be in the October club newsletter. So plant and divide, water and keep those plants happy!!!

Thank you everyone who rejoined and paid their dues, and if you have not paid your dues you can still do so. If you want your name listed in the new yearbook that is in process of development, please contact the treasurer.

Send your club dues (\$25 for single) and (\$35 per family) to

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- September 6 LABOR DAY
- September 11  
1 PM  
**DPR Monthly Meeting,** — Immanuel Christian Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd.  
**Speaker:** David Jester. At this meeting Jester will speak to members and guests about a **"Bee Friendly Garden."** Jester, a local "Bee Keeper" and club member, is going to discuss why we should plant "bee-friendly" plants and refrain from using "bee-unfriendly" yard pesticides. He has information about Bee Keepers Clubs, associations and how to start your own hive, where to order bees, how to capture a swarm of local bees and why we should not be afraid of bees.
- Horticulture Grow & Show by: All members please bring plant cuttings from your garden to share
  - The *Month by Month Garden Book*, by Evelyn Callaway, revised by Kathleen Pratt; written specifically for gardening in our area, will be on display and can be purchased
  - Hosts: Judy Spiegel and Shirley Craver
  - Door Prize awarded, come and be the lucky winner.
- September 11  
**Home Show & IWVWD XERIC® Seminar at Home Show**  
Program will be *Highlights Man Made Turf*. Speaker Lucinda Sue Crosby at the fairgrounds in the Continental Labor Hall adjacent to the Water District Booth. Come early and pick up the latest water saving gadgets and tips!
- September 14  
12:00 noon  
**Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon,** 2nd Tuesday, at Victoria's at the Heritage. (In courtyard at Heritage Inn). RSVP 375-8331. DPR is a member.
- September 15–17  
**CGCI Fall Board Meeting,** Hyatt Regency, Palm Springs. Host: Palms to Pines District. Chairman: Pat Claves.
- September 20  
Coffee at 9:30 AM  
**Desert Empire District Annual Board Meeting,** Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M. Meet at the Community Center, 10400 Heather Street, California City. Host: Desert Rose of California City. Lunch \$5. Please call Shirley Craver at 760 377-4629 if you intend to attend. She will then make lunch reservations. All members welcome.
- September 28  
1 PM  
**DPR Business Meeting is the 4th Tuesday.** Meet at Lucille Nielson's home.  
**All members welcome.**
- October 2  
1 PM  
Oasis Fall Plant Sale, 9 AM – DEF, 520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest.
- October 9  
1 PM  
**DPR Monthly Meeting,** — Immanuel Christian Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. Ridgecrest.

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Yearly dues \$25, Family \$35.

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## The President's Corner

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Arthur Spiegel, Desert Planters Treasurer, P.O. Box 841, Ridgecrest, CA 93556.

Thanks again,  
Shirley, (President), Mrs. S. B. Craver, Sr.

## Unfinished Business:

By Arthur Spiegel

Unfinished Business to be voted on at the September 11 meeting.

Approval of the Desert Planters general membership is required for three issues, each required according to our club's Bylaws. Our Bylaws require membership approval for any expenditure over \$50.00 not previously budgeted. The club budget passed by membership vote at our last meeting in May.

Last October, our Bylaws were revised to state that all members would receive a subscription to Golden Gardens as a benefit of their membership. In our budget, however, the cost of that subscription (approximately \$5 each, was inadvertently omitted.)  
Question 1: *Does our membership approve this unbudgeted expenditure?*

We have gone a couple of years without a yearbook. The current board wishes to publish new yearbooks of a loose leaf type that can be easily refilled in subsequent years, i.e., with reusable binders, but this was not in this year's budget. This will cost approximately \$150.00.  
Voting question 2: *Does the membership approve spending up to \$90.00 to produce yearbooks?*

Lastly, members may remember that about three years ago our club made a contribution of \$750 to the SEEP program, the Sand Canyon Environmental Education Program run by the BLM and the Maturango Museum for the benefit of local area schoolchildren. In further background, our club is an IRS designated nonprofit organization, with qualifying requirements to contribute substantial portions of its income to educational purposes.

While the fruits of our labor do just that (xeriscape, educational programs, information dispensing at events, etc), our actual disbursements of an educational characteristic have fallen off in the last couple of years. The current Board agrees that a renewed contribution of (community

\$500 to the SEEP program meets our clubs objective (community betterment, charitable, educational, protection of natural resources) and the IRS requirements at the same time. Voting question 3: *Approve a donation to benefit the SEEP program of \$500?*

## UPCOMING EVENTS CGCI, NGC, DED

**September 15—17,**  
**CGCI Fall Board Meeting,**  
Hyatt Regency, Palm Springs.  
Host: Palm to Pines District  
Chairman: Patricia Claves.

**September 20, 9:30 AM**  
**Desert Empire Fall Board Meeting**  
10400 Heather Street  
California City  
Host: Desert Rose of California City

**September 21- 22**  
**Gardening Study School, Course III,**  
Golden Foothills District, Loomis, CA.

**September 23- 26**  
**NGC Fall Board Meeting** ~ Great Falls, Montana.

**October 12—14, CGCI Flower Show School,**  
**Course I.** Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District  
Chairman: Mary Arakelian.

## Garden Tip:

By Cecile Campbell

**To Revive roses:** Prune out weak, dead or damaged canes, then cut back remaining canes by one-third. Fertilize and water thoroughly for best fall bloom.

## TOP 10 THINGS TO DO IN THE FALL – OR – “PUTTING AWAY THE GARDEN”

By Wanda Church

1. Gather seeds. Put in glass jars and mark with permanent marker.
2. Plant shrubs and trees such as vitex, bird of paradise, Texas mountain laurel, Mediterranean fan palms, penstemon.
3. Transplant volunteers.

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- CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (CGCI) State Garden Club information [www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org](http://www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org).
- PACIFIC REGION [www.PacificRegionGardenClubs.org](http://www.PacificRegionGardenClubs.org)
- NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. for National Garden Club information—[www.GardenClub.org](http://www.GardenClub.org).
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4. Start cuttings. For succulents, take cutting and strip about 2 inches and stick into dirt.
5. Start cold crops. Shake herb seeds into the garden.
6. Compost with dead plants, coffee grounds, leaves, etc. Keep them wet all winter and add African night crawlers. You can get them at Wal-Mart in Sporting-goods Dept.
7. Feed everything now. Add bone meal, blood meal, or cotton seed meal.
8. Add hardscapes if wanted.
9. Paint pots now to add color for drab winter. You can repaint for spring.
10. Get houseplants. Try orchids – in a large jar.

These notes were taken at a presentation given by Kari Hunter.

**Desert Planters Monthly Meeting,  
1 PM— September 11, 2010, at Immanuel Christian Center, 1201 N. China Lake Blvd. Ridge-**