



# The Desert Rose

## Newsletter from the Desert Rose Garden Club of California City

“Grow Everything with Love”  
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### **President’s Greetings and Welcome**

I hope everyone enjoyed the program on Garden Art with Recycled Materials. I had fun sharing what I learned and I hope you will make some of the flowers for your gardens.

I received the wildflower seeds in the mail and will ask for volunteers to meet this month and package up the seeds we will sell at our booth at both the Optimist Swap meet here in California City on April 2 and again in Ridgecrest for the Wildflower festival April 16 and 17. I will also be asking for volunteers to help with both those events so please be thinking about volunteering.

**This Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> is California Arbor Day and we will have a tree dedication to the City of California City at Balsitis Park where we are donating 3 trees. Please come at 9:45 for the dedication and photo opportunity for the DRGC.**

As I’m sure you have noticed that some garden club members in preparation for the rest of the planting later this month are weeding the Median. Ann has done a tremendous job coordinating this effort. She solicited help from California City High School student to dig holes this Saturday. We need more shovels and rakes to lend the students. If you could call Ann if you want to help with lending shovels she would appreciate it. We could still use your help weeding. Come out and help even for just half an hour Saturday, March 5 from 8 AM to 12.

Thank you,

*Cecile Campbell, President DRGC*

**The California City Flower is the Euphorbia, E. veneta.**

It is a shrubby evergreen perennial, zones 4 – 24. Upright stems make dome shaped bush up to 4 ft. Fairly drought resistant. Clustered flowers make round dense masses of chartreuse or lime green in late winter, early spring. Plant in full sun.

I have these growing in my yard if anyone would like some.

**We will have a floral related item for our Ways and Means table with the proceeds going to our DRGC Scholarship fund.  
If you have an item to donate, please bring it to our meetings.**

**2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mar. 7

- California Arbor Day Tree Dedication at Balsitis Park 9:45 AM.

Mar. 8

- DRGC meeting 1:00 at Chuck's Pizza. In the Victor Plaza, 7101 W. California City Blvd.

April 2

- DRGC Plant and Seed sale at the Optimist Swap meet Saturday, 8 AM to 3 PM. Across from Aspen Mall in the Radio Shack parking lot on California City Blvd.

April 11

- Annual Spring Meeting, Host: Desert Planters of Ridgecrest, United Methodist Church, 639 N. Norma St. Ridgecrest CA. Coffee at 9:30 Meeting at 10 AM. \$5.00 for Breakfast and Lunch.

April 16 & 17

- Ridgecrest Desert Wildflower Festival. DRGC Booth at the Kerr McGee Community Center.

We have our own web page on the Desert Empire District's Website:

[www.desertempiredistrict.org/desertrose/index.html](http://www.desertempiredistrict.org/desertrose/index.html)

There you will find information about our club and our monthly newsletter

**"THE DESERT ROSE"**

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**The DRGC meets the second and fourth Tuesday at 1:00 at Chuck's Pizza in the Victor Plaza, 7101 W. California City Blvd. Please come and join us and bring a horticulture specimen from your garden and a friend any time.**

*"I think there are as many different kinds of gardening as poetry..."*

*Joseph Addison (1672 - 1719)*

**ALWAYS WATER WISELY**