



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 who was able to join us enjoyed our trip to White Forest Nursery and Luigi’s Restaurant in Bakersfield.

I would like to thank those who have volunteered to help out and provide us with plants for our plant sale at the Optimist Swap Meet this Saturday, November 5 from 8 – 3 PM. This is always a good opportunity to network with our gardening friends in California City and promote our club and attract new members.

Renee has been very busy making cute garden signs for us to sell as well as helping Charlie with flower boxes. It is very generous of them to donate time and energy to helping raise funds for the garden club.

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful High Desert fall. The colors are really starting to come out especially the *Chrysothamnus* (rabbitbrush). – The Greek words for “gold” (*chryso-*) “shrub” (*thamnus*) describe this genus in bloom. It has strong allergenic qualities in the pollen, but puts on a brilliant display of distinctly golden-yellow flowers that can be seen along our roadways in the fall. There are 16 species of *Chrysothamnus* in the western North America; 10 of them occur in California and all but one of which grows in our deserts.

December is a busy month for all but I would like to invite you to attend The Desert Empire District Holiday Garden Club Party on Friday, November 16 from 2:30 – 5:30 at the Heritage Club House in Ridgecrest. I very much wish that everyone come to this party, we all work together to promote our individual garden clubs and we need to know all our members who make up our District as we all have a common thread, gardening.

Please don't forget we have a program on making a pumpkin floral arrangement for Thanksgiving. California City Parks and Recreation has donated the pumpkins and the DRGC will provide everything else for you to create your own arrangement. I hope you will join us, Tuesday, November 22 at 1:00.

In the morning before our next meeting November 8th, we will be meeting at the pocket park at 10:00 AM for a cleanup, bring your garden rakes. I will be bringing our banner as there will be a lot of traffic from voting and it will give us good exposure.

At our next meeting, we will be planning the planting of our Blue Star Memorial Marker in honor of Veteran's Day, November 11. This is an annual event for our club. Our Blue Star is located on the front lawn of City Hall facing California City Boulevard.

Proceeds from your donations to our Ways and Means go to our DRGC Scholarship fund.

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 5

- **DRGC Plant Sale** at the Optimist swap meet, in front of Radio Shack in the parking lot at 8201 California City Blvd., California City from 8 AM – 3PM

Nov. 8

- **Irene Holcombe Memorial Garden Pocket Park Cleanup** 10:00 AM. Corner of Conklin and Heather, bring your garden tools.

Nov. 8

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

Nov. 11

- **Veteran's Day Blue Star planting** 9:30 on the lawn of City Hall to replant our marker.

Nov. 22

- **Program Meeting** we will all be doing a floral arrangement in a pumpkin for Thanksgiving. I hope all of you will join us for a fun time. **We have free pumpkins for you that were donated by parks and rec.**

Dec. 13

- **No scheduled meeting.**

Dec. 16

- **Desert Empire District Holiday garden party.** Friday from 2:30 – 5:30 at the Heritage Club House, Heritage Drive, Ridgecrest. More next month.

Dec. 13

- **No Meeting**

Dec. 20

- **DRGC Members Holiday Luncheon.** A Holiday luncheon at my home for our members Tuesday, December 20 at 1 PM. More details at our next meeting.

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 10

- DRGC business meeting and short Program by Jo Bucheger on King Clone, 1:00 at Chuck's Pizza. In the Victor Plaza, 7101 W. California City Blvd.

Jan. 24

- Program: Pruning with Ann Richardson. Meeting is at 1:00 at Chuck's Pizza in the Victor Plaza, 7101 W. California City Blvd.

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

www.desertempiredistrict.org/desertrose/index.html

There you will find information about our club and our monthly newsletter "THE DESERT ROSE".

ALWAYS WATER WISELY

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.