



# The Desert Rose

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

“Grow Everything with Love”  
September, 2011

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### **President's Greetings and Welcome**

Hello and welcome Desert Rose Garden Club members to our 2011-2012 garden club year. I would like to take this opportunity to personally welcome our new Board of Directors and thank each of them for their commitment to our club and I very much look forward to working with them.

I hope everyone has had a great summer so far. Soon it will be fall and with that said our first club meeting will be **Tuesday, September 13**. I look forward to seeing all of you. We will be meeting at our usual place and time, **Chucks Pizza at 1:00 PM on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month**.

Janet Eyre, past President of the Boron Garden Club for many years has joined our garden club and will be giving a program on Flower Shows, the Ins and Outs at this first meeting. She is very knowledgeable in all aspects of flower shows so bring your questions and help to welcome her.

The Desert Empire District, of which we are members, is sponsoring a Standard Flower Show Themed **“Carnival Lights and Country Nights” at the Desert Empire Fair October 20 – 23**. I hope that you will be inspired by our program to participate in this flower show. The District needs help and this is a good opportunity to learn about a flower show.

We will be discussing new and continuing projects for our club and when we might like to go on a field trip to Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont, as well as getting acquainted with our new members at this meeting.

We plan on continuing with our Ways and Means Table to raise money for a scholarship for a deserving student at CCHS. If you have any garden/floral/plant related items to donate to this please bring it to our meeting.

I am currently working on updating our yearbook so if you have any updated information or changes for this year's book, please call or e-mail me. My e-mail address is [cclcmp@aol.com](mailto:cclcmp@aol.com). Or inform me at this next meeting.

We will continue to concentrate on our individual gardening needs, so if you have questions about gardening as they pertain to your specific needs, please bring these questions to our meetings so we can try and help and so we all become more involved with each other and our gardens.

We, as part of The Desert Empire District, are having a **garage sale Friday, October 28** from 7 AM to 1 PM at Janice Wagner's home 1100 N. Inyo St. Ridgecrest, CA. We are collecting items to help make this a success. We need your help to raise money for the District and this is our way to help. Please call me, Cecile Campbell at 760-373-3517 with items you wish to donate to the district. We also need volunteers to participate by helping the day of the sale.

I hope you all have had a chance to read Ann Richardson's column in the Mojave Desert News. It is very informative and I'm sure you will enjoy reading it.

**Everyone is encouraged to participate in our Horticultural Show and Tell portion of our meetings by bringing in and showing members what they have grown, maybe sharing seeds, cuttings or baby plants with members.** We can expand what we have in our own gardens by doing this without going to great expense and also get a sense of what is possible to grow here in the High Desert.

**September 26** Oasis Garden Club is hosting our first **Desert Empire District Meeting** of the 2011/2012 club year, **The Fall Membership Meeting/Luncheon**. A breakfast snack and coffee at 9:30 with the meeting beginning at 10:00. A program and Lunch are included for \$5.00. I hope all our DRGC members will attend. It is fun and educational. Please bring a Ways and Means item to auction for our district.

**I would like to thank all our past members for renewing their membership in the Desert Rose Garden Club and I am very happy to be welcoming all our new members.**

**September 27 our second meeting of September** will be a program on Irises that will include an exchange or sharing of Irises from our gardens. If you grow Iris in your garden or know someone who does, please dig up some to share or exchange with our members and invite your friends to this fun program. **Now is the time to divide your Irises** by digging them up so they are not crowding each other, trimming a few inches off the tops of the leaves so you have between 3 or 4 inches of green leaf, shake off excess dirt and put them in small individual paper bags labeled with the color and leave them to dry in a cool dry place out of the sun. **Note: Don't forget to bring them with you for the September 27 meeting.**

**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.

**2011-2012 Calendar of Events for NGC, CGCI, DED, And DRGC:**

**September 10**

- **DRGC Thank You BBQ.**  
You and your family are invited to help say thank you to all those who have helped with our Boulevard Median Beautification Project.  
**Date: September 10, 2011**  
**Time: 12:00 Noon.**  
**Where: California City Central Park Pavilion.**  
Please call Cecile Campbell at 760-373-3517 with how many will be attending and if you are bringing a side dish. The DRGC will be providing Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and desert.

**September 10**

- **Jo and Leonard Bucheger** will again host “The Old Prospector’s Roundup” at their home 16820 Sunny Slope Ave., N. Edwards, CA. Time: **At 6:00 PM.**  
If you need directions, please call Jo at (760) 769-4547. Pot Luck optional.

**September 10, 11**

- **Landscape Design School, Series 25, Course 1**  
Colfax Garden Club, Colfax California. Chairman: Mrytle Findley

**September 13**

- **DRGC Meeting.** 1 PM at Chucks Pizza, Victor Plaza, 7101 California City Blvd. **PROGRAM: Flower Shows, Ins and Outs. Janet Eyre**

**September 15-18**

- **CGCI Fall Board Meeting.** Stockton Hilton, Stockton, CA  
Host Valley Lode District. Chairman: Chelsea Wilson

**September 21-24**

- **NGC Fall Board Meeting.** St. Louis, Missouri

**September 22, 23**

**Landscape Design Study Program Course IV**  
Costa Verde District, South Coast botanic Garden  
Palos Verdes, California. Chairman: Alexis Slafer

**2011-2012 Calendar of Events for NGC, CGCI, DED, And DRGC continued:**

**September 26**

- **DED Fall Board Meeting.** Host: Oasis Garden Club of IWV. Desert Empire Fair Grounds, Staff Room. 9:30 AM coffee, 10:00 AM meeting. Lunch is \$5. Don't forget a ways and means item to help support our district.

**September 27**

- **DRGC Meeting.** 1 PM at Chucks Pizza, Victor Plaza, 7101 California City Blvd. **PROGRAM: "IRISES" with an Iris exchange.**

**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)

**ALWAYS WATER WISELY.**

<p><b>Our Next Meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011 1:00</b></p>
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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 gardening friend.**