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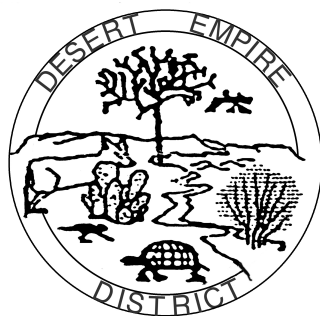
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Newsletter for
Desert Empire District,
California City,
and Ridgecrest CA.
Director,
Linda Latimer
Website: [www.
desertempiredistrict.org](http://www.desertempiredistrict.org)

Desert Empire District Board

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DesertEmpireDistrict.org

Desert Empire District Winter Meeting and Luncheon, February 13, 2012 ~ Monday.

Heritage Community Center
425 W Heritage Drive
Ridgecrest, CA

Turn east off Norma St. to Heritage Dr.
Extra parking at the Heritage Inn, 1050
N. Norma St. Ridgecrest.

Host:
Desert Planters of Ridgecrest
President: Dave Jester

9:30AM — Coffee
10:00AM — Meeting called to order.

Director's Communiqué:

We are into the 2nd month of the New Year 2012 already. Report time, a reminder for club presidents to write a paragraph etc., about your club activities and achievements since the last district meeting in September to report at the meeting. *"Desert Empire District standing Rule #1. The President of each club ... shall prepare a written report in triplicate to be given to all District Meetings."*

There will be a discussion about providing Gift Baskets for the CGCI Operation Wildflower Conference to be held in Palmdale.

Editor

Business:

Board Recommendations:

Voted on at the April 11, 2011 DED Meeting:

- It was moved, seconded, and approved to refurbish all the Blue Star Memorials
- It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurers Report.
- It was announced for third time: *To raise the DED dues an additional \$5.00.*

Club Presidents RSVP:

Please inform the host club president Dave Jester the number of your members who are planning to attend the February 13, DED Winter meeting at the Heritage Community Center. This facilitates the host club in organizing the luncheon. Lunch donation is \$5.

Remember to bring a "White Elephant" for the opportunity table-something relating to gardening is always a winner.

DED, CGCI AND NGC EVENTS:

February 5-9, 2012

CGCI Winter Board Meeting.

Host: Montana de Oro District.

February 12-14, 2012

Symposium

Handlery Hotel and Resort,
San Diego

February 13 ~ Monday

Desert Empire District

Winter Meeting and Luncheon,
Heritage Village Community Center
Ridgecrest, CA.

April 4-6, 2012

CGCI 2012 Wildflower Conference
Holiday Inn, Palmdale, CA
Chairmen: Merrilee Ray & Wanda
Hewett

April 12-20, 2012

CGCI 2012 Floriade River Cruise

The Netherlands
Chairman: Bob Gordon

April 13, 14 & 15

2nd Annual Ridgecrest Desert Wildflower Festival
www.ridgecrestdesertwildflowerfestival.com

April 17-19, 2012

Flower Show School

Course IV

Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District, Folsom.
Chairman: Mary Arakelian
Registrar: Carolyn Flynn,

May 14, 2012

Desert Empire Annual Spring Meeting

Host: Desert Planters of Ridgecrest and
Oasis Garden Club of IWV
Heritage Village Community Center
Ridgecrest, CA

May 16-19, 2012

NGC Convention,

Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY



June 3-7, 2012

CGCI 81st Annual Convention,

Cal Expo Sacramento DoubleTree
Host: Sacramento River Valley District

June 3-9, 2012

National Garden Week

June 18, 2012

Desert Empire Post Convention Meeting

Host: Desert Rose of California City
President Cecile Campbell
The Sports Center
10350 Heather Street, California City,
CA

For brochures for the courses or to sign up see the CGCI Website: www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org.

CGCI publishes a monthly eNewsletter if you are interested in receiving their informative newsletter you can download one at the CGCI Website then sign up for the next issue.

Laverne Harms, Editor

- **CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (CGCI) CA**
Garden Club information www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org.
- **PACIFIC REGION** www.PacificRegionGardenClubs.org
- **NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.** for National Garden Club information—www.GardenClub.org.
- **DESERT EMPIRE DISTRICT (DED)**. To download the *Desert Diggin's*—www.DesertEmpireDistrict.org.
Web Master: C. Roton
- **IRS Non-Profit Group Exemption 501(c) (3)**

CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**2012 Wildflower Conference****Palmdale, California**

Date: April 4-6, 2012
Location: Holiday Inn, 38630 Fifth Street West, Palmdale, CA (661-947-8055)
Sponsor: California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Chairman: Merrilee Ray
Co-Chairman: Wanda Hewett
Treasurer: Donna Thomas

Tentative Schedule**Wednesday, April 4, 2012**

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Registration in Hotel Lobby
Welcome Reception, Meet and Greet
San Gabriel Room
Dessert and Coffee

Thursday, April 5, 2012

6:00 am to 8:30 am

Complimentary full breakfast buffet in
5th Street Bistro, hotel guests only

All Speakers will be in the San Gabriel Room

8:30 am to 9:15 am

Presentation: "Creating a Butterfly Garden Habitat"
by Julie A. West, President, California
Garden Clubs, Inc.

9:15 am to 10:00 am

Presentation: "Preserving Antelope Valley Habitats"
by Ricardo Montijo, Chief Biologist, Wendy Reed,
Founding Director, Don Davis, Director, Antelope
Valley Conservancy

10:15 am to 11:00 am

Presentation: "Highway Landscaping"
by Ed Siribohdi, Landscape Architect and
Paul Caron, Senior Biologist
Cal Trans District 7, Los Angeles County

11:00 am to 11:15 am

Break

11:15 am to 12:00 noon

Presentation: "California Desert Conservation Issues"
by Steve Hartman, California Native Plant
Society, Los Angeles/ Santa Monica

Mountains Chapter

12:15 pm	Lunch in San Gabriel Room
2:00 pm to 2:45 pm	Presentation: "Saving the Ancients" by Robin Kobaly, Executive Director, Summer Tree Institute
2:45 pm to 3:30 pm	Presentation: "Antelope Valley Wildflowers" by Milt Stark, well-known writer and photographer (author of A Flower-Watcher's Guide to Spring-Blooming Wildflowers of the Antelope Valley)
3:30 to 3:45	Break
3:45 pm to 4:30 pm	Presentation "Natives in the Garden" by Genny Arnold, Theodore Payne Foundation
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Dinner Entertainment by the Antelope Valley Showcase Chorus

Friday, April 6, 2012

6:00 am to 8:30 am Guests only	Complimentary Breakfast Buffet, Hotel
9:00 am to 2:00 pm*	Depart to Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve Car pool
12:00 noon*	Box lunch at Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve

*Time approximate

Websites of Interest:

California Garden Clubs, Inc. – www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org
California Department of Transportation – <http://www.dot.ca.gov/>
California Native Plant Society – <http://www.cnps.org/>
Summer Tree Institute – <http://www.summertree.org/>
Theodore Payne Foundation – <http://www.theodorepayne.org/>
Milt Stark – http://www.amazon.com/Flower-Watchers-Spring-Blooming-Wildflowers-Antelope-Valley/dp/B0006DGE1U/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1325718091&sr=8-1