

The Real Dirt

NEWSLETTER OF THE

RAMONA GARDEN CLUB, RAMONA CA
A CGCI BLUE RIBBON CLUB

December 2024

General Meeting: December 11, 2024

Mountain View Community Church 1191 Meadowlark Way, Ramona

Doors open at 11:30 am

10:00 am Board Meeting



December Meeting:

Our famous Holiday Feast Potluck

**Ukaladies playing all your favorite holiday tunes
and a Trivia Game with prizes and lots of fun!!**

Trivia Game

For our December 11 meeting, we will not have a guest speaker, but will fill that time slot with a fun and entertaining team trivia game. Each team will be comprised of approximately six people per table, with teams competing against each another for the overall high score to a variety of trivia questions.

While striving to have the highest team score, the game format will be an excellent opportunity for us to learn a little bit more about each other in a fun, safe, and educational environment. Our facilitators have assured us this will be an event not to be missed. See you there.



From the hospitality committee

Join us for our Holiday feast Potluck! Always a favorite.

If you haven't already signed up to bring a dish for the Dec meeting, please contact Rebecca Holton by Dec 6 at either 760-715-2355 or email rraab715@yahoo.com.



Teri & Jane's Corner

DECEMBER PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Well, the Holiday Season has arrived! Teri and I send our heartfelt wishes to you and your families for a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, and Winter Solstice! Cheers to the season!!!



The Thanksgiving Feast was spectacular and we had quite a crowd joining us. For our December meeting we will once again be having another great feast!! We are really looking forward to sending 2024 off in style. On top of that we are having a Trivia game with prizes for the winners! Do join us for this time to socialize and just have some fun. We will also be joined by the Ukaldies who will play your favorite holiday tunes! We are not having a speaker this month.

This month marks the 10th year of holding our meetings at Mountain View Community Church. We celebrate and are grateful for this relationship and their hospitality towards us. We also enjoy supplying them with plants for their landscaping.

Happy Holidays, Jane & Teri



Garden Club Members,

I would like to express my appreciation for the excellent talk that Chuck McClung gave at our October meeting (So sorry for being tardy on this.) His talk was fabulous! He packed us with information and spoke with humble tidbits of humor. He was outstanding and it was a treat to be entertained and to soak in some of his knowledge of gardening at the same time. Kudos for setting up this fine speaker.

The master gardener, Jodi Bay, who spoke today was also very helpful in explaining how to clean and maintain our garden tools. Even though I have been gardening over 50 years, her talk was extremely helpful for the tasks we do on a daily basis...using the right tool sure makes a difference, and hopefully I can put into practice ways to take care of them better!

Kathy Kilcrease

Ramona Garden Club Field Trip for December



December 4, 2024 10am Alta Vista Botanical Gardens

This field trip is an excellent opportunity to join friends and visit a wide variety of botanical gardens at one site.

A California native garden, culinary herbs garden, jungle shade garden, medicinal as well as numerous other gardens are included.

Those interested can meet at the Mountain View Community Church parking lot at 10am, Wednesday, December 4. Admission to the gardens is \$5 for Botanical Gardens non-members.

Alta Vista Botanical Gardens 1270 Vale Terrace Dr. Vista CA 92084



Lost and Found

This carrier was left after the November meeting. Check with Hospitably committee if it is yours.

Please double check that you are getting the correct items that you brought to the potluck. If you notice you mistakenly brought home the wrong pot or spoon please bring to next meeting. Thank you!!

We love all the wonderful things brought to the Potluck and want to get everything home safely. Thanks!!

A Quick View of December Activities

December 2nd & 16th - Collier Park Work Days

December 9th - Special Collier Park Christmas Tree Trimming 8:30 - 10:30 am

December 6th - 18th - Safari Park Work Days

December 2nd - Palomar District Season Floral Design Forum

December 4th - Field Trip to Alta Vista Botanic Gardens

December 11th - Board meeting: 10 am General Meeting - 11:30 am

Holiday Potluck Feast & Trivia Game Day

December 23rd - Newsletter Deadline

Ramona Community Library Flower Arrangements

This is the upcoming schedule of library Flower Arrangements.

Dec. 2-7	Carol O'Brien
Dec. 9-14	Kathy Marshall
Dec. 16-21	Liz Inglis
Dec. 23-28	Liz Inglis
Dec. 30-Jan. 4	Debbie Gomez

Kathy Kilcrease is our wonderful Chairman for this activity.

If you can, please send the newsletter editor a picture of your arrangement in place at the library.

maggiecrane@att.net





Collier Park Work Party

Beautiful Fall color in our garden!

Huge THANK YOU to all who helped reline our paths with rock - David, Ramona, Carol W, & Debbie G.

We are about half done and hope to finish up next month.

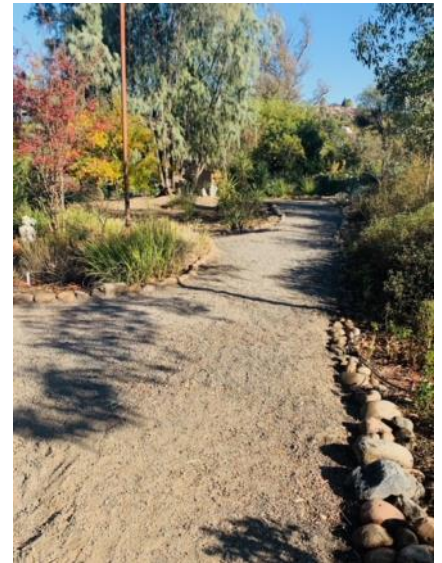


Our next work day for the paths will be:

December 16th

8:30 am to 10:30 am

Also will be having a work day on **Dec 2nd** and the Tree trimming on **Dec 9th**.



Come Help Decorate our Christmas Tree!!

Collier Park - December 9, Monday, 8:30-10:30am, help decorate the Collier Park Christmas tree.

If you have ornaments to donate, they must be unbreakable and weather proof.

Let's have some holiday cheer! Teri - 760-315-9176



Happy Very Special Birthday!!



One of our members is celebrating a very special birthday this month!!

Georgie Suitor is turning 90 years old on December 10th!!

Georgie has been a very active member in our club since 2003. She has been President 4 times!! 2009 - 2010; 2019 - 2020; 2020 - 2021; 2021 - 2022. She helped hold our club together during the tough Covid years. After all her service she was gifted the club gavel for her hard work.



She has served as chairman and helped out on many different committees over the years. She is now our Official Greeter so look for her at the entrance when you arrive at the meeting and wish her a wonderful birthday year!!

New Members - Update your Yearbook

We have 5 new and returning members to add to your yearbook.

Frank Bonillo - frankito_bonillo@hotmail.com

Patsy Heald - pyheald@aol.com

Anita Meyer - anitam1004@yahoo.com

Jenny Pickney - jpickney@hotmail.com

Name correction from last month: Kristine Griffin - rjad@sbcglobal.net

We Welcome all these new members!! We now have 86 members!

Check back each month for additions and don't forget to tell your friends so we can add their names to the list!!

December Birthdays

3rd - Jenny Pickney

10th - Georgie Suitor

17th - Peter Fletcher

26th - Carol Bazinet

29th - Ron Mulick





VP Robert introducing Jodi Bay



November General Meeting



Our November Speaker was Jodi Bay, a Master Gardener speaking on Gardening Tools.

We had a silent auction of crafts we had made for the plant/craft sale. Diane worked overtime to get everything set out and signs put down.

Also had a great Opportunity Table with lots of great prizes.

Once again, notice the “after” picture of the Potluck Feast!!



Garden tool sharpening information,
please visit

www.mastergardenersd.org/garden-tool-care

More information to be found on
Mastergardenersd.org



November Field Trip to The Waterwise Conservation Garden on November 9th



A beautiful 6-acre garden with winding nature trails, a butterfly pavilion, irrigation exhibits, water conservation themed exhibits. This unique garden aims to inspire people in the community about water wise landscaping.



November Question of the Month

“What got you Interested in Gardening and When?”



Lauren Moll: I loved playing in the mud as a child. Really started in high school so I could give flowers to my mom.

Linda Hermecz: Grew up on a farm and hated gardening! Started in my late 50's with floral design and expanded from there.

Betsy Macomber: Love being outside in nature and creating something new.... And digging in the dirt!

Scott O'Brien: I only do what I'm told when it comes to gardening!

Linda K: When I was 8 years old someone gave a presentation on cotton plants in school. I took a cotton ball home and used the seeds to grow an 8 ft. tall cotton plant.

Kathy Kilcrease: In early 30's when we moved to Poway and had a yard to landscape. Learned by trial and error. I always loved plants.

Jack Schotte: I have a lifetime of loving plants. Started in Jr. High growing succulents. Grew a 5 pound potato!!

Robert Holton: In 4th grade my dad had a 4 x 8 garden box and grew vegetables. Kept going from there. I have gardened in at least 10 different states.

Jeff B: My dad gardened and I started about 6 years old growing vegetables and flowers. In 1971 I landscaped my house front and back. Really took off in retirement.

Carol Wilson: My dad hired my high school boyfriend sometime in the late 70's to prune his shrubs. I end up helping and was immediately hooked.



Many thanks to Carol Wilson for working the room and getting these great answers!! I'm enjoying the very different answers from everyone. Which answer comes closest to what your answer would be? Have you shared with your family and friends what you love about gardening and garden club? Does your family know where you got your love of the dirt from?

Palomar District Floral Design Forum

Time Sensitive: December 2, 2024



Rene van Rems, International Star Designer, does programs around the world. But you can see him right here in San Diego County!

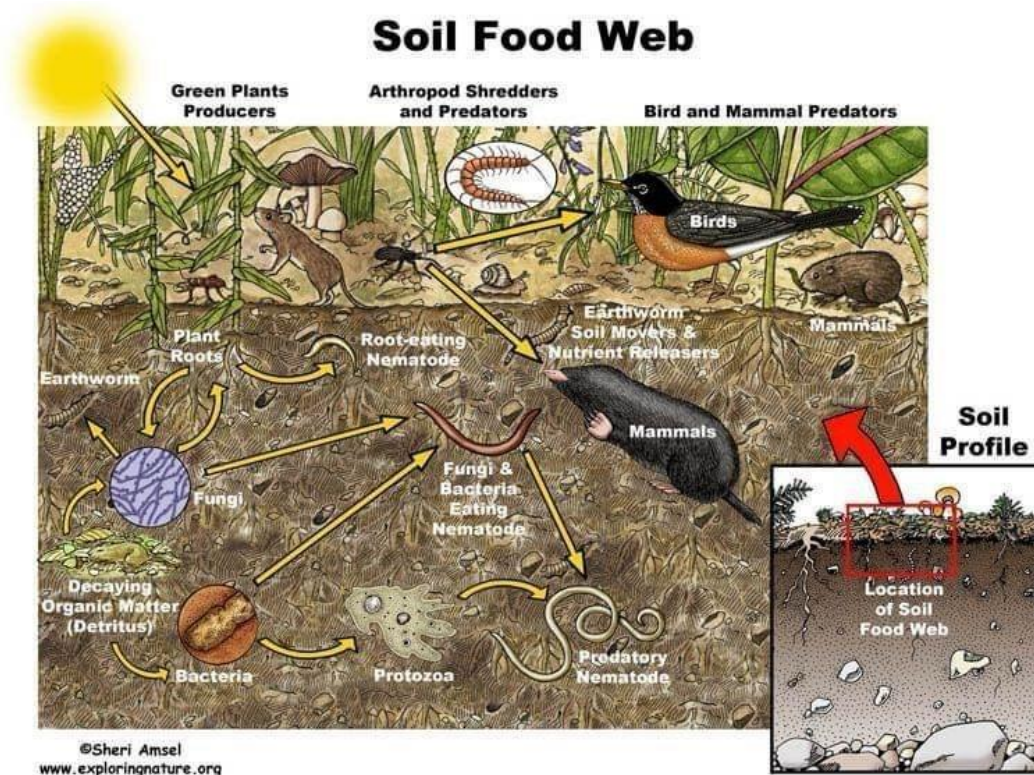
Don't miss this opportunity to see the best and kick off the holiday season with lots of ideas from a highly sought after Professional Florist Instructor.

Location: Rancho Penasquitos Public Library
13330 Salmon River Road, San Diego, CA 92129.

Arrive early. Doors open at 11:30am. Monday, Dec. 2, 2024

Seats are limited.

Sign up at: PalomarDesignForum@gmail.com to insure a seat.





Taken from the National Garden Club Facebook page

People are turning to their gardens not to consume
but to actively create, not to escape from reality
But to observe it closely.

In doing this they experience the connectedness of
creation

And the profoundest sources of being.

That the world we live in and the activity of making it

Are one seamless whole is something that we may
occasionally glimpse in the garden, we know.

Carol Williams - Bringing a Garden to Life 1998

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