

The Real Dirt

NEWSLETTER OF THE

RAMONA GARDEN CLUB, RAMONA CA
A CGCI BLUE RIBBON CLUB

APRIL 2025

General Meeting: April 9, 2025

Mountain View Community Church 1191 Meadowlark Way, Ramona

Doors open at 11:15 am

10:00 am Board Meeting

April Guest Speaker: Tyler Trimble **Fruit Trees**



Tyler is the owner of San Diego “Backyard Fruit” and is an educator for many of our local nurseries. He was born in Arizona on a family farm. The love of fruit was in his blood from the start.

He has worked under Kurt Peacock, who has been a consulting Arborist and orchard specialist for over 30 years.

Also, Tom Spellman from Dave Wilson Nursery recruited him to teach his fruit tree classes and seminars. He eventually managed the nursery where he began, and ran one of the most extensive fruit departments in California.

Tyler has since left the retail nursery scene to accommodate his growing customers and to expand “Backyard Fruit” to reach its full potential. With a main strategy of selecting trees to ripen at different times, he wants to help everyone select the very best varieties of fruit trees for their area, and help you solve local disease and pest problems with the least amount of effort.

Come join us at the April 9 meeting to learn all about fruit trees.

We are opening the doors a little earlier at 11:15 am so we can get the potluck dishes placed and start the line by 11:30 am

We will also have our **Horticultural Table** ready to receive your selections from your garden.

We have had beautiful weather after the rain so your garden is sure to be blooming!

Let's fill up the table this month.



Teri & Jane's Corner



Hello Dear Members,

What a beautiful morning! The sun is out and we are in for a warm day. How warm I'm not sure, the high seems to have fluctuated down from the high 80's to a high of 71. Not bad at all. So, let's see how it goes. We are writing this message on Monday, 3/24/25.

As you may recall, the RGC has increased its Scholarship budget obligation to \$5,500.00 for this year. So we would like to have our members support this upcoming fundraiser to make it the best ever!!

We are right around the corner from our big Spring Plant and Craft Sale on May 3rd at Ramona Oaks Park. I do hope that everyone will step up to volunteer to help on sale day, find some treasures to give as Mother's Day gifts, and maybe stop in to help out the day of the event. It will be from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be lots of vendors as well. Come out to help as we'd like to have a blow out sale. Many folks in the community have donated plants and other items to our event as well. Please save the date.

Don't miss our speaker on April 9th at MVCC. If you wish to arrive earlier than 11:30 am to facilitate the buffet, please do so: 11:15 am will help us get the buffet set up on time.

Happy Spring everyone! Your Co-Presidents, *Jane & Teri*

April Birthdays

12th - Sandy Bedard

13th - Valerie Privett

15th - Jack Schlotte

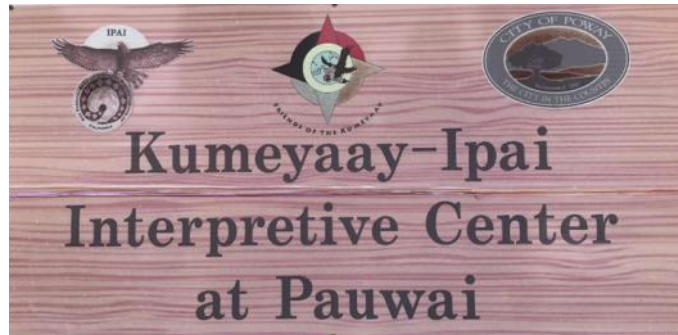


18th - Bernette Faust

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19th - Pete Aragon

Ramona Garden Club Field Trip for April
Monday, April 14, 2025
Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretative Center, Poway



The original native inhabitants of San Diego County, have lived in this region for at least 12,000 years. Historically, the Kumeyaay were experts at horticulture, hunting, gathering food and fibers, fire management, dam building, animal, and plant husbandry, creating watersheds and storing groundwater. Their territory spanned from just north of Oceanside, to well south of Ensenada and east to the Colorado river.

Many of the native plants used by the Kumeyaay for thousands of years, still grow throughout the county, including in many of our home gardens. Robert Holton is a docent at the center, and will be our guide for this unique opportunity. Look for the sign-up page, and additional information at the April 9 meeting or contact Robert Holton at: reholton1@yahoo.com

A Quick View of April Activities

April 4th & 16th - Safari Park Work Day (page 12)

April 7th & 21st - Collier Park Work Days (page 6)

April 7th - Palomar District Season Floral Design Forum (page 12)

April 9th - Board Meeting 10 am - General Meeting & Potluck 11:15 am (page 1)

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April 22nd - Newsletter Deadline

******May 3rd - Plant and Craft Sale - Ramona Oaks Park ***** (page 5)**

Ramona Community Library Flowers Has Moved to the Senior Center!

Our community outreach Library Flowers is now at the Senior Center while the library is closed for repairs.

We are taking the arrangements in on Thursdays and picking it up the following Thursday. Please contact me if you are willing to take either a plant arrangement or flowers to the center. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Ramona Senior Center inside Ramona Community Center 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, CA

Kathy Kilcrease, Chairperson 619-851-1852



Aren't these just the most beautiful arrangements that were placed at the Senior Center?

I'm sure they brightened the day of the seniors coming in and of the staff that work there. Keep up the great work!!

Top Left: I don't know who brought this in but my guess would be Kathy K. Am I correct?

Top Right: Rebecca Holton

Bottom left: Teri and Ramona with flowers picked from our wonderful Collier Park!

Ramona Garden Club Plant and Craft Sale

May 3, 2025

Ramona Oaks Park 25341 Pappas Rd, Ramona, CA

10 am to 2 pm

Our spring plant and craft sale is quickly approaching on May 3. It will be at Ramona Oaks Park in Country Estates from ten to two.

We will need volunteers for set up, sales, and cleanup. You will be able to sign up at the April general meeting or by contacting Debbie Gomez at deb4fino@pacbell.net.

Please label any plants you bring to the sale with the plant name and what growing conditions it likes. Labels will be available at the April meeting.

We need boxes for the customers if you have any to donate. Don't forget to bring your gently used garden related items such as birdhouses and feeders, tools, books etc.

Our crafters have been busy making unique garden art for our upcoming sale. This includes colorful abstract concrete planters, wire crafts, bottle crafts for rooting plants, specialty bottles with lights and other one of a kind crafts.

We have had many plants donated for our sale by people moving out of state. This includes a truckload plus of beautiful houseplants which we usually don't have at our sales.

It is going to be a great sale with a lot of variety. Please come to shop and tell your friends and neighbors.

Depending on what we have leftover after we make our donation to the church, we are planning to participate in the Jan Ryan Garage Sale in County Estates on May 17 to sell the rest.



We were Rained out in March!!
Come and join us in April!! We will
take Rain on any day it decides to
come.

Work Day at Collier Park

Monday, April 7, 2025 8 am to 11 am

Rock party! Come help us reline the paths in our Collier Park Garden!

David W donated a big pile of rocks so come on out on **Monday, April 7th , between 8-11am.**

If that's not your cup of tea, come and pull some weeds or do some pruning.

It's fun to work together and help beautify the garden for our community to enjoy.

We'll have another work day on **April 21st.** Come and join the group on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.



Come Spend some time at Collier Park, "It is magnificent right now" ...Teri



March Question of the Month

“What is your Favorite Spring Flower in your Yard?”



Connie Sabon: Blue Hibiscus. It is a bush that needs support (huegelii) I always wait for it to bloom!

Diane McKee: Daffodils. The yellow ones, so bright and cheerful and it means Spring is coming.

Kathy Marshall: Lantana, seems a weird answer but it is the multi colored yellow, pink and orange. It is a huge plant, 4 foot around. I LOVE IT!

Carol O'Brien: Roses. Favorite is Rio Samba. Goes through 4 color changes. First peach, yellow and peach then white with red tips.

Linda K: Freesia. I love the fragrance. I grow them in pots to protect from gophers.

Rebecca Holton: Calendulas. They are prolific and multiply. So bright yellow and orange and carefree.

Diane Schafer: Sweet peas. They remind me of my mother.

David & Toni White: Double Delight Tree Rose. Loves the fragrance.

Lauren Moll: Bird of Paradise. So unique and tropical looking.

Susan Shapira: Daffodils. My sister planted them 10 years ago along the driveway. It is a beautiful surprise every year.

Barbara Boryla: Geraniums. Rose Scented is my favorite. I have a lot of geraniums.

Jeanne Baby: Daffodils. I have a variety of different ones. They look like sunshine.

Such a special time of year with all the new blooms brightening up the world!

What is your favorite Spring Flower?

Plants Donated to Mountain View Community Church

Our Club donated thirteen 5-gallon succulents to Mountain View Community Church in February courtesy of club member **Lauren Moll**.

This constitutes the first of four collections we will donate this year as part of our fee for using the beautiful MVC sanctuary as a monthly meeting place.

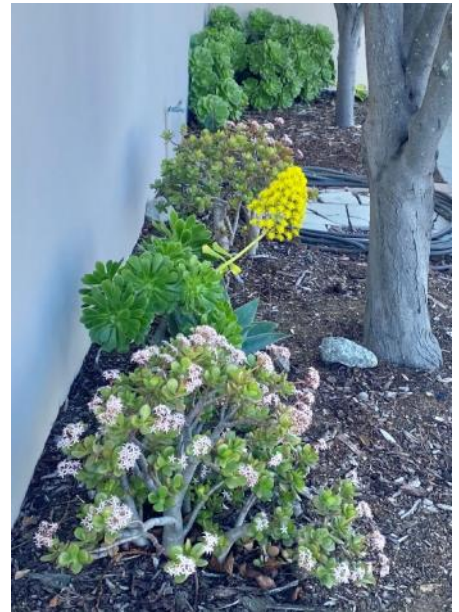
The next batch will be put together after our May Plant Sale.

Thank you Lauren! Pastor Josh was really pleased with the selection you brought.



Sample of plants Lauren Moll donated to the Ramona Garden Club

This is a section of the church yard that has been planted with donations from the RGC.



March's Horticulture Table

Carol Bazinet, in charge of the Horticulture Table was very happy to get a wide variety of flowers brought in from members gardens! This month we should have lots of great blooms! Bring them and share with the club!!



March General Meeting



March was a great meeting with Roy Wilburn speaking on Tomatoes. He gave us a lot of great information to help us grow the best tomatoes ever!

**Come to our next meeting and
join in the FUN!**



A great Speaker, raffle table, potluck, horticulture and lots of great social time makes a fun and informative meeting



Stella won the door prize!

March Field Trip to the Botanical Building in Balboa Park



Beautiful weather greeted a group of enthusiastic RGC members at the recently re-opened Botanical Building in Balboa Park. It was clear the renovation was well thought out for future visitors, and Botanical docents were available to answer numerous questions about the 3-year process to update the building.





Horticulture Table

Let us see what you are growing in your yards!!
The morning of the meeting go out and choose one or two or several different flowers or plants and pick them and bring in a clear bottle to our meetings to share on the Horticulture Table.

Fill out the horticulture tag with as much information as you have and if you don't know what it is place a Please ID tag next to it so our knowledgeable members can add the name for you.

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(Sample tag)

Ramona Garden Club

Horticulture at Monthly Meeting

Date: _____

Variety - Botanic Name

Type of plant - other information

Exhibitor



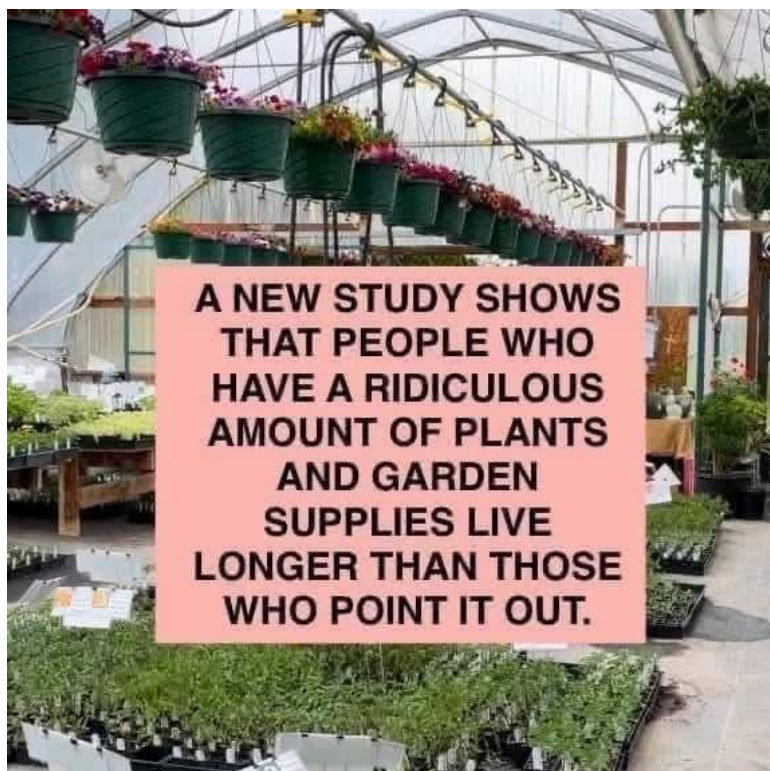
Chandler Herb Garden Volunteers

Ramona Garden Club volunteers twice a month, the 1st Friday & the 3rd Wednesday in the Herb Garden. Please think about joining them!

Debbie Gomez invites you to volunteer at the Chandler Herb Garden. Volunteering offers membership to the Park and the Zoo, and other perks.

Contact Debbie Gomez to express interest in volunteering at the Chandler Herb Garden.
(760) 705-6192) (deb4fino@pacbell.net)





The Water Conservation Garden

<https://thegarden.org/weekly-classes/workshops>

Palomar District Floral Design:

April 7, 2025 Welcome to Debra Warriner from the Ichiro School of Ikebana. Learn some of the changes from other schools and appreciate beauty and elegance of design.

Location: Rancho Penasquitos Public Library 13330 Salmon River Road, San Diego
Arrive Early. Doors open at 11:30 am. Program starts at Noon.

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May 3, 2025

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10 am to 2 pm

Come and join us in the park for a Plant and Craft Sale!

There will be a great variety of plants of all kinds for you to buy just in time for your late spring garden.

Get great prices and a jump start to all your plantings.

There are also crafts that our members have made that are fun and special. Not your everyday online yard art.... Inventive and Interesting pieces to enjoy.

Come get something for your Mom for Mother's Day!! Come early and get the good picks and then plan on visiting all the other vendors in the park!

