



# The Real Dirt

GENERAL MEETING ~ DECEMBER 11TH

The Ramona Garden Club would like to announce the next upcoming meeting on **December 11, 2019**, the always the 2nd Wed. of the month, Our meeting takes place at **12:15!** [Please do not enter the building before this time (unless you are setting up). Guests are nearly always a welcome addition to these meetings. Once we call the meeting to order, attend to the necessary business, we will have a holiday-themed pot luck luncheon. We will NOT have a guest speaker, but will have a craft for all to enjoy. **Please see Page 5 of this newsletter for more information on this and what you can bring to help out!** The UkuLadies will provide some music.



Our raffle will also be happening, so bring some extra bling-bling for that. RGC will provide turkey and ask that all the members bring side dishes. Those whose last name begins with the letters **A thru P**, please bring a side dish, salad appetizer or other fun accompaniment to the meat; All other members, please bring dessert. Coffee, tea & water are provided by the club. Remember to bring your own plate, cup & utensils as we are starting this new idea to save on dishwashing.



**The Ramona Garden Club meets at 12:15 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Mountain View Community Church, 1191 Meadowlark Way**

A guest speaker, refreshments, door prize, plant swapping, raffle, horticulture table and library table are featured.

For additional information contact:

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# President's Message



Holiday Greetings to Our Wonderful Ramona Garden Club Members!!!

We look forward to seeing all of you at our December 11, 2019, Potluck Luncheon, as we enjoy delicious food and the joy of being together!

Special thanks to our Parliamentarian, Jane Vidal, for attending the recently offered Parliamentary Procedure course, as well as leading and completing the search for next year's garden tour sites... . Jane, you are the best!!! Now, we are looking for volunteers to pick up where Jane left off and chair the 2020 Garden Tour!

Finally, we wish you all much happiness and fun during this season of celebration!

Happy Holidays,

Georgie Suitor  
Ramona Garden Club President

# \* Special \* Announcements \*

## December Birthdays

- \* George Mussen
- \* Gloria Pannabecker
- \* Kehrin Schmidt
- \* Tracy Barnowe
- \* Cindy Simon
- \* Carol Bazinet
- \* Maritta Simonds
- \* Phil Green
- \* Georgie Suitor



## RAFFLE TABLE ITEMS

We will be having our regular raffle at the General Meeting for December so please bring in something pretty and festive!!! A very good idea is to bring something you've been using over the years for Christmas but it's run its course. Beautiful holiday arrangements are easy to put together for this purpose. Add some pinecones and holly and ribbon and voila! Or, bring a gently-used item and wrap it up in pretty paper to include a surprise gift for the raffle. Our raffle provides a huge value to our fundraising efforts and the proceeds will go to those who qualify for a scholarship or grant.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE & REPURPOSE!



### RGC Calendar of Events for December 2019

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\* No December Board Meeting \*

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BEAUTIFICATION DAYS AT COLLIER PARK --- PLEASE COME AND HELP OUT!

The Park has been the responsibility of the Ramona Garden Club for over 6 years now. We take pride in this lovely corner. But, it takes time and attention to keep it well-maintained and kept up. Accordingly, it is strongly urged for all of us to contribute some time to contributing to our community by weeding, hoeing, weed-pulling, trimming, pruning, etc., etc., etc.

Accordingly, please take some time this month to join in. Beautification days are the **SECOND (2nd) and F<sup>OUR</sup>TH (4th) FRIDAYS** of each month., This month those days will fall on Friday, December 13th and Friday, December 27th.

Bring your gloves and any garden tools you would like to use. I know Teri Schmidt, Debbie Gomez and Ramona Valencia will sure appreciate you, since they show up on most Beautification Days.



Jacaranda planting and dedication to Sandi Clark at Collier Park held November 8, 2019.

# REMINDERS

**"In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy."**

*- William Blake*

## **"Make It and Take It"**

For our December Meeting we will be having a "Hands On" Floral Workshop

Each member will create an original floral arrangement to take home with them.

Please bring a small container.



greenery  
succulents  
flowers  
small decorative items

to use in your arrangement and to share with your friends. Other supplies will be provided



We will be having a craft workshop at the December General Meeting. We would appreciate your assistance by bringing in little decorative items to make lovely floral holiday displays. Be imaginative since anything is welcome, but Christmas containers, bric-a-brac, ornaments, pine cones, pods, seeds, ribbons, flowers, plants, greenery, etc.



HELP OUT the hungry can or other non-RGC General meeting on contribute to our canned



**FOOD DRIVE**

by bringing in a perishables to the December 11th to food drive.



Don't forget to bring your own plate, cup and utensils to the General Meeting on December 11th, so we can slowly do away with washing all those dishes. Also, if you want to, bring a cloth napkin to use and return. THANKS!



## Horticulture Table

There will be no Horticulture table display at our December General Meeting. Keep in mind, though, we will have one again in 2020 for February, March and April!

# More Info...

## SAFARI PARK VOLUNTEERS

Friday, December 6th and Wednesday, December 18th will be the days designated for those members who volunteer in the "Chandler Herb Garden at Safari Park. If this seems like something you'd like to get involved with, please contact Debbie Gomez at [deb4fino@pacbell.net](mailto:deb4fino@pacbell.net), and she will give you the rundown. More information of this process of becoming a volunteer than be found at [www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org) wherein you will be able to fill out an application online. Thirdly, you can call Andy (the Park representative) (760-738-5061). He'll be able to fill you in on requirements, etc.



## **Who Wants to Learn Something New is 2020?!?!**

Since I will be relieving myself of the job I have done for the last 3 years, Newsletter Chairman, the position will be open to someone new. In order to make the transition a smooth one, I will provide instruction to whomever is willing to learn a new program (Publisher) and take on this task. It's fun and interesting and it has been a pleasure since most of the feedback I have received is extremely positive. I look forward to getting together with anyone who is ready and willing to take over for me. I would really appreciate a volunteer.

## **A Huge Pat on the Back to Diane Schafer**

For creating a beautiful succulent wreath which will be auctioned off at the Town Hall on Dec. 8th between 4 and 7:00 pm. Thanks also to Teri Schmidt and Barbara Kinder for providing Diane with succulents.



**We are still looking for someone to take of the job of Chairman for the 2020 RGC Garden Tour. Jane Vidal has found 7 (maybe 9) lovely homes for the tour next year. We are in need of hostesses, a Chairman and a Co-Chair for this event. Our last tour was such a success I'm confident word of mouth and return guests will ensure a good turnout for the next one.**

