

**RAMONA GARDEN CLUB
COVID NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

President's Message:

Greetings to Our Wonderful Ramona Garden Club Members!

As we continue moving through the pandemic, it is heartening to know that we remain in community, as we meet remotely and garden constantly! Hooray for the recent rain!

Many thanks to Board Member Jennifer DeSimone, who continues to forward to our Membership Chairwoman, Julie Perreault, names of those on the Nextdoor app who wish to join our organization.

On a sad note, word has come that former long time Ramona Garden Club member Madeline "Maddie" Rose Volper, passed away on January 30, 2021, in Utah, surrounded by loving family at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Andy and Cory Volper. Maddie was 93 years of age.

We will continue to meet remotely, until further governmental notice, so stay healthy, share new gardening ideas with us and THANK YOU, for being such a creative and caring Ramona Garden Club community!

**Georgie Suitor
Ramona Garden Club President**

"There is more pleasure in making a garden, than in contemplating a paradise!" Anne Scott-James

Treasurer's Report:

Verna Dailey reported that Debbie Gomez raised \$70 for the RGC with a recent donation. As of January 31, 2021, the Ramona Garden Club now has a balance of \$8769.49 after paying the CGCI Dues and Palomar District Dues and fees for our January speaker.

February Speaker information from Karla Brustad:

Our speaker for the February 10th Meeting is the owner of Casa Rustica, Andy Canales. He will give a Zoom presentation from his business at 316 Main Street here in Ramona. He will show us the stores home decor and artisan hand crafted items from Mexico. They have a variety of authentic and distinctive products for home and garden including clay and cement pottery, forged iron decor, hand blown glassware, tin items, pewter, candles, ceramic art and much more.

He will also talk about his safety procedures for his business and how Covid has affected his business

Zoom meeting at noon. Information for joining below.

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ZOOM MEETINGS:

If you would like to join us for the meeting on Wednesday February 10th, please download the free Zoom app to your electronic device (your computer, tablet or smart phone) in advance of the meeting. Also, PLEASE click on “register in advance for this meeting” (see below) you will receive a confirmation once you are registered for the meetings. The registration confirmation will include the link.

Here is the link for the upcoming meetings. They include every second Wednesday for 2021.

Once someone registers for one meeting, they will be registered for all of them.

I encourage you all to click the link now and take a moment to register. That way you know what to expect and what other people will see.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Feb 10, 2021 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

From the Master Gardeners of San Diego via Ramona Valencia:

Each year, the Master Gardener Program of San Diego County's Spring Seminar brings outstanding gardening-related classes and workshops to residents of San Diego County. This year we've gone virtual!

Our 2021 Seminar includes 13 classes & 3 workshops.

For one low fee of \$35.00, you have access to all the classes and workshops. If you wish to participate in one of the workshops, supply lists are available to allow you to assemble your supplies in advance

All classes and workshops are pre-recorded. They will be available online 24 hours/day from March 20 at 9:00am (PDT) through March 28 at midnight. Classes and workshops can be viewed multiple times from wherever you may be.

Also from Ramona Valencia:

This is a link you might find interesting, it is information about 'water-smart landscaping':

<https://www.watersmartsd.org/landscape-makeover-program/?fbclid=IwAR2UMD0YcT6KEdJaIUTExzHTpPtuxA2XAqilJh0iYVjS19GGyRTTmnTbwBo>

Dear Members,

As your current RGC Newsletter editor, I would like to also express my sorrow about our former member, Maddie Volper who passed away on January 30th this year. Maddie was a member of the Ramona Garden since 2005 and was our Parliamentarian in 2011-12. I remember her inspirations given at our general meetings each month. Both she and John (who also passed away several years ago) were



active members and had their lovely garden on our Spring Tour many years ago.

I hope that you can join our meetings via Zoom. It is quite fun to see everyone (not in person but in real time). Call if you have questions: 760 214-3394. I would be happy to address any concerns you may have about the Zoom technology.

I have included a photograph below of a spectacular garden in Ramona. Some of you may recognize it — hint, this garden was on the tour some years ago. If you do send me an email and let me know whose home this is.

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Feb. 2nd, so, 6 more weeks of winter, but we are OK with this in Southern California (paradise)!

Happy February!

Jane Vidal your Newsletter Editor

