



# WELCOME REALITY

General Meeting  
February 12th

*Happy*

The Ramona Garden Club will host it's second General Meeting of 2020 on Wednesday, **February 12, 2020**. Always held the 2nd Wednesday of the month, we are especially sweet on the idea of having not just members, but guests, friends, family and/or any other visitors this month. Please arrive to check in at **12:00** (unless you are part of the set up crew) so we can get things rolling! We've been given permission by the church to arrive earlier for the next couple of months at least. We will have our usual pot luck luncheon and featured speaker.

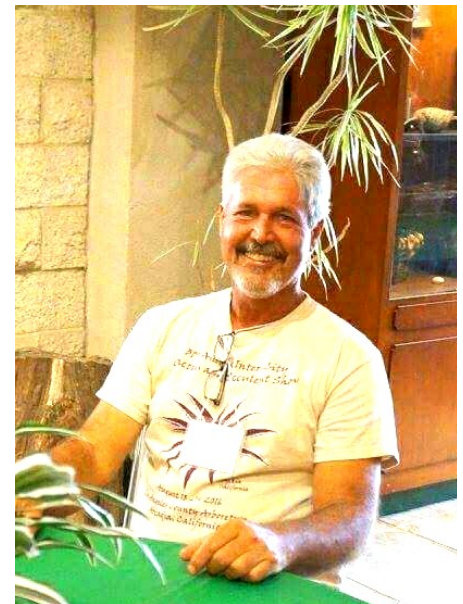
For February, members with a last name starting with **A-R**, please bring a salad, appetizer, entrée or main dish. All others will be asked to bring dessert. Coffee, tea & water will be provided by the club.

**IMPORTANT:** Please remember to bring your own dish/utensils setup in order to cut down on paper & plastic. A huge THANKS to those who have already been doing this. This is a great trend started by other garden clubs in the area.

SAVE OUR PLANET!



The speaker for the Feb 12th meeting of the RGC will be Peter Walkowiak. He is a member of every cactus and succulent society in SoCal, Vice President of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society (SDCSS.net) and the Palomar CSS and on the Board of Directors of the National Society of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSAinc.org). He is starting his own nursery, "**PW Plants**," specializing in unusual succulent plants that grow well in San Diego.



**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:

Ramona Garden Club, P.O. Box 1412, Ramona, CA 92065

**Member of the National Garden Clubs Inc. (NGC), NGC/Pacific Region and California Garden Clubs, Inc. / Palomar District and a proud Blue Ribbon Club**

# President's Message



**February Greetings to Our Ramona Garden Club Members!**

As we grow closer to our April 25, 2020, Garden Tour & Plant Sale, much gratitude to our great team of creative minds; working together toward the goal of another successful major fundraising event.

And speaking of "team work," during our January board meeting, Teri Schmidt suggested we form a New Member Sub-Committee, to provide orientation for new members regarding how to become actively involved with the projects and support systems of our club. Teri volunteered to chair the sub-committee, assisted by Jane Vidal, Diane Schafer and Georgie Sutor. Membership Chair, Barbara Hurlstone, will supply new member information. Thank You, Teri, for a truly inclusive, community building plan.

**And now a very HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!  
to our wonderful membership!!**

**Georgie Sutor  
Ramona Garden Club President**



# Announcements

## February Birthdays

- \* Susan Blaski
- \* Allyson Green
- \* Deborah Grover
- \* Barbara Kinder
- \* Kathy Marshall
- \* Gracze McKenny
- \* Janet Pickle
- \* Barbara Spain
- \* Art Vidal



## RAFFLE TABLE ITEMS PLANT SALE

Please continue to bring gently-used garden or other household items for our raffle table at the General Meeting. We may actually remove some of them and add them to our "Gently-Used" section to sell at our plant sale in April. Anything which still looks good and usable that you no longer have a need for is what we're looking for. Please also clean it. This is a great help in raising money for our scholarship and grants fundraising efforts! *Alternatively*, in honor of **VALENTINE'S DAY**, make a special holiday bouquet and bring that in for our raffle.



## NEW MEMBER CORNER

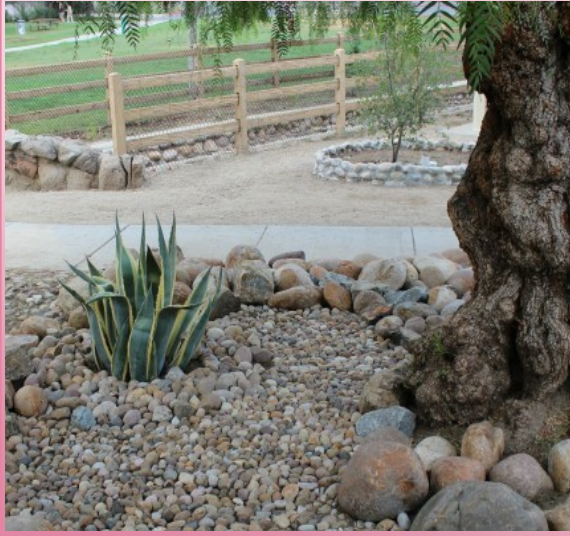
Introducing new member, Julie Perault. Julie "loves to see beautiful gardens," which is one of the reasons she joined the RGC. She's recently retired from the SDCE where she was Recreation Dir/HR. She has mostly succulents and cacti in her garden and would like to learn about different varieties of plants, and get her plants to be healthy and look pretty in the yard. The social interaction RGC provides is her other reason for joining. Let's all welcome her and engage her in some garden talk.



## RGC Calendar of Events for February 2020

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February 28	Beautification Day —Collier Park ~ 9:00 a.m.	Page 4





**BEAUTIFICATION DAYS  
COLLIER PARK—ONLY 2 Fridays per month**

Shhhshh. Did you hear that????!!!! Collier Park is calling you—to come out and give it a little love and TLC. On the **2nd and 4th Friday** of every month, volunteers, like yourself, come out to the RGC corner of Collier Park to help out with the maintenance. Please take some time to do some gardening for us — EVERYONE is invited. You can even visit the Jacaranda we planted for past-President Sandi Clark, along with the accompanying painted rocks contributed by her friends and member of the club. This will give you the chance to put on your gardening gloves, bring your clippers and rake, and give aid to the beauty and esthetics we created roughly 6 years ago. February Beautification Days will fall on Friday, **February 14th** and Friday, **February 28th**. Please find it in your heart to lend a hand to this most worthy community project.

**Shinoda Design Center—Floral Design Forum  
7170 Miramar Rd.**

**February 3, 2020**—Featuring **Dale Rekus** from **Point Loma Garden Club**, a competitive designer (SD Fair's Top Ten) with an eye for being his own man with style. New to our stage.

**I like gardening. It's a place where I find myself when I need to lose myself.**

**- Alice Sebold**



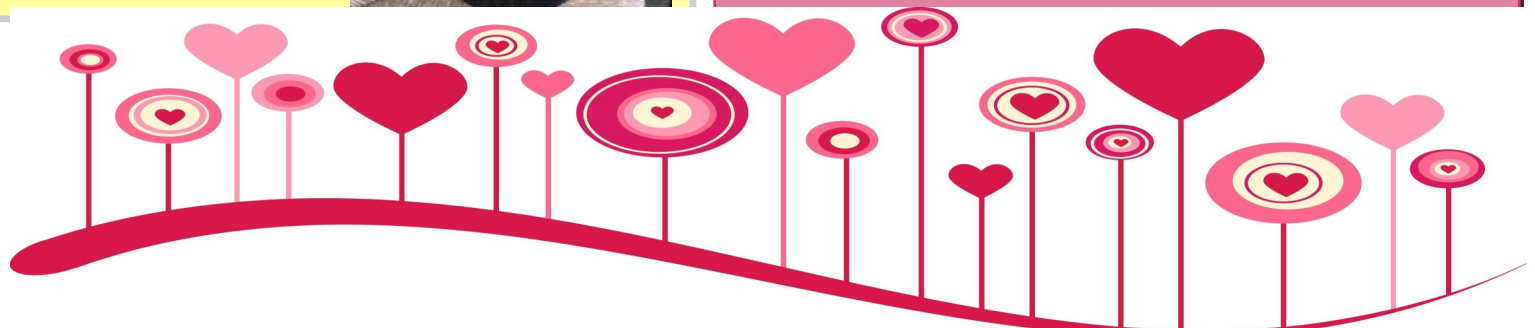
**SAVE YOUR POTS!!!**

Please save your 1-gallon pots! You can bring them to the general meeting or drop them off at Collier Park in between the two sheds!

Members need them for propagating plants to sell at our upcoming plant sale!



**Gently used garden containers like these are always good donations for the raffle and for the plant sale used items table.**



# NEED I SAY MORE?



Does anyone have a craft that they would like to teach everyone for the Craft Sale  
call Diane 760-658-0334



## MESSAGE FROM DEBBIE CANFIELD, OUR GARDEN TOUR CHAIR

Hello RGC Members. Our biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner. We are trying to get everything finalized and in place for the big day. For the Home Tour we would like to sell more tickets before the tour date. This will give visitors more time the day of the tour to visit the homes and shop the plant sale. It will also help the volunteers that day by not having to sell so many tickets at the homes.

So, at our February meeting we would like to encourage all members to receive 2 tickets to sell or buy yourself along with SAVE THE DATE CARDS. These will be at the sign-in table. We are also going to have a contest for the person who sells the most. Jane Videll challenges anybody to sell more tickets than herself!

We would also like to have tables at a couple of places in town (hopefully Albertsons, Stater Bros and somewhere in the Estates) for selling tickets and promoting our events. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO DO THIS.

Accordingly, we will have sign-up sheets for all of these things at our February meeting along with sign-up sheets for HOSTESS/HOST AT GARDEN TOUR HOMES, VOLUNTEERS to place signage on the Friday and on the day of tour, and lastly directing people to the homes.

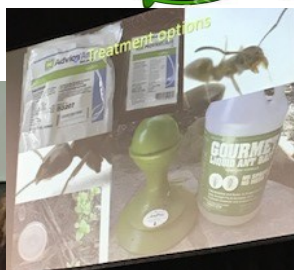
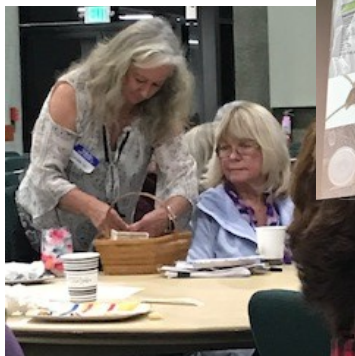
MAKE IT FUN; BUDDY UP WITH A FRIEND. LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you, Debbie Canfield. Chairperson [kdstar.ranch@gmail.com](mailto:kdstar.ranch@gmail.com) or 760 315-6461

PICTURES



Debbie C sells tix for raffle.



Members listen as the speaker from the Jan meeting talks.



[Witch Hazel]

## Horticulture Table

DO NOT FORGET to bring something from your garden to add to our Horticulture Table at the February General Meeting. Make a tag with the plant's name and your name; or we will have some tags on hand. If you do forget to bring a sampling, you can bring one in March and/or April, 2020! The tag should have the date, exhibitor's name, type of plant, botanical name, variety — if you know. Otherwise leave it blank and someone from the RGC can help with that possibly.

# Bits of Interest

## SAFARI PARK VOLUNTEERS



Friday, **February 7th** (1st Friday) and Wednesday, **February 10th** (3rd Wednesday) are the days designated for Safari Park volunteers who work in the Chandler Herb Garden at Safari Park. More information can be had at [www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org), to fill out an application online. Or, call Andy (760-738-5061) at the Park. Volunteers are always welcome.

Debbie Gomez at [deb4fino@pacbell.net](mailto:deb4fino@pacbell.net) is also a good source of info on the topic. [We are all thinking of Debbie and wishing her a speedy recovery from the spill she took on her bike.]

### Time to Step Up

*Our Plant Sale and Garden Tour are rapidly approaching, and we are doing everything possible to get ready for it. Thank Goodness Debbie Canfield has offered to be the Chairperson for the Tour. Bless her heart. ❤️ That having been said, we are still looking for someone to take on the Chairmanship for the Plant Sale at the Library. Be assured that this will be a breeze; when I was a chair, so many people stepped up and helped out that it ran like a well-oiled machine. Another way you can help out is to sign up for one of the craft workshops. The crafts we sell help to add more income for the sale. Super fun too! Everyone will be responsible for selling at least 2 tickets to Tour; Tell all your friends & family.*



[www.ramonagardenclub.com](http://www.ramonagardenclub.com)

## Garden Tour

### 7 Unique Gardens

## Plant and Craft Sale

April 25th 9AM-3PM  
Ramona Library Parking Lot

Plants Grown & Raised in Ramona  
Succulents  
Cactus  
Bulbs  
Perennials  
Cuttings  
Native Plants

**Succulent Gardens**

**Crafts**

**Gently Used Garden Decor & Tools**

*Diane Schafer Photography*



### Crafters Wanted

Sign up for Craft Workshops at the Feb. meeting to help make items for the Garden Tour and Craft and Plant Sale  
Info Contact Diane Schafer  
760-658-0334



for more information  
[www.ramonagardenclub.com](http://www.ramonagardenclub.com)  
**Ramona Garden Club's**  
**Garden Tour - Plant & Craft Sale**  
April 25, 2010 9am-3pm  
Self guided tour of seven local gardens.  
Plant and Craft Sale at Ramona Library parking lot on Main Street  
Tickets available from Garden Club members. All proceeds go toward scholarships, grants and community projects

