



The Real Dirt

General Meeting ~ January 8th

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

It's 2020! As 2019 comes to a close, The Ramona Garden Club welcomes members, friends, family and visitors to the first meeting of the new year on **January 8, 2020**. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (Sept-June), promptly at **12:15!** [No earlier please]. The member-prepared pot luck luncheon is first, followed by business and our featured speaker. I hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful craft workshop and UkuLadies performance we enjoyed at our December holiday meeting.

Members with a last name starting with Q through Z, please bring a main dish. Everyone else, please bring dessert. Coffee, tea & water will be provided by the club.

Thanks to all who brought their own plate, cup and eating utensils. We will continue this cost-effective and time-saving method into 2020, so please bring your own setups again.

The speaker for the Jan 8 RGC meeting will be Lucy Warren. Lucy is a long-time regional gardening professional in southern California. She has written for many local and national publications, including a regular gardening column in the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. She has also been editor for *California Garden* magazine. She is a life-member of the San Diego Horticulture Society, a UCCE Master Gardener (since 1994), has co-authored two books with Greg Rubin *The California Native Landscape: The Homeowners Guide to Restoring Its Balance & Beauty* and *The California Drought Defying Garden*. She is also a horticulture chair on the board of Friends of Balboa Park, and is a sought-after speaker and expert on native plants and sustainable landscaping. She has appeared in numerous local television news segments.



On January 8th, she will be speaking about native plants. We are honored to have her speak before our Club.



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

Greetings, Dear Garden Club Members!

Happy 2020!!! I am filled with much excitement with all that is in store.



As we ring in the new year, I know we will continue to have the same creative energy and teamwork we have shown since last September.

As you may know, our 2020 Ramona Garden Tour/Spring Plant Sale is coming up on Saturday, April 25th. We are currently seeking co-chairs to spearhead this important fundraiser. If you're interested in being a co-chair for this event, please contact me at georgiehma@aol.com or call (760) 788-5961 by Friday, January 18th.

May we all continue to enjoy our monthly delicious potluck luncheons and informative/entertaining programs!

All the best!!

Georgie Suitor

Ramona Garden Club President

Announcements

RAFFLE TABLE ITEMS

January Birthdays

- * Veronica Broz
- * Carol Wilson
- * Peggy Kershek
- * Tama Wrag
- * Linda Kadubec

Thanks to all who donated items for the raffle table in December. We really had a lot of donations! We will raffling off items again at our January meeting, so please bring in any items you have lying around the house which you no longer have a use or need for.

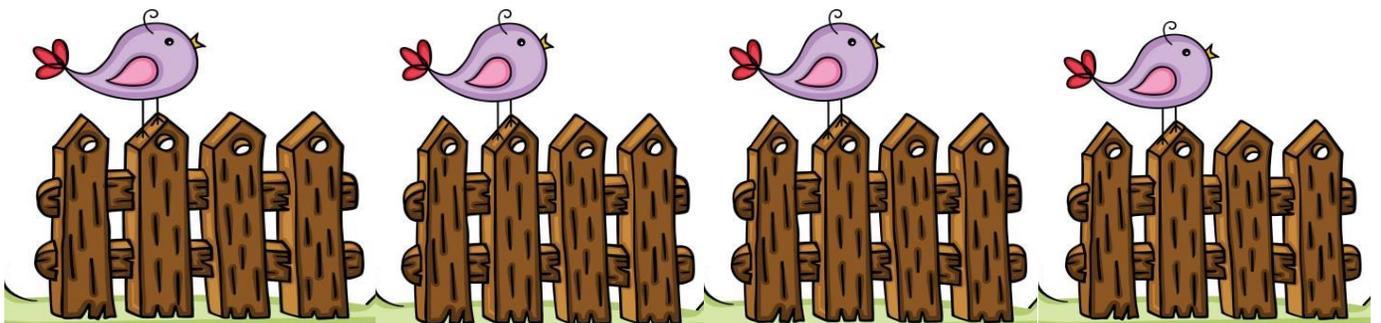
Gently used garden items, wrapped surprise packages, adornments, vases, floral arrangements, candlesticks or other household items, baskets, artwork, jewelry or anything else you can think of, are all good items for the raffle. Please dust it off or clean it up to enhance it's attractiveness.

REDUCE, REUSE,
RECYCLE & REPURPOSE!
It's Good for the Environment!



RGC Calendar of Events for January 2020

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January 22	Board Meeting—Home of Nancy Stewart	
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BEAUTIFICATION DAYS AT COLLIER PARK—ONLY 2 Fridays per month

How would you like to get more involved in the RGC activities!! The best way is to help out by volunteering a half hour or an hour of your time to one of the most important parts of the club and one that is dear to our hearts. We have been maintaining our small corner of the park for many years now, and it is truly a community project of which we are very proud. It is a wonderful addition to Collier Park, but it doesn't happen magically by elves. We, the RGC members, are the ones responsible for keeping it looking manicured and attractive. Accordingly, we ask that you please come forward and help with a little bit of garden maintenance. Our member-wide beautification days fall on the **2nd & 4th FRIDAYS** the month. In January those days will be Friday, **January 10th** and Friday, **January 24th**. PLEASE, come out and give us some of your precious time. Thanks!

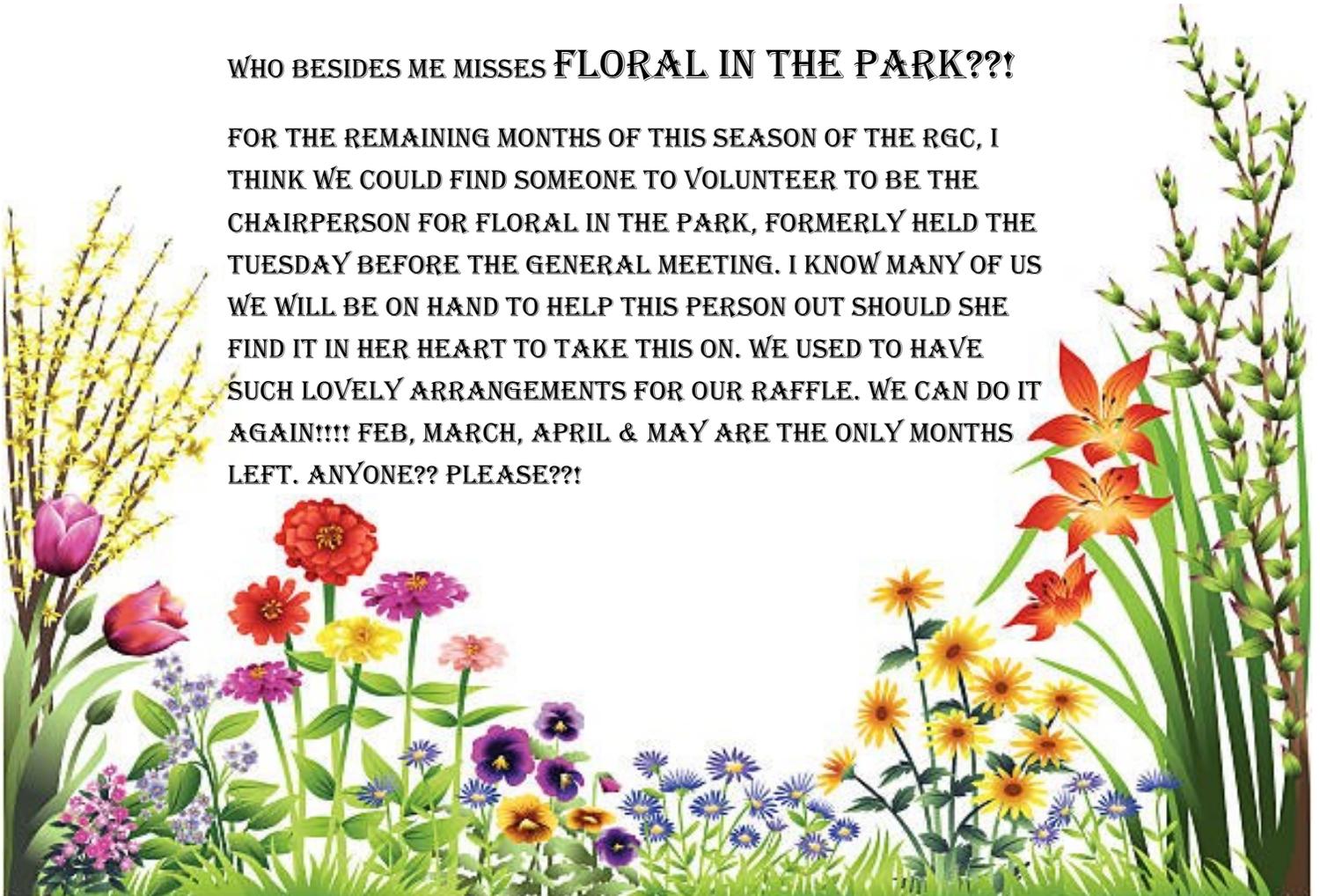
Who knows? You might even see some special dancers who often come to practice.

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

January 6, 2020 12:30 p.m. "How'd they do that?" Special Educational Program featuring wonderful NGC Judges/teachers, demonstrating the ins and outs of design mechanics, backgrounds, underlayments, containers/non-containers, etc. Start the year off right. \$12 for members.

WHO BESIDES ME MISSES FLORAL IN THE PARK??!

FOR THE REMAINING MONTHS OF THIS SEASON OF THE RGC, I THINK WE COULD FIND SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE THE CHAIRPERSON FOR FLORAL IN THE PARK, FORMERLY HELD THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE GENERAL MEETING. I KNOW MANY OF US WE WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP THIS PERSON OUT SHOULD SHE FIND IT IN HER HEART TO TAKE THIS ON. WE USED TO HAVE SUCH LOVELY ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR RAFFLE. WE CAN DO IT AGAIN!!!! FEB, MARCH, APRIL & MAY ARE THE ONLY MONTHS LEFT. ANYONE?? PLEASE??!



REMINDERS



“Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful!' and sitting in the shade.”

– Rudyard Kipling, [Complete Verse](#)

(...if you don't believe me, just ask Teri.)



My favorite tree was the “Gator by the Bay” one complete with Alligator.



Deborah Grover, Nancy Stewart and Debbie Canfield arrive at Balboa Park for the “December Nights” Field Trip.



A big THANKS to all who were able to help out the hungry by donating non-perishable food items in December. Karla said the Clothes Closet was shocked at how much we had to contribute to the canned food drive.

Horticulture Table

Although we will not have our Horticulture display in January, please remember to bring something in for the months of February, March and April, 2020!

More Info...

SAFARI PARK VOLUNTEERS

Friday, **January 3rd** and Wednesday, **January 15th** are the days for Safari Park volunteers. Some of our members have signed up to work in the Chandler Herb Garden at Safari Park, and you too can be a part if you wish. Debbie Gomez can provide you with more information if this interests you [email Debbie at deb4fino@pacbell.net]. You can also obtain more information at www.sandiegozoo.org. There you can fill out an application online. Or, call Andy (760-738-5061) at the Park who can also provide you with more information and some insight into the goings on at the zoo and Safari Park.



MUCH NEEDED JOB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WE ARE STILL IN DIRE NEED OF SOMEONE TO BE CHAIRMAN (AND/OR CO-CHAIR OF THE 2020 RGC GARDEN TOUR IN APRIL. PLEASE CONTACT GEORGIE ASAP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, OR IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT IT AT ALL. IT'S THE JOBS LIKE THIS THAT KEEP THE RAMONA GARDEN CLUB THRIVING AS A WORTHWHILE ADDITION TO OUR COMMUNITY. **PLEASE** THINK ABOUT IT, AS THE TIME IS NEARING AND THIS POSITION MUST BE FILLED. THANKS!



Sue Hartman makes a gorgeous holiday centerpiece at our Dec meeting/workshop.

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Linda Hermecz shows her skills at succulent decorating at the December craft workshop meeting

