

THE REAL DIRT

RGC Rakes in Proceeds from May Plant and Craft Sale

On May 5, the Ramona Garden Club held its spring plant and craft sale at Ramona Oaks Park. Plant Sale Chair and RGC Vice President Ada Wildberger organized the volunteers to help set up and arrange the plants. Craft Chair Diane Schafer organized the craft area and priced the lovely items made by RGC volunteers in the weeks preceding the sale.

The sale was a smashing success. The club was able to raise a little more than \$2200 after taxes and costs. The club's next sale will be in the fall so think about starting seeds, taking cuttings and dividing plants for that sale over the summer. Crafts will restart in the fall. Pictured below many of the volunteers, more photos on pg 4.



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ramonagardenclub.com



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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Garden Club Members,

Summer is almost upon us, and we have made it to the last month of this fiscal year!

On June 14, the installation of our new officers for 2023-24 will take place at the Rotunda on Gunn Stage Road in SDCE. Sharon Tooley, the Director of the Palomar District California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) will be performing the installation. We hope you will plan to attend. There will also be a plant exchange. Fun begins at noon.



This past year has been very fun, productive, and educational for our club. We have many new members who have joined us! We are very proud of our accomplishments, of the gardens we maintain, and of the scholarships and grants we are able to give to help our community. We look forward to another great year in 2023-24! (See page 10).

Our volunteers are the heart of our club, and we want to express our sincere appreciation to all of you. All of your hard work has paid off and made our organization strong and successful. **We would be nothing without you!**

If you have an interest in helping by volunteering for any of the positions that are open for next year, please feel free to talk to either one of us for more information. Any help you can give, whether it be big or small, is a great way to be involved, and to make some new friends along the way. We look forward to working and having fun with all of you next year. Please enjoy the wonderful weather we are having right now. Everything's blooming and beautiful.

Have a great summer!

Your Co-Presidents, Jane Vidal and Linda Mulick

June	Calendar of Events
June 2	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Beautify
June 5	Collier Park Clean Up 8-11 am, E Street
June 14	Year End RGC Party, SDGE Rotunda 11:30 am
June 19	Collier Park Clean Up 8-11 am, E Street
June 21	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Beautify

Please note volunteer efforts **continue through the summer** at both Collier Park and the Safari Park, please contact Teri or Debbie to participate. No new volunteers at Safari Park until Fall.

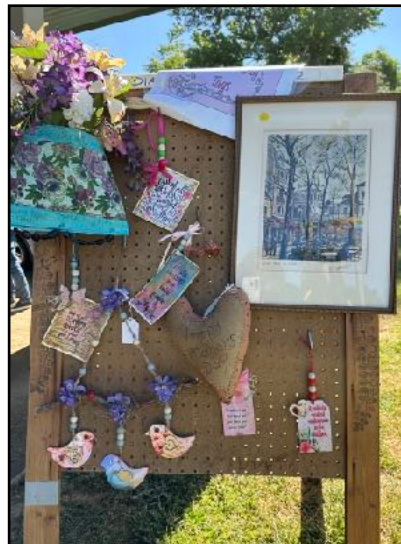
FREE TREES FROM SDGE

Did you know you can receive free trees for your yard from SDGE? The utility is giving away free trees, native, ornamental and fruit to customers as part of a program aimed at cooling our county. Once you sign up, it can take about a year to receive your trees. You can sign up and learn more by going to the following link. <https://sites.google.com/davey.com/treeplantingprogramlist>

You can also receive rebates for trees you plant in your yard as well. See this link for more information. <https://www.sdge.com/trees/community-tree-programs/community-tree-rebate-program>



RGC Plant and Craft Sale Raises Funds for Scholarships & Grants



Ramona Garden Club Ends Year with Rotunda Picnic June 14

This June, the Ramona Garden Club is holding its year-end picnic at the Rotunda in the San Diego Country Estates on June 14. The Rotunda is located off Gunn Stage Road in the Country Estates. Look for a RIGHT hand turn off Gunn Stage onto Arena Way after Wikiup. It is located next to the International Equestrian Center. (Please do not visit the horses.)

The Club decided to hold the picnic at the Rotunda as the temperatures in June in Ramona can be very high. The event starts at 12 pm and lasts until 2. There will also be a plant exchange. This will be a festive occasion as we eat, drink, socialize, get to know your fellow members and make new friends. Please join us as we celebrate the many accomplishments of the 2022-2023 year.

We will also be installing the club's officers for next year. The new officers for 2023-24 include: President Linda Mulick, Vice President Ada Wildberger, Treasurer Julie Perreault, and Secretary Jennifer DeSimone. Sharon Tooley, the Director of the Palomar District California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) will be performing the installation.

There are still other positions of committee chairs needed. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Linda Mulick, Ada Wildberger or Rebecca Holton (nominating committee).

Hospitality for June 14 Picnic

A Big Thank YOU to all who graciously bring refreshments to share at our general meetings!

To avoid having either too many sweets and not enough savory dishes, the suggested assignments are based on the first letter of your last name. Drinks will be provided by the Club.

A-M Bring Savory Finger Foods

N-Z Bring Sweet Finger Foods



June Birthdays

6/6 Stella Brown

6/20 Lisa
Barnett

6/27 Marjorie
Bonelli

6/27 Maggie
Crane

News for Newsletter or Website

If you have garden club-related news for the newsletter and/or website, please contact Pamela Stricker, newsletter editor, pstricker10@gmail.com or webmaster/social media editor - Ramona Valencia, ramonavalencia3@gmail.com

Ramona Garden Club mailing address, PO Box 1412, Ramona, CA 92065. Garden Club website: **ramonagardenclub.com**

RGC Members Keep Collier Park Beautiful

Recently the Ramona Garden Club volunteers received some additional support from two Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) missionaries working in the area.

“What a great start on May 1st in the CP Garden! Overcast, 55 degrees F, and lots of help from VP Ada Wildberger, and Sister Hocker and Sister Burgoyne. They were enjoying the park on the day of our 20th birthday celebration, when they heard the Ukuladies playing Pearly Shells (one is from Hawaii) and came over and met some members. They have helped in the garden 3 times so far! Very delightful, hard working and enthusiastic. They even brought Ada and I fresh banana muffins today!” (Teri S).



Ramona Garden Club Officer Positions Still Open for 2024-5

The following positions for club officers are still open. Website/Social Media, Historian, Hospitality (signup monthly), Library Flowers (sign up monthly), Newsletter, and Penny Pines. Those interested in volunteering for any of these positions can contact Rebecca Holton, or Linda Mulick or Ada Wildberger.

Time to Renew your RGC Membership

RAMONA GARDEN CLUB Application for Membership



July 1 – June 30
Year 2023-2024

Last Name

First Name

Mailing address

City

State

Zip Code

Primary Phone # () _____ E-Mail _____

Birthday (day & month only) _____ Can the above information be put in the year book? Yes No

Are you a **new** or a **returning** member _____ Member Since _____

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| 1) Would you like to receive your newsletter by e-mail? | Yes | No |
| 2) Are you a Beginning Gardener? | Yes | No |
| 3) Are you a Master Gardener? | Yes | No |
| 4) Are you a Container Gardener? | Yes | No |

The following is a list of opportunities for involvement in the Ramona Garden Club.
Please put a check mark by those that are of interest to you. Your participation is encouraged and creates a stronger and more successful garden club.

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| ___ Annual Garden Tour | ___ Librarian for RGC | ___ Publicity |
| ___ Arts and Crafts | ___ Membership | ___ Raffle |
| ___ Collier Park Garden | ___ Newsletter Editor | ___ Ramona Library Flowers |
| ___ Field Trips | ___ Penny Pines | ___ Scholarships |
| ___ Floral Design | ___ Photographer | ___ Secretary |
| ___ Grants | ___ Plant Sale | ___ Treasurer |
| ___ Historian | ___ President | ___ Vice President |
| ___ Hospitality | ___ President-Co | ___ Web Master |
| ___ Special Events | ___ Palomar District Delegate | ___ Yearbook Development |

___ Do you have an interest in chairing any of the above committees?

___ If you have other garden related interests that you would like to introduce to RGC,
please indicate what it is on the reverse side.

Single Annual Membership dues: \$30.00

Additional Household Member dues: \$10.00

Send complete application & check **PAYABLE to the RAMONA GARDEN CLUB** to:
Membership Chair
PO Box 1412, Ramona, CA 92065

Dues & Renewal Date _____ Check # _____ Amount _____

(Please take the time to print and complete a new membership application and submit it with
your dues each year. This allows us to keep our files current.) Thank You

Do you remember? Flashbacks from Ramona Garden Club

Top photo: L to R Eileen Morris, Janet Owens, Janet Pickle, Carla Brustad, Peggy Kershek, Nick Soroka, Debbie Gomez, Nancy Taber. Bottom photo - L to R - Teri Schmidt, Debbie Gomez, Diane Schafer, Linda Joop, Debbie Canfield, Debbie Grover. Thanks to Diane Schafer for sharing these photos.



Ramona Garden Club Presents Scholarship Awards to Graduates

Ramona Garden Club Co-President Jane Vidal proudly presented scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to Jennifer Parker and Micah Mendoza from Ramona High School at a ceremony on May 23, 2023.

Jennifer plans to attend the University of Wyoming with a dual major in Elementary Education and Agricultural Education. She would like to be an elementary school teacher and later a high school agricultural teacher and FFA advisor.

Micah will attend Cal Polytechnic San Luis Obispo and major in Agricultural Business. He would like to become a lavender farmer. These were the first scholarships awarded by our club since the pandemic. (From Kathy Marshall)

The Ramona Garden Club thanks Kathy Marshall who stepped in to serve as scholarship chair after Georgie Suitor's fall. Bernadette Faust and Georgie Suitor also served on the scholarship committee this spring.



RGC on Facebook!

Ramona Garden Club now has a Facebook page. You can find out up to the minute club news and post messages and ask questions on the club's new Facebook page. Social media and webmaster Ramona Valencia has crafted the Facebook page (and website). Make sure to like and follow the Ramona Garden Club (no spaces) on Facebook!

