



# The Real Dirt

GENERAL MEETING ~ NOVEMBER 13TH

The monthly General Meeting of The Ramona Garden Club will happen on Wednesday, **November 13, 2019**, promptly at **12:15 pm!** [Please note: no one is to enter the building earlier unless you are part of the set-up crew] Our *general* meetings are always held the 2nd Wednesday of each month we are in session (Sept-June). We love to have guests attend, so bring a friend or invite an acquaintance. First we will attend to new and old business; followed by our pot luck luncheon, guest speaker presentation, raffle and announcements. Make sure to visit our Horticulture Table and library of related books for check out. For the November POTLUCK, the RGC will provide a ham and ask that all the members bring side dishes or desserts. Those whose last name begins with the letters **M through Z**, please bring a side salad or appetizer; Members whose last name begins with **A through L**, please bring dessert. Coffee, tea & water, as usual, are provided by the club.



The speaker for the November 13th Ramona Garden Club meeting will be Ramona's own Marsha Cook who will be speaking about **Earth Friendly Gardens**.



Marsha is a native San Diegan who has lived in Ramona since 2001. She retired from public service in 2017, and has since increased her time spent on enjoying art and gardening. She became a Master Gardener in 2019. Marsha enjoys gardening with California -friendly plants, including Mediterranean varieties and California native plants.

Principles of earth-friendly gardens include: a) Selection of climate appropriate plants, b) Caring for the soil, c) Responsible pest management, d) Protecting wildlife, e) conserving water and water quality, f) Conserving energy and protecting air quality, g) Reducing waste and h) Growing food.

For residents who are already well on their way and already practicing these principles of "Earth Friendly Gardening," they may want to complete a checklist/survey about their practices, to self-certify they meet the minimum criteria. Residents who complete the checklist and meet the minimum requirements can print a certificate from the Master Gardeners webpage. For those who might enjoy purchasing and posting an "Earth Friendly Garden" aluminum sign on their property, a limited number of signs will be made available for purchase at the event. The purchase price is \$25, with proceeds from sale of the signs helping to support Master Gardener programs such as school gardens, community gardens, memory care gardening, and so much more!



**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



November Greetings to all!

Many thanks to Ramona Valencia who last month had a rock-painting workshop for the purpose of decorating the area around a lovely Jacaranda tree which we will plant in the Park on November 8th, honoring the memory of Past RGC President Sandi Clark. Don't forget to bring a potluck dish to share at lunch, immediately following.

On another note, only three remaining appointed chair positions remain unfilled:

- a) Floral-in-the-Park;
- b) 2020 Garden Tour Chairperson(s); and
- c) Publicity.

PLEASE step up to the plate and volunteer for one of these very important jobs. And remember, we are all here to support you.

And, please don't forget to bring much-needed items for our raffle table at the next General Meeting! We rely heavily on this source of income for use in our budgeted outreach efforts.

Finally, HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE!!  
May it be a blessed and delicious experience.

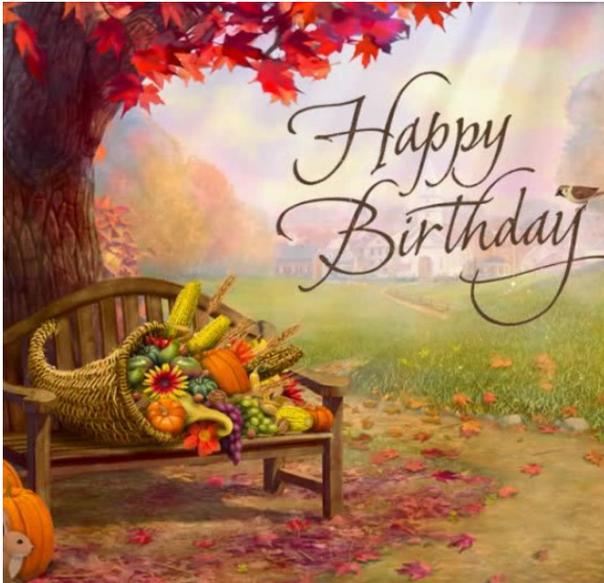
Fondly,

Georgie Suitor  
Ramona Garden Club President



## November Birthdays

- \* Paul Novak
- \* Marci Peck
- \* Mary McCalister
- \* Mary Ann Rodarte
- \* Eric Shapira
- \* Susan Stanfield
- \* Nancy Taber



## RAFFLE TABLE ITEMS

We may have some succulent pumpkins to add to our raffle table, but in case you have gently-used garden or Fall items (baskets, decorations, vases, art objects, plates, jewelry, hand-made items, glassware, stones, or whathaveyou) to add for raffling off, please bring anything to the meeting. Our Raffle Table has been very meager lately which is unusual because last year we nearly had too much. So please everyone go through your things and if you no longer have a use for something, donate it to us and it might just be the perfect thing for someone else to use. It's important, wise and responsible to **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE & REPURPOSE!**



Alternatively, make a floral arrangement at home and bring that in to add to the raffle.

## RGC Calendar of Events for November 2019

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November 22	Collier Park Beautification Day ~ 9:00 a.m.	Page 6

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A HUGE THANK YOU to Rufino and Debbie Gomez, George and Patty Musen, Carol Wilson and Diane Schafer for all your hard work in our Collier Park Garden on Oct 11th. Chainsaws were buzzing and pruners were pruning.

Also, on Oct 25th, a hardy group of members came out in the wind and heat and worked hard again - until the smoke from the wildfire to the east forced everyone home. Thankfully all is well. The park was hit hard by the winds- huge palm fronds everywhere.

We will have a **special cleanup day** on Thursday, Nov. 7, 8-11 am. Please come if you can.

Then on Friday, Nov. 8, at 10:30 you are invited to come to our special tree planting for our dear, Sandi Clark. Please bring your painted rock to go around the tree (optional). And a potluck brunch item to share.

Questions? contact Teri S — Hugs

### SUCCULENT PUMPKIN WORKSHOP

**On November 5th at 1:00 pm at Collier Park we will be making the succulent pumpkins to sell since we are not having a Fall Plant Sale. If you are participating, please bring a pumpkin, gourd, succulent cuttings, pine cones, dry flowers, bric-a-brac, flowers, ribbons and/or anything else that you would like to add.**

**Contact Diane Schafer at (760) 658-0334 to RSVP & sign up if you haven't already!**

**We will be selling the succulent pumpkins to the public on Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 am until noon at Chase Bank. Diane will let us know our shift positions. If you'd like to help out, contact her.**



"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."  
Albert Camus



# REMINDERS

## ASKING FOR PLANT DONATIONS, PER JANE VIDAL...



If you have any mature Aloes, Octopus Agave's, or succulents (at least a foot in height-no spikey cactus please), that you would like to donate to Mountain View Community Church for our ongoing assistance with their drought-tolerant landscaping, please contact Jane Vidal 760 214-3394.

I do request that you bring them with you to our meeting on the 13th of November.



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Ramona Garden Club  
Horticulture Table

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Variety - Botanic Name

Type of plant - other information

Exhibitor

[Sample Tag]

## *Horticulture Table*

Reminding everyone we will have the Horticulture display table at our meeting in November. We will also have it again in 2020 in February, March and April! On the day of our general meeting, pick a plant or two from your own garden; bring it in to the display table; fill out a Horticulture tag (see above), and fill a little bottle or jar with water to keep it fresh. All horticulture samples must be grown by the exhibitor.

If you don't know the name of the plant, ask for identification and hopefully someone at the meeting will clue you in on what the plant is. Just include the words "PLEASE ID" on your tag. Extra tags should be available. It can be anything from flowers to leaves to potted plants or cuttings. So many beautiful plants grow here in Ramona all year long. Thanks to all who have participated so far.



# What's More...

## **SAFARI PARK VOLUNTEERS**

For our dedicated and thoughtful Safari Park volunteer, your days for working in the Chandler Herb Garden in November will be Friday, **November 1st** and Wednesday, **November 20th**. For more information, contact Debbie Gomez. You can also get in touch with Andy at the park (760-738-5061), or, go to [www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org) to fill out an application online and obtain more info.



RGC members take a field trip to the Bernardo Gardener's and Fallbrook Garden Club.

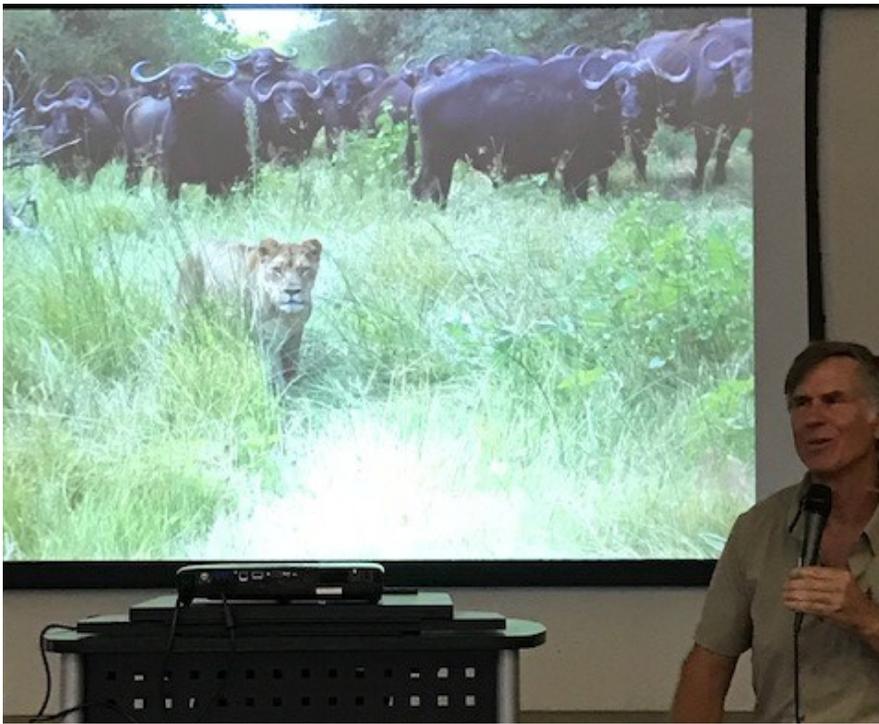
This picture was taken at Rogers Garden in Corona Del Mar.



Pictured are club members Carol B. Sandy B. Anita M. And MaryAnn R. Along with friend Li C.

The Rock Painting craft workshop at Ramona's house was a blast! We also celebrated Teri S's birthday!





Roy Toft talks about safari photography experiences at Author's Day at the Ramona Community Library, Oct. 26th.

Many other local author's showed up to display their books. Lunch was provided and this proved to be a very rewarding and interesting event. Try to make it next year!



## “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



Pssst! A little birdie told me the Ramona Garden Club will be getting on board with the other garden clubs to do away with plastic utensils and plates. Everyone will bring their own plate, fork, spoon, cup, etc. to the meeting and will take it home to wash and bring back for the next meeting. This is excellent for the environment and a relief to the kitchen crew.