

The Real Dirt

NEWSLETTER OF THE

RAMONA GARDEN CLUB, RAMONA CA
A CGCI BLUE RIBBON CLUB

November 2023

General Meeting: November 8, 2023 @ 11:30am

Mountain View Community Church 1191 Meadowlark Way, Ramona



Thanksgiving Feast & Growing Australian Native Plants

Bring your appetite and your favorite Thanksgiving side dish—Ada is bringing the turkey and gravy!! Check page 3 for the list of foods needed.

One of our favorite guest speakers will be presenting on Growing Australian Native Plants. Daniel MacDonald shall talk to us about some protea since Banksias, Grevilleas, and Hakeas are three important genres of plants in Australia that also happen to be in the Proteaceae; they appear to be having quite the epic sweep in our local horticulture scene.

Don't miss the upcoming Field Trip April 12; 10:00 am to Mount Woodson Flora when Daniel and Stephen show us their gorgeous farm—just keeps getting better!!

Garden Club Field Trip for November - Signups at General Meeting

November 13, 2023 10 am

Kumeyaay Ipai Interpretive Center
13104 Ipai Waaypuk Trail Road
Poway, CA 92064

Our own Robert Holton shall be leading us on a walking path around the Interpretive Center and sharing his extensive knowledge of the Kumeyaay with us!



Linda's Corner



Happy fall everyone,

It's a busy time of year! Our Fall Plant and Craft Sale was a huge success! Our club demonstrated awesome teamwork and came together once again to present a wonderful sale. Thank you to our team leaders, Ada Wildberger, Debbie Gomez, and Diane Schafer for working so hard to make sure the event went smoothly. Thanks also to everyone who helped at the sale, created lovely crafts, and propagated and donated plants. Our scholarship recipients thank you!

We have a great field trip coming up this month. Monday, November 13, is the field trip to the Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center in Poway. Our very own club member, Robert Holton, will be our guide. Sign up at the November 8 meeting if you wish to participate.

At our membership meeting on November 8, we will be celebrating with our annual Thanksgiving feast! Instead of our normal potluck, we will have an organized menu. If you haven't already signed up, please contact Rebecca Holton (760) 715-2355 and let her know what you will be bringing. Daniel McDonald will be our speaker on Protea Farming.

Our club has so many things to be thankful for! The friendship and camaraderie among our members are very special.

Advice from a pumpkin..... "Be well rounded, get plenty of sunshine, give thanks for life's bounty. Have thick skin! Keep growing. Be outstanding in your field. Think big." (CGCI Newsletter/Oct)

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,

Linda Mulick

Thanksgiving Luncheon Potluck

Thanksgiving Luncheon 2023 will be held on November 8th at the Mountain View Community Church, during the general membership meeting which starts at 11:30 am. All members are encouraged to attend, bring a guest and a dish to share.

Members who plan to attend the Thanksgiving Luncheon and did not get chance to sign up for a dish, these are the items needed:

Apple Pies, Pecan Pies, Casseroles, Dinner Rolls /butter and other Thanksgiving food items you wish to bring to share.

To avoid duplications, please contact me regarding the dish you wish to bring.

Rebecca Holton, Chair, Special Event 760-715-2355 or rraab715@yahoo.com

Bring your dish, your appetite and a friend!!

Let's Have Even More Fun!!

Like the commercial says: funner and more funner!!

Mark Calendars for these upcoming themed pot luck lunches:

November: Thanksgiving Theme—what's your favorite side dish - see above

December: Holiday Theme—Hats!!

January: New Year Theme 🍷 🥳

February: Valentine's Day Theme—wear your Red!! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

March: Saint Patrick's Day Theme—wear your Green!! 🍀 🍀 🍀

April: All About Spring!! Theme

May: Memorial Day Theme

June: Celebrate A Year of Excellence!!!

Sign up sheets will be at each meeting!! Don't be shy; bring it!!

Thank you so much for your Volunteer Service with Ramona Garden Club!!

..... Ada

Fall Plant and Craft Sale

Wow!! What a phenomenal performance by the Ramona Garden Club; just phenomenal! The succulent pumpkins were a really big hit—thank you Diane Schafer for your creativity and teaching and for opening your home to newbies with hot glue guns! The details that go into making these crafts is mind boggling! A big thank you to Debbie Gomez for teaching us the craft of the wine cork birdhouses—too fun! Linda and Ron Mulick were especially gracious hosting that class in their garage! We always have a fun time at the craft classes—come join us!!

The day dawned warmer than hoped which was believed to have stymied sales a tad but the hope of making our financial goal looms strongly with another sale date Saturday, November 11, 8:00 am at Hummingbird Coffee Hut, 23658 San Vicente Road; coffee anyone??

To those of you even remotely interested in plants or crafts, I will share with you that this 'ol plant gal had a great time, learned a lot and, I believe, planted many friendship seeds. As one of my favorite songs says, "We've Only Just Begun"... Ada



Collier Park Fall Cleanup Day

Our October Park Fall Garden Work Day was a smash! Thanks to all the hard working members who made our garden shine!!

Don't forget our next regularly scheduled work days are:

November 6th and November 20th.

Contact Teri Schmidt for more information.

terismith87@yahoo.com 760-315-9176



Chandler Park Work Day

This week at the Chandler Park by Ada Wildberger

Bi-Monthly beautification the Volunteers worked on the newly created African Garden area where they installed a beautiful Aloe Ferox donated by Dean Karras from Gnosis Nursery, Hwy. 78 Ramona. Many of you met Dean in September when he not only gave a phenomenal presentation of the Baja Mexico plant species but also when we visited Gnosis Nursery for the September field trip. The orange spires will be just beautiful in the Spring—thanks so much, Dean!!

A big “Thank You” to Ramona Garden Club Volunteers Janet Pickle and Ada Wildberger who would not have managed as successfully without Safari Park Volunteer Nick van der Westhuizen!!

Debbie Gomez and Mary Ellen attended a meeting with the Park to discuss future developments coming to Chandler—it’s so exciting to watch as the Safari Park transitions.

How long has it been since you’ve visited the San Diego Zoo Safari Park??? Yeah, that’s what I thought! You might not want to miss the field trip in April where we tool around the Park and show off The Chandler.

Thanks Chandler Herb Garden Volunteers for another fantastic day in the Garden...



Work Days

1st Friday

3rd Wednesday



Thinking of you Cards to:

Linda Joop, who has been an member of RGC since 2010, has just endured serious surgery. She is not up to visitors yet but I'm sure she would love to receive a Thinking of you Card!

Linda Joop 2191 El Paso Street, Ramona, CA 92065

Don't forget:

Jeanne Cannon 1555 Washington Street, Ramona CA 760-315-6246

If you know of anyone that needs a smile from a card let me know and I will add to the list. Remember Snail Mail?? They are still fun to send and get!!

NovemberBirthdays

2nd - Donna Barnes

3rd - Connie Sabon

8th - Jacqui Castro

9th - Daniel MacDonald

12th - Jennifer DeSimone

20th - Susan Shapira

24th - Mary Ann Rodarte

**New Name Tags**

Check in with the membership chair people at the General Meeting on November 8th and sign up for your new name tag! No need to change if you still have your old one but if you have lost your old one or you are new and don't have a permanent name tag order one, wear it and lets learn everyone's name!! Let's build our community one person at a time.

Quick View of November Activities

- November 8th - General Meeting Thanksgiving Feast & Australian Native Plants
- November 13th - Field Trip Kumeyaay Interpretive Center, Poway
- November 6th & 20th - Collier Park Clean Up
- November 3rd & 15th - Safari Park Clean Up
- November 30th - Newsletter Deadline
- December 13th - General Meeting

Penny Pines

Do you see the pot collecting money getting passed around at each meeting and wonder what the money is being used for?

As members of the National Garden Clubs and California Garden Club organizations each year we collect money for Penny Pines. Penny Pines uses contributions to prepare plantation site for new trees or planting seedling grown in Forest Service nurseries throughout California. Our contributions are used in our local areas and seedlings are grown from local seeds and acorns and replanted near the areas where the seeds were collected to improve their chance of survival.

Watch for Diane McKee to pass the Penny Pines container around each meeting. Each \$68.00 will plant one plantation which consists of approximately 350 seedlings. Just our way of rebuilding our forests after the drought and fires.

RGC Board Meetings

Don't forget RGC board meetings are now on the same day as the General Membership Meetings. Board meeting times are 10:00-11:30 am and general membership meetings are 11:30-2 pm. All members are welcome to attend both meetings.

Horticulture Table for October 2023



The Horticulture Table is picking up new items every month!! Make sure you take the time to check out the table to see what is being grown in our area by our members.

And don't forget: Let us see what you are growing in your yards!! The morning of the meeting go out and choose one or two or several different flowers or plants and pick them and bring in a clear bottle to our meetings to share on the Horticulture Table.

Fill out the horticulture tag with as much information as you have and if you don't know what it is place a Please ID tag next to it so our knowledgeable members can add the name for you. (Tags will be on table)



I love doing the Horticulture Table, you learn so much!! Carol Bazinet, Horticulture Chairman

Flower Arrangements at the Ramona Community Library

The RGC has been providing floral arrangements for the local library for several years. The arrangements add some beauty to the library and they are a little advertisement for our club to the members of the community that might not have heard about us.

There is a sign up sheet at the general meetings if you would like to help out with this fun service project. There are openings for all of November. The arrangements are to be dropped off at the library on Monday and removed on Saturday. Thanks to all our members who have provided the arrangements over the years!



This fun arrangement on the right was put together by Diane Schafer, bought and placed by Stella Brown. The beautiful fall arrangement on the left was provided by Toni White .

The succulent plant was placed by Kelly Manring.

You can do so many different arrangements, let your creativity come alive and let's put Ramona Garden Club on the map and in the minds of our locals.



October 2023 General Meeting



Thank you, Debbie Gomez for sharing your knowledge of Propagation with us.
We have such talented members!!



Palomar District Fall 2023 Meeting

Bernardo Gardeners hosted the Palomar District Fall 2023 meeting Tuesday, October 17 at the Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club; (lovely boulder garden by the entrance). Having fun for the Ramona Garden Club we're **Linda Mulick, Ada Wildberger, Rebecca Holton, Mary Ann Rodarte and Kathy Marshall** (who won the highly favored raffle gift). It was an excellent opportunity to meet folks from other clubs, learn what the more successful clubs do to fund their scholarships and just have fun and laugh!

We sure hope you join us February 19, 2024 when we attend the Winter General Meeting hosted by Poway Valley Garden Club, Old Poway Park, Poway!!

Mark your calendars!!

Happy Gardening
Ada Wildberger



Support Agriculture Plates!! By Ada Wildberger

He stood before us so mild and humbly...I know I just caught a glimpse of the hat he held in his hand when I tilted my head just right...

President of the Carlsbad Community Gardens Collaborative, Education Advisor for the Buena Vista Lagoon and an entire two pages of educational credits on his Linked-In Page, Dr. Jay Klopfenstein spoke to those at the Fall Palomar District meeting about: AG Plates—Agriculture Plates! Did you know that ag plates generate more than \$2 million dollars a year??!! There's so much to know!! Ag plates fund agricultural grants—hundreds every year!!

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's License Plate Grant Program (CALAGPLATE) is funded by fees generated through the sale of these plates. Dr. Klopfenstein would like to add "pollinators" to the ag plate theme.

To learn more about this phenomenal way to fund agriculture scholarships, go to: WWW.CDFA.CA.GOV

We can do this!!!



Plant and Craft Sale October 2023



RAMONA GARDEN CLUBTHANKSGIVING LUNCHEON ATTENDEES

Sign-up sheet for November 8, 2023 attendance

<u>Menu Items:</u>	<u>Name (print)</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Turkey _____	<u>Ada Wildberger</u>	
<u>Gravy</u> _____	<u>Ada Wildberger</u>	
<u>Mash Potatoes</u> _____	<u>Debbie Gomez</u> _____	_____
<u>Stuffing/Dressing</u> _____	<u>Rebecca Holton</u>	<u>Carol Bazinet</u>
<u>Sweet Potatoes</u> _____	<u>Jane Vidal</u> _____	<u>Jen De Simone</u>
<u>Green Bean Casserole</u> _____	<u>Sandy Bedard</u> _____	<u>Jeff Belinkoff</u> _____
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<u>Corn Casserole</u> _____	<u>Pamela Stricker</u>	
	<u>Karla Brustad</u> _____	
<u>Tossed salad/dressing</u> _____	<u>Jackie Jackson</u> <u>Julie P</u> <u>Bonnie Crawford</u> _____	_____
<u>Other Salad</u> _____	<u>Georgie Suito</u> <u>Carol O'Brien</u> _____	
<u>Other Salad</u> _____	<u>Marilyn Roderick</u> <u>Connie Sabon</u> _____	
<u>Banana nut bread</u> _____	<u>Carol Wilson</u> _____	_____
<u>Dinner rolls/butter</u> _____	<u>Stella Brown</u> _____	_____
	_____	_____
<u>Cranberry Sauce</u> _____	<u>Diane Schafer</u> _____	<u>Garry Bowman</u> _____
<u>Pumpkin pies</u> _____	<u>Teri Schmidt</u> _____	<u>Toni White</u> _____
<u>Pecan pies</u> _____	<u>Nick Soroka</u> _____	
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<u>Apple pies</u> _____	<u>Teri Schmidt</u> _____	_____

“Volunteers are needed at the Guy Woodward Museum Garden. The Garden Club has tended their small garden in the past, and they once again are requesting our help. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Hughes at (619) 392-3333. Thank you!”

“The Garden Club is looking into the possibility of hosting a Christmas/Holiday Home Tour for December **2025**. This is a potential fund-raiser for our club! We are still working out the details, but we have two homeowners who have offered their homes. The tour would include both the inside and outside of the homes. We are looking for beautifully decorated homes for the holidays! Please send your recommendations to :

Linda Mulick seasonsoftheheart@cox.net.”

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Palomar District - find through Californiagardenclub.com/ member websites

Each of these organizations have websites with wonderful information and newsletters.

Take some time and check them all out!!