



# The Real Dirt

**GENERAL MEETING = OCTOBER 9TH**

The Ramona Garden Club’s monthly General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **October 9, 2019** at **12:15** pm! [Please note: only those setting up for the meeting are to enter at 12:00.] Our meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We encourage guests so feel free to invite interested parties. We will conduct the business at hand, then have our pot luck luncheon, featured speaker, raffle and announcements. For the POTLUCK, members with a last name beginning with the letters **G through L**, please bring a main dish or savory concoction; Everyone else, please bring sweets/desserts. Coffee, tea & water will also be on hand. **A BIG THANKS TO THE MEMBERS FOR THE LAST POTLUCK “witch” was delicious as usual!!**



Anne Middleton will be speaking on “aquaponics.” She will focus on rapidly growing populations and rising food insecurity which call for a transition to more efficient methods of food production. We can safeguard our natural resources and improve community health by providing people with the means to grow nutrient-dense produce while using less land and water. At ECOLIFE Conservation, they design and build aquaponics systems to grow food more sustainably. Find out how!



Originally from Montana, Anne moved to San Diego in 2014 from Cameroon, after having finished a contract with Taylor Guitars on legal and sustainable ebony wood procurement for guitar manufacturing. In Cameroon, she managed multiple projects including supply chain transparency, raw materials supply, and community, public and governmental relations at local and international levels. In San Diego, she was also employed by Sustainability Matters (a local green-build firm) and the San Diego County

Prior to her tenure in Cameroon, she worked for a non-profit organization in Washington DC, the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA), whose focus is to investigate international wildlife crime and lobby for legislative solutions. EIA’s investigations in Madagascar led to the first criminal case for the amended U.S. Lacey Act, a ban on trade in illegal wood. Anne has a bachelor’s degree in biology from Oberlin College and a master’s degree of Environmental Science and Management from the Bren School at UC Santa Barbara. Having non-profit, public, and private sector experience, Anne brings a unique set of skills to the team at ECOLIFE. In her free time she enjoys making cakes, taking her dog to the beach, crossfit, and playing guitar.



**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

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# President's Messages



Greetings to all as October is upon us!

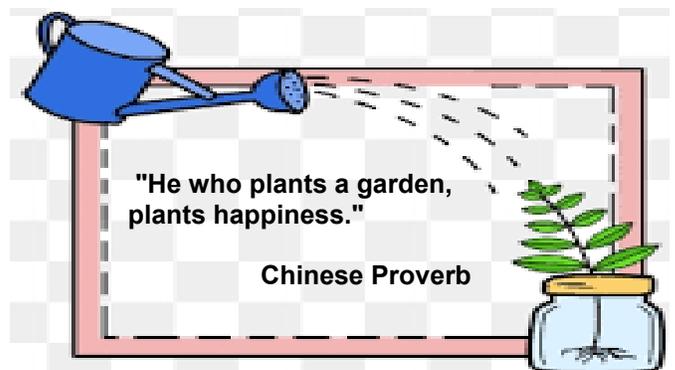
A special THANK YOU, to those Ramona Garden Club members who have stepped up to fill vacant appointive

board positions. At this writing, only a few remain open: a) Awards; b) Floral-in-the-Park; and c) 2020 Garden Tour Chairperson(s). Please let us know if you would be willing to volunteer for one of these jobs!



As we are busily into our second month of the 2019–2020 year, how great it is to have such a WONDERFUL team effort in place! I am truly humbled and grateful for this community of garden club members who so generously give of their time, talent and effort, as well as delicious potluck luncheon offerings!

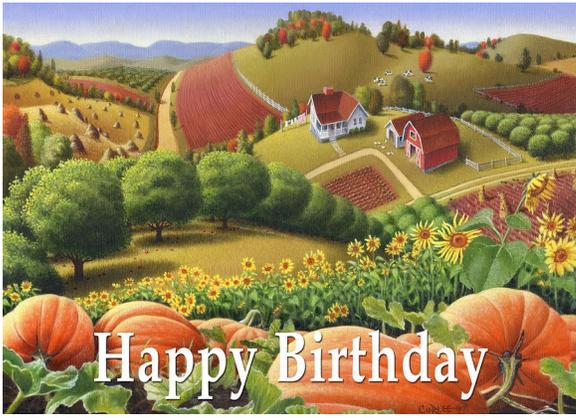
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Ramona Garden Club President



# Ramona Garden Club News & Events

## October Birthdays

Jeanne Baby, Debbie Canfield,  
Verna Dailey, Barbara Hurlstone,  
Diane McKee, Anita Meyer,  
Teri Schmidt & Carolyn Souza



## ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLE TABLE AT THE MEETING

If you would like to bring a floral arrangement or have gently-used, garden-related items to donate for our monthly raffle at the General Meeting, please bring them in and add them to the raffle table. Anything tasteful is appreciated. Bring it to the meeting on the 9th. See you there!



## **FIELD TRIP** \* **FIELD TRIP** \* **FIELD TRIP**

Upcoming Field Trip: The Water Conservation Garden in El Cajon

When: November 2, 2019

Time: 10:00 to 11:00 for a guided docent tour of the gardens. After we can stay as long as we want.

We will meet at the Park & Ride at the United Methodist Church, 3394 Chapel Lane, off Dye Road at 8:30 a.m.

We will leave promptly at 9:00 am.

If you wish to go, please email Debbie Canfield at [kdstar.ranch@gmail.com](mailto:kdstar.ranch@gmail.com) and provide your name and phone number. For more info, visit The Garden's website at [info@thegarden.org](http://info@thegarden.org).



## RGC Calendar of Events for October 2019

October 4	Chandler Herb Garden at Safari Park Volunteer Day	Page 6
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October 9	General Meeting	Page 1
October 11	Collier Park Beautification Day ~ 9:00 a.m.	Page 6
October 16	Chandler Herb Garden at Safari Park Volunteer Day	Page 6
October 23	Board Meeting—Home of Jeannie Mettler	
October 25	Collier Park Beautification Day ~ 9:00 a.m.	Page 6
Oct. 26 & 27th	Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society Plant Sale	Page 6

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**HAPPY**

**HALL@WEEN**

## ERRATA to RGC Yearbook

(Please make the following changes to your copy)

Page:	Correction(s):
8	October Board Meeting is on Oct. <b>23rd</b> November Board Meeting is on Nov. <b>27th</b> Jan. 8th General Meeting is in <b>2020</b> .
9	January Board meeting is on Jan. <b>22, 2020</b> April Board meeting is on April <b>22, 2020</b> All dates should be changed to <b>2020</b> .
11	Susan Blaski's phone# is (765) 438-4556
18	Ramona Valencia's email is <u><a href="mailto:ramonavalencia3@gmail.com">ramonavalencia3@gmail.com</a></u> .
19	Carol Wilson's email is <u><a href="mailto:caroljaywilson@gmail.com">caroljaywilson@gmail.com</a></u> ; her phone # is (760) 788-9876

If you find an error with any of your information, please contact me directly at grover\_web@yahoo.com or (760) 703-2622, and I will update the information and alert everyone. Also, please discontinue sending any emails to me at my gmail address, and use the yahoo one above. Thank you.

Also, if you would like to add the Palomar District meetings, they are as follows:

- \* Oct. 14, 2019— Full General Meeting hosted by the Chula Vista Garden Club
- \* Feb. 17, 2020— Winter Annual Board Meeting hosted by San Carlos Garden Club
- \* June 15, 2020— Summer General Meeting. Host: TBA

### **SUCCULENT PUMPKIN WORKSHOP**

**In lieu of our fall plant sale, we will be making and selling succulent pumpkins to sell to the public on Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 am until noon at both Stater Brothers and Albertson's in Ramona. For these shifts we will be looking for people to help out at our booth.**

**On November 5th at 1:00 pm at Collier Park we will be making the succulent pumpkins for the sale. So, please bring a pumpkin or a gourd to decorate; lots of succulent cuttings, 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!**



"YOUR MIND IS A GARDEN, YOUR THOUGHTS ARE THE SEEDS; YOU CAN GROW FLOWERS... OR WEEDS."

- unknown

# Bits & Pieces



## JACARANDA FOR SANDI CLARK

The Collier Park Crew will be planting a Jacaranda tree (a favorite of Sandi's) at the park in memory of Sandi Clark on Friday Nov. 8th at 10:30 am. We will have a potluck brunch immediately following. Sandi's president's project was planting a butterfly garden at the park. We will surround her tree with **member-painted rocks**.



You can be a part of this event by: 1) attending the planting; 2) painting a rock and bringing to the event or October meeting; or, 3) attending a rock painting event on 10/30/19\*. For questions please contact Teri Schmidt 760/315-9176 or Ramona Valencia 760/604-1852.

\*Rock painting will be at Ramona's house, 936 Raymond, on Oct. 30th at 10:00 am for members only. Please bring a rock prepared for painting and your own paint supplies. Please **RSVP to [Ramonavalencia3@gmail.com](mailto:Ramonavalencia3@gmail.com)** or 760-604-1852.



Members enjoy potluck at Sept. General Meeting

Sept. Speaker w/orchids at General Meeting



### Ramona Garden Club Horticulture Table

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Variety - Botanic Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type of plant - other information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitor

[Sample Tag]

## Horticulture Table

Yay! We will have Horticulture in **October, November, February, March and April!**

In the morning, before the day of our general meeting, go out into your yard find what is growing there. Pick one, two or a few different plants you will want to bring to the meeting the next day. Put them in any clear container (beer or used condiment bottle or clear plain vase) with water. Fill out the Horticulture Tag and bring it into the meeting and set it on the table. All horticulture must be grown by the exhibitor.

If you don't know the ID of the plant and hope to find out, bring it in and fill out a "PLEASE ID" tag (extras will be on the table). Hopefully one of our members will know what it is. That way the next time you bring it in you'll know the name of the plant. It will also teach us all how to make displays for flower shows and learn some new plant names. Everyone benefits.

The specimens can be, flowers, leaves, or potted plants... anything you think looks good.



# Stuff 'n' Things

## BEAUTIFICATION DAYS AT COLLIER PARK

Calling all members! Please come to The RGC's section of the garden in Collier Park to help beautify our area. We would like to start pruning the bigger trees and shrubs. We also need whatever help you can do - weeding, pruning, straightening the path rocks, spreading mulch, the list goes on. Mark your calendar - **Friday Oct 11 and Friday Oct 25 anytime between 8am and noon.** We want the garden to look spectacular for our special tree planting in November. Thanks so much! Hugs, Teri Schmidt.



## SAFARI PARK VOLUNTEERS

If you are a Safari Park volunteer, the days for working in the Chandler Herb Garden for the month of October will be Friday, October 4th and Wednesday, October 16th.

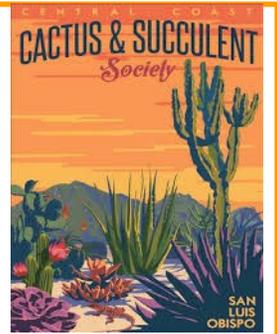
For more information, contact Debbie Gomez, or you can call Andy at (760-738-5061).

Otherwise, go to [www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org) to fill out an application online and/or to obtain more info.



## Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society Plant Sale

This group is having their Fall Plant Sale at the San Diego Botanic Garden Oct. 26 & 27, 2019 from 10:30-3pm (both days). The cost is \$12.00 for non-members. This includes a visit to the Gardens. They have a wide assortment of cactus and succulents you won't see at nurseries, and makes for a fun day. If you are interested in going, contact Debbie Canfield at [kdstar.ranch@gmail.com](mailto:kdstar.ranch@gmail.com) and provide your name and phone number.



UkuLadies perform Country Roads (Ramona style) at Sept. 2019 meeting



**Palomar District's  
27th Anniversary Season  
Floral Design Forum  
2019-2020**

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, October thru May 12:00 **NOON**

**Where: Shinoda Design Center** — 7170 Miramar Rd., San Diego, 92121

**Objectives:** To bring the finest floral designers to San Diego County; promote appreciation of floral art forms; develop skills in critiquing floral art; improve individual skills for in home floral decorating; learn skills for flower show exhibition; encourage members to enter flower shows and promote floral arts in the community. The forum is open to anyone interested in floral design.

**Fees:** Choose \$70/all 8 program season pass (save \$50 off non-member session tickets) or \$12/ session for NGC/CGCI members or \$15/ session for non-members Mail: **George Speer, 30861 Saddleback Rd, Valley Center, CA 92082**

**September 15, 2019 - FREE Special "Christmas Show" at Shinoda Design Center, San Diego.** Sunday, 10 AM to 3 PM. Watch while **Kevin Ylvisaker , AIFD, PFCI, Smithers-Oasis floral products design director** creates fresh and silk designs to get your creative plans flowing with products off the shelves. Notice: **FREE**

**October 7, 2019 The Family Proteaceae by the Resendiz Bros. Protea Growers.** Designer, cut flowers, arrangements and plants. Learn, enjoy and take home.

**November 4, 2019 - Robert L. Gordon AIFD** Ornamental Horticulture Professor and Garden Club member for many years; is joined by George Speer, NGC Master Judge to answer "**Are there still differences between Professional and Garden Club designs?**"

**December 2, 2019 - Rene van Rems , AIFD** Dutch born designer, author and educator, He is the world-renowned ambassador of the floral industry. Rene presents **European Holiday Designing**. He will entertain, educate and inspire. Don't miss this one. Register to reserve your seat, they are limited.

**January 6, 2020 "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.

**February 3, 2020 - 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.

**March 2, 2020 "FLOWER POWER" Our most popular Program.** Watch as 5 local college student designers race against the clock to complete a Surprise Package design from material, container and theme. Then, like a 3 ring circus, they show a "signature design," a "round robin" and then a "wrap up" design.

**April 6, 2020 Mitsuko Takeya, Master Instructor O'Hara School of Ikebana.** Enjoy the simplicity, meaning and grace of her designs. We are pleased that Mitsuko could fit us in between her many classes.

**May 4, 2020 - The "Grand Finale" is to be determined**

Reminder, that California Garden Club Inc. members are able to **shop at Shinoda Design Center** with a pass gotten by your Club President. You will have to pay sales tax at the time of purchase.