

RGC MAY 2021 COVID NEWSLETTER

Dear Ramona Garden Club Members,

As we begin the month of May, 2021, still meeting remotely (ZOOM) through June, it looks as if, according to state and local pandemic regulations, we will be able to actually gather in person, come Fall, 2021 (second Wednesday in September, at noon), for our first General Membership Potluck Meeting of the new term! Now, to make that process complete, we need three RGC members to help us out by each, allowing her/his name to be placed in nomination for one of the following elective officer positions: President, Vice- President, or Treasurer.

With great amounts of gratitude, we thank member, Jennifer DeSimone, who was appointed as Secretary, when that position became vacant a few months, ago, and has agreed to have her name placed in nomination for election to that office for the new term!

So, Dear Members, please let us know who is willing to fill one of those soon to be 3 vacancies! We guarantee that our current team will be your "support system!" Our Parliamentarian, Jane Vidal, has clearly stated, that particularly without the positions of President and Treasurer being filled, the Ramona Garden Club can no longer be organized, according to Palomar District rules.

As your outgoing President, I have been SO blessed with an INCREDIBLE team of elected officers and appointed chairperson.....though working virtually for over a year, our General Board has continued to move forward and will leave this term, in June, having made AMAZING progress, to the greater good of the Ramona Garden Club!!! So, let's keep moving forward!!!

**Gratefully, Georgie Suitor
Ramona Garden Club President**

"Teamwork makes our vision work!"

Our May speaker information from Karla Brustad:

The Ramona Garden Club's May 12, Zoom meeting will feature Diane Stoltz from the Ramona Municipal Water District. The community is invited to join the zoom presentation using meeting ID 724 824 2769 with passcode 92065. Meeting starts at noon and you can ask questions and learn more about what the Water District.

Diane is the Cross-connection Program Specialist with Ramona Municipal Water District.

She can address any questions you have about water-wise gardens.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7248232769?pwd=MnRtbmtsNXBJTmFyUHNCbUxDQngyQT09>

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Dear Ramona Garden Club members,

I am writing to you to appeal to your loyalty. Our garden club has been grounded for over a year out of necessity during this pandemic. The reason for our pleasure each month: our friendships, the great lunch we enjoyed together, the great speakers we enjoyed, and our craft activities to support our plant sales in fundraising for the scholarship program. It became such a precious memory after the shut down. We were even able to have our homeowners agree to one more postponement for our garden tour to 2022.

But now we are facing the end of our Ramona Garden Club if we are not able to fill the elected positions for this fall. Normally we get volunteers to be the nominating committee to present a new slate of officers and then vote the nominees into office during May for the new Executive Board. So many have stepped up during these last 18 years to lead us for a year. Some have served multiple terms. But without volunteers to step up, this club cannot be sustained in its present form as a member of the Palomar District, the California Garden Clubs Inc., and the National Garden Clubs, Pacific Region. I appeal to all members to step up to volunteer to keep us as an organization that

brings such joy to its members and the greater Ramona community. I hope members that have not served in an elected position before will consider doing so for the future of the RGC. The membership is a very supportive group of people who are happy to help new officers to succeed if you are concerned about stepping forward. Furthermore, if you have a garden club friend you might invite to join you as a co-President it is certainly a great option! You can split duties in case you wish to travel. Please help keep our RGC alive.

Thank you for volunteering,

Jane Vidal



Our very own Teri Schmidt's Alstromeria's blooming!!!

Karla Brustad still has Smart Pots for sale at \$5 each. Give her a call if you are interested: 760 522-8631. These pots are good for plants and the environment!!!

April showers bring May flowers!!!!!!!