



The Real Dirt

GENERAL MEETING * SEPT. 11TH

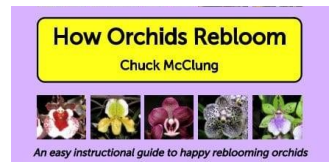
Another new season of The Ramona Garden Club begins again!! Our General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 11, 2019** at **12:15** pm! [Please note: only those setting up for the meeting are to enter at 12:00.] RGC's meetings are always held the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from Sept to June. Members of the public, friends and family members are always invited to attend our general meetings. We will host a featured speaker, raffle, pot luck luncheon, announcements and general business. For the September meeting, members with a last name beginning with the letters **A through F**, please bring a savory dish, i.e., an entrée or tasty and fun appetizer. Everyone else, please bring a dessert. Coffee, tea & water will be available also. **WELCOME BACK EVERYONE! HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT SUMMER!**



Chuck McClung, Author of [How Orchids ReBloom](#)

I'm excited to announce the September meeting will feature local botanist, Charles ("Chuck") McClung as the speaker. Mr. McClung, who has been described as "humorous," will teach us "How Orchids Rebloom," and has written a book with the same title. He has a master's degree in Botany, and has worked in landscape design, maintenance, and ecological research for many universities. He is also a gardening columnist, lecturer, and Master Gardener instructor.

His presentation describes 1) the 3 basic steps required for all orchids to re-bloom and 2) the 5 main reasons orchids fail to re-bloom. He will also be on hand to answer any of your orchid-related questions. Chuck will be bringing orchids, and copies of his book at the discounted price of \$25, which can be signed by him afterward.



I'm sure we've all been given an orchid plant for a birthday, Mother's Day or housewarming gift only to have the blooms fall off and the plant to never again produce flowers. I, for one, will be paying close attention to his words.

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

President's Message



Dear Ramona Garden Club Members:

Welcome back to the 16th season of the Ramona Garden Club, 2019 to 2020. The upcoming season proves to be a very exciting and action-packed year.

Firstly, let me say a big THANK YOU to the new members. We're very happy to have you in our club. We need you, and we hope you'll benefit from being a member. We hope each of us (old & new) will contribute to our vision and will extend the energy necessary for building a strong, inclusive, productive community. That's what it's all about!!! We will also join together to compare and share talents, experiences and knowledge.

I am proud of the speakers we have lined up for our general meetings, and I believe you will be impressed by the delicacies presented at our monthly potlucks.

We also hope you will be inspired to get your feet wet and join into the many chair positions and events lined up.

Teamwork makes the dream work!!!! I look forward to seeing you all again, and meeting the new RGC members. Please feel free to introduce yourself or ask questions.

Sincerely,

Georgie Suitor, RGC President



Ramona Garden Club News & Events

September Birthdays

Barbara Manzke	2nd
Cheryl Lewis	10th
Lauren Moll	12th
Pam Marler	26th
Abby Reece	27th
Marcia Vanlandingham	27th



ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLE TABLE AT THE MEETING

We are still in need of a person to take over Floral in the Park (the day before our General Meeting) wherein beautiful arrangements were made to raffle off the next day. Accordingly, we would like to strongly suggest that if you'd like to pick a few flowers and greenery in your garden and make a floral arrangement at home to donate to the raffle, that would be **wonderful!!** We have lots of vases and containers if you need them, or you can put them in anything you have to donate.

Also, gently used garden and other household items you no longer have a need for are wonderful items to bring for the raffle. One person's trash is another person's treasure. Just bring them to the meeting on the 11th.



Don't forget to contact Jane Vidal if you see any pretty gardens that could perhaps be included in our Garden Tour April 25, 2020. Her # is (760) 214-3394 or you can email her (see yearbook)



RGC Calendar of Events for September 2019

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September 27	Collier Park Beautification Day ~ 9:00 a.m.	Page 6

She was a jewel of a lady!



"She was a doll"



Sandi was loved by so many. What a wonderful heart she had.



"It's a sad day in Ramona today."

Sandi Clark June 3, 1954 - August 29, 2019 *In Memoriam*



she blessed each of us who crossed her path.



"Beautiful soul"

she was truly inspirational.



"She left this place much too soon but her spirit lives on."

Her smile is loved by all.

She made the world a better place.



"...long time friend and fellow animal lover who dedicated herself for so many years to Hearts & Hands Animal Rescue"



continue to celebrate her gentle self, even in the face of great loss.



"She was a remarkable woman who won't be forgotten"



a vibrant and caring woman. I miss her wit, her smile, and her laughter.

Loved the time I got to spend with her

Sandi was the best!

May she Rest In Peace.

the animals just were drawn to her sweet soul

"an inspiration to everyone that knew her."

"...her great hugs and wonderful spirit."



truly a one of a kind Goddess

"honored to have known her."

"My heart is very heavy with this news. I pray her joy is now boundless."

She was full of life



...goes without saying that she will be missed greatly

[All the above quotations are actual responses to notices of her passing.]

Bits & Pieces



September 14–15: Point Loma Garden Club NGC Standard Flower Show “A Touch of Class”
 Saturday: 1:00–6:00pm; Sunday: 12:30–4:00pm.
 Point Loma/Hervey Library, 3701 Voltaire St., San Diego, CA 92107. There will be two Divisions, Horticulture and Design. The show is free and open to the public.




PALOMAR DISTRICT'S 26TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON FLORAL DESIGN FORUM 2019-2020
Shinoda Design Center— Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 7170 Miramar Rd, Ste 600
 San Diego, California 92121

If you haven't been to the Shinoda Design Center, you're in for a real treat. It's a wholesale business selling a wide variety of products, mainly those in the floral industry. This month's forum is a freebie. Watch while a designated floral designer creates "fresh and silk designs to get your ideas flowing with products off the shelves."

Horticulture Table—It's an easy task

Our last Horticulture table for the year will be September 11th at our meeting. Please bring a specimen from your yard to share with everyone. Tag them with your name, and identify the plant if possible.

We are (still) looking for someone willing to step up to the plate by taking over as Horticulture Chairmen this next season. All that is required is to set up and take down the Horticulture display featured at some of the General Meetings. The Job Description Book can give you a more detailed explanation. It will be at the next meeting. Plus you can take the pretty specimens home if you want to. It's a WIN-WIN!



ONGOING Goings On



SAFARI PARK VOLUNTEERS

Chandler Herb Garden at the Safari Park has work days for designated volunteers on will be the 1st Friday, **September 6th** and the 3rd Wednesday, **September 18th** of each month.. Debbie Gomez has more information for those interested, or you can call Andy at (760-738-5061) or go to zoo.sandiegozoo.org and fill out an application online and read about what is offered..



BEAUTIFICATION DAYS AT COLLIER PARK

If you are a new member to The Ramona Garden Club, we have our own section of Collier Park which is our responsibility to maintain and keep beautiful. Teri Schmidt is in charge of this task and would be thrilled to add new volunteers to her list of helpers. This takes place every 2nd & 4th Friday from 9 am to 12 pm., but you do not have to stay the entire time. September Beautification Days are **September 13th & 27th**. New members are welcome and highly encouraged.



FLORAL DESIGN IN COLLIER PARK

[Discontinued Until Further Notice]

That having been said, please create a lovely arrangement, if you are so inclined, to add to the items to raffle off at the general meeting on 9/11... or to any subsequent general meeting(s). Gently used garden or other items are also welcome. Vases or other containers for flower arranging are available if you need one.