

The Real Dirt

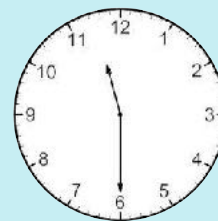
Newsletter of the Ramona Garden Club



Attracting birds to your garden

Learn about our local birds and how to attract them to your garden. Silvia Slemmer, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, will speak at our September 14 meeting. The new meeting time is at 11:30. Club business starts at noon sharp and the speaker will begin promptly at 12:30. Silvia is the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Carlsbad. Wild Birds Unlimited is a franchise with over 300 individually-owned nature-themed stores across the country that sells bird food, feeders and other bird-related gifts. But they do not sell birds. Silvia said she had always dreamed of owning a store that combined her love of birds and helping people. Eleven years ago, she realized the dream of bringing people and nature together.

A CGCI Blue Ribbon Club



Meeting time change

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November 5 Fall Plant and Craft Sale

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Volunteer Opportunities

See pages 4 and 6

Visit the Ramona Garden Club website

ramonagardenclub.com

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Both Linda and I are so excited about this upcoming year. We have a lot to be enthusiastic about. Your club's leadership has been working hard to make this year enjoyable for all our members. Danna Atkins, our Vice President, has done a great job setting up all our very informative speakers, beginning with Silvia Slemmer, who will speak to us about "Attracting songbirds/ hummingbirds" on September 14.



We will be meeting at Mountain View Community Church beginning in September and nearly every other month after that. In the alternating months, Danna has set up field trips starting in October. We will have one field trip down the hill and another trip in Ramona!

Keep an eye out for the details in our newsletter, *The Real Dirt*, by our new Newsletter Editor Pamela Stricker! Diane Schafer has also organized craft workshops for our Plant and Craft Sales November 5. Come join us, Diane's a great teacher. (See next page for schedule of workshops.)

The RGC has been busy this summer completing the financial audits for both 2020-21 and 2021-22, along with the new budget for 2022-23. We will all vote on the budget at our meeting in September. A big thank you to Julie Perreault for all her hard work as our new Treasurer (along with being our Membership Co-Chair)!!!

Our membership has grown over this last year from 22 members to 78!! We have come a long way in the last year and continue to move forward. Our theme for this year is "Moving Forward." We hope to see everyone at our September 14 meeting. We can arrive as early as 11:30 am, our meeting will begin precisely at Noon. Please join us for the potluck lunch and enjoy our speaker and friends!!!!!!

Your Co-Presidents:
Jane Vidal and Linda Mulick

Garden Club Craft Workshop Schedule

(making crafts for the Fall Plant and Craft Sale to be held Nov. 5th at Ramona Oaks Park)
All workshops will be held at 9:00 at 25322 Kerri Lane SDCE. RSVP zoomnphoto@yahoo.com

August Workshops will be Wed. Aug. 24th and Tuesday Aug. 30th decoupage and crafting with air dry clay on pots and glassware.

Sept. Workshops will be Tuesday Sept. 6th Wood and garden tool projects



and Tuesday Sept. 27th succulent gardens we need small fresh succulent cuttings



October's workshops will be Tuesday Oct. 11th Succulent Pumpkin's For this workshop we will need donated small to medium size pumpkins and lots of small succulent cuttings to share

If we need another workshop to wrap up, it will be held Wed Oct. 26th

Hospitality for September Meeting

A big "thank you" to all who graciously bring refreshments to share at our general meetings.

To avoid having either too many sweets or not enough savory foods the suggested assignments are based on the first letter of your last name. Drinks will be provided by the club.

A - L bring sweet finger foods M - Z bring savory finger foods.



News to Know

Change in Start Time for Ramona Garden Club Coming This Fall!

We will be changing the start time for our meetings.

Members and their guests can now arrive at 11:30 am to sign in and set up and get their food for lunch.

Meetings will get underway at NOON sharp! Speakers will start at 12:30 pm. These changes have been made so that we can stay on a schedule for our speakers.

On the topic of speakers and field trips, please see the vice president's fun-filled event schedule (see page 8) for this coming year! **The Ramona Garden Club meets at Mountain View Church, 1191 Meadowlark Way.**

Library Flowers

Do you have pretty flowers or plants in your garden to share? If so, please consider

signing up to put an arrangement, succulent pumpkin, succulent dish garden or some other lovely

plant at the Ramona Library. If you did some spring cleaning recently and have an extra vase you'd like to donate for library flowers, please contact Carol or Linda.

Please contact Carol

Bazinet

(cjbazinet@gmail.com)

Collier Park Beautify

Collier Park Fall Garden Beautify is October 3, Monday, 9am-11am. Please come and help beautify our RGC Garden for our community to enjoy. We will be pruning and weeding so bring your gloves, clippers, hat and water. We also need some bigger cactus blooms and dead cactus removed so any "strong workers" are needed too! Then we will enjoy a potluck lunch at 11 in the park so bring something to share if you want to. Please let Teri Schmidt know if you can come. (terismith87@yahoo.com)

Also the Garden Club purchased a flag to fly on special holidays and now we need a flag pole installed! Any volunteers?

Club dues due now

If you did not pay your 2022-2023 membership dues by June 2022, then you are past due. In order to ensure that your name is in our yearbook and that you continue to receive "The Real Dirt" Newsletter, please send your dues to the membership chair. If you are not current by our September General Meeting, sadly you will be dropped from the roster. So **please** send your check today. If you have any questions regarding your membership dues, please email Julie Perrault, julieann55@cox.net. Or simply mail to Ramona Garden Club, PO Box 1412, Ramona, CA 92065



September Birthdays

9/1 Princess Norman

9/2 Barbara Matzke

9/12 Lauren Moll

9/14 Jamie Schmidt

9/20 Rebecca Holton

9/21 Bonnie Crawford

9/27 Marcia Vanlandingham

Correction

Linda Bonds' correct birthday is July 11. The newsletter editor regrets the error.

News for Newsletter or Website

If you have garden club-related news for the newsletter and/or website, please contact Pamela Stricker, newsletter editor, pstricker10@gmail.com or webmaster/social media editor - Ramona Valencia, ramonavalencia3@gmail.com

Ramona Garden Club mailing address, PO Box 1412, Ramona, CA 92065. Garden Club website: **ramonagardenclub.com**

Volunteer at Zoo Safari Park

For anyone interested in volunteering at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, there are many fun and rewarding opportunities, in the gardens or other areas. A group from the Ramona Garden Club works in the Chandler Herb Garden twice a month. RGC Volunteers work at the Park on the first Friday and the third Wednesday the month. You don't need to know a lot about herbs or gardening-we're always learning! Membership for the Zoo and Park are included, plus other benefits-such as behind the scene tours. For more info go to sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org/jobs/volunteer-application. Or contact Debbie Gomez, deb4fino@pacbell.net.

SAFARI PARK GARDEN VOLUNTEERS: HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in volunteering with the Safari Park Gardens, please follow the steps below:

STEP 1:

Review Garden Descriptions: Review the garden descriptions and requirements on the first page of this document and decide which garden you are interested in volunteering with!

STEP 2:

Apply: Apply to volunteer online at <https://sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org/jobs/volunteer-application> and indicate that you are interested in volunteering with our gardens and which garden you would like to volunteer with. You can ignore the information about the Recruitment Window.

STEP 3:

Online Training: You will receive an email with instructions for Online Training, including a Website Scavenger Hunt, Orientation, Handbook Scavenger Hunt, Kulture City Sensitivity and Inclusion Training, and New Volunteer Paperwork. This process will take about 6-8 hours, and can be completed at your own pace.

STEP 4:

Connect with Lead Garden Volunteer: Once you complete your Online Training, you will be connected with the Lead Volunteer of your chosen garden. They will coordinate when your first shift will be and give you instructions for volunteering.

STEP 5:

Get Started! When you come in for your first shift, we will provide you with your volunteer uniform and ID and ensure you have everything you need! Your Lead Garden Volunteer will take you through everything you need to know after that!

Ramona Garden Club Horticulture Table RETURNS!

The Horticultural Table is back! Past President Maggie Crane started this fun sharing event at the Ramona Garden Club. Library Flowers Co-Chair Carol Bazinet is bringing this cool feature back to life! Please think about sharing what is blooming in your yard! Here are some instructions from Carol (and Maggie).

In the morning before the meeting, go out into your yard and look at what is growing there. Choose one, two or several different plants that you pick and bring to the meeting the next day. Put them in a clear container (beer bottle, wine bottle or clear plain vase) with water. Fill out the Horticulture Tag and bring it to the meeting and set it on the table. All plants must be grown by the exhibitor.

If you don't know the identification of the plant and want to find out, please bring it in and put one of the PLEASE ID tags that will be on the table by the plant and hopefully one of our members will know what it is. That way the next time you bring it in you will know what the plant is.

The specimens can be flowers, leaves, vegetables, fruit, annuals or perennials or even potted plants. We will be very casual with our plants for the first few months so bring in everything you think looks good. This is mainly to share the wonderful plants you have in your yard. While we do that, we will also be learning how to display Horticulture at a flower show and learning about lots of new plants, so it is a win-win activity.

I will have Horticulture Tags available at the Horticulture Table to fill out.



RGC on Facebook!

Ramona Garden Club now has a Facebook page. You can find out up to the minute club news and post messages and ask questions on the club's new Facebook page. Social media and webmaster Ramona Valencia has crafted the Facebook page (and website). Make sure to like and follow the Ramona Garden Club on Facebook!



Ramona Garden Club 2022-23 Events

September 14 (Speaker)	Attracting Songbirds/Hummingbirds Silvia Slemmer
October 12 (Field Trip)	San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas Self-guided tour/Handicap accessible
October 14 (Field Trip)	Grant James Winery Bring sack lunch
November 9 (Speaker)	School Gardens Heather Holland, Master Gardener
December 14	Christmas/Holiday Event
January 11 (Speaker)	South African Bulbs Daniel MacDonald
February 8 (Field Trip)	Agave Hidden Ranch - Escondido Jeremy Spath
February 13 (Field Trip)	Humane Society, Andy Blue, (only 10 allowed per visit)
February 20 (Field Trip)	Humane Society, Andy Blue, (only 10 allowed per visit)
March 8 (Speaker)	Growing on Slope, Different Areas Linda Bresler, Master Gardener
March 23 (Field Trip, Members only)	Bus field trip to Beverly Hills
April 12 (Field trip)	Protea Farm Daniel Macdonald and Stephan Leonard
April 19 (Field trip)	Water Wise Botanicals, Bonsal Tom Jesch
May 10 (Speaker)	How to Help Pollinators Marsha Cook, Master Gardener
June 14	Officer Installation/Year End Picnic, Collier Park

August-September Calendar of Events

August 24	Craft Workshop, 25322 Kerri Lane
August. 30	Craft Workshop, 25322 Kerri Lane
September 2	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Beautify
September 5	Labor Day
September 6	Craft Workshop, 25322 Kerri Lane
September 12	Collier Park Beautify 8-11 am, E Street

September 14	Ramona Garden Club meeting, 11:30 am, Mountain View Church, 1191 Meadowlark Way
September 21	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Beautify
September 27	Craft Workshop, 25322 Kerri Lane

New Member Spotlight- Don and Jamie Schmidt

I moved to Highland Valley Road in 1985 and Jamie joined me in 1992 and we currently live on Starvation Mountain. Since I retired, I have been growing palms from seed and sago palms from seed and pups. I'm also working on a mini botanical garden with bamboo, cycads, grevillia, palms and various protea. We have been enjoying the RGC and the new people we have met.

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