

The Real Dirt

NEWSLETTER OF THE

RAMONA GARDEN CLUB, RAMONA CA
A CGCI BLUE RIBBON CLUB

June 2025

General Meeting: June 11, 2025 11:30 am

Collier Park, 626 E Street, Ramona, CA 92065



Installation Luncheon and Celebration

Please join all of us at the Last Meeting of the
2024 - 2025 Garden Club year.

We will be meeting at Collier Park at the benches
by the Scout Hut (7th St side)

**Ramona Garden Club will be catering the
luncheon with sandwiches, salads, cake and beverages.
(not a potluck)**

Our program will include the Installation of Officers, Presentation of
Scholarship Recipients, Presentation of Penny Pines Certificates, and a
fun sing along with the Ukuladies.

We will be celebrating our outgoing officers and all the Chairmen and
workers that have made this a very successful and FUN year!

Spend some time walking around the beautiful Collier Park, talking to
friends and making new ones while eating great food.

Hope to see everyone there!!



Teri & Jane's Corner



Dear Members,

Both Teri and I are looking forward to this opportunity to hand over the gavel to the newly elected officers for this coming year. It has been such a rewarding year for us. We now have 97 members. We have enjoyed such a great lineup of speakers this year as well as some very exciting and informative field trips. We thank you all for making this such a successful year!

Given that, our annual Installation picnic will be held in the usual location by the Scout Hut in Collier Park. (7th Street side of the park). It will be catered with various sandwiches, salad, cake and beverages. The Ukuladies will also perform. We hope you can all attend this last event of the year which will begin at 11:30 am. The garden at Collier Park is really beautiful now and you can walk through it before or after the festivities.

We both have enjoyed serving as your Co-Presidents, and we know you are really going to enjoy this new year starting in September. Bonnie Crawford, incoming Vice President is lining up an exciting list of experienced speakers and from what I am hearing, the speaker list is really shaping up nicely!!

Your outgoing Co-Presidents,

Teri & Jane

Membership Dues for 2025 - 2026

Dear Ramona Garden Club Members,

I hope all of you are in the best of health, good spirits and enjoying your gardens beauty. I apologize for not attending the past two meetings (having fun camping). I so appreciate Connie Sabon and Diane McKee for helping cover the membership table.

The RGC values your membership and continued support of the club and we hope you will still be renewing your membership this upcoming club year 2025-2026. We are planning for another great year of speakers, field trips, social time, plant/craft sales and our Spring Garden Tour.

Membership renewal time is approaching. Dues for the July 1, 2025-June 30,2026 are due by June 30. Membership dues are staying at \$30 per person, \$10 for additional family member/household.

I will be at June's luncheon to accept renewals or you can mail it to:

RGC- Membership Chair
PO Box 1412, Ramona, CA. 92065

Thank -You, Julie Perreault

Yearbook Pictures and Deadline for Yearbook

Ramona Garden Club publishes a new **Yearbook** every summer with information on upcoming events, the Projects we support and a Roster of our members along with their pictures so we can recognize people we meet.

If you are renewing your membership for 2025 - 2026 and don't have a picture in the current Yearbook there are a couple of ways to do this.

1. I will be at the Installation Luncheon on June 11th and will take your picture there.
2. If you can't be there you can send me a "headshot" via Email and I will be able to use that.

The Deadline to get pictures to me will be August 1st!! Also that is the deadline to send in your dues to be in the Yearbook. It takes time to create the yearbook and to get it Published. Thank you for your timely response!

Maggiocrane@att.net

Ramona Garden Club Plant and Craft Sale Wrap-up

Our plant and craft sale was very successful. We made over \$4000 to go towards the scholarship fund. It was wonderful to see some new members helping out at the sale, along with so many of the old faithful.

"Thank you to everyone who participated in any way, we couldn't have done it without you." *Carol Wilson, Co-Plant Sale Chair*



The Ramona Garden Club Crafters were very busy this spring creating garden related items for the Spring Sale. Projects included cement draped pots, decorative bottles for water propagation of plants, decorative night light bottles, and special occasion book bouquets. A big Thank You to all the crafters. Diane Schafer and Carol Wilson as cochairmen, Jane Vidal, Julie Pereault, Debbie Gomez, Janice Strizver, Jerrie Raymer, Victoria Wright, Teri Schmidt, Rebecca Holton, Teri White, Jennifer DeSimone. Robert Holton-birdhouses. Many of these same crafters helped sell our crafts at the very successful Spring Sale.



Work Days at Collier Park

Mondays June 2nd & 23rd, 2025

Come join the group to help get the Collier Park ready for the June Installation and Potluck Meeting!

There is always lots of different things to do and lots of good times to be experienced.

Ramona Community Library Flowers

The Ramona Library is open again after getting a new roof. The garden club has resumed placing flower arrangements there every Thursday. This year will run through June 26th and then shut down for the summer months, starting again in September. We will need sign-ups for September.

As fresh flowers don't always last all week we might want to start to think about a living potted plant or succulent arrangement for next year.

Thank you for all the beautiful arrangements this year! You guys are awesome.



June Birthdays

2nd - Betsy McComber

3rd - Kathy Kilcrease

5th - Robert Holton

5th - Carl Hurst

6th - Stella Brown

7th - Elaine Bailey

27th - Maggie Crane



Ramona Garden Club 2025 Scholarship Recipients

Submitted by Connie Sabon, Committee Chair

Meet our 2025 Scholarship Recipients!



Hallie Bishop graduated from Ramona High School with a GPA of 4.13. Her favorite subjects are Science and English. Regarding the sport of tennis, one of her references says that Hallie's "unique playing style, skill and perseverance helped lead her team to two League Championships." Her mother works in the construction industry which exposed her to the ways industries work together to reduce construction's environmental footprint. After taking an advanced placement class in environmental science Hallie realized the far-reaching impact she could have by merging her passion with a career. After completing initial studies at Grossmont Community College in the Fall, she plans to pursue a degree in Environmental Science at USC Chico with the goal of becoming a sustainability manager.



Liana Yorba graduated from Montecito High School as the Salutatorian. I like Stacey's comment that "her impressive rise to excellence through adversity is exactly the kind of role model all students should strive to become..." Liana plans to pursue a career in Agriculture and starts classes at Palomar Community College in the Fall. Liana is involved in 4H and her boar recently won Grand Champion Swine at the local Fair. Her achievements also include a gold medal in advanced construction at the regional Skills USA, followed by an invitation to compete at the National Level. The Ramona Sentinel wrote a nice article about this year's graduation it includes some of Liana's other interests.



Did You Know?

We all know that the Ramona Garden Club supports the Penny Pines Tree Reforestation project through donations at our monthly general meetings.

Did you know California's first Penny Pines plantation was sponsored by the San Francisco Sports-Women's Association in 1941?

Recognizing the great need to restore devastated forests, the association sent its donation to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest at the start of the program in 1941. Seedlings could be produced for about one cent each, and about 680 seedlings covered one acre. Today each \$68.00 donation provides support for one acre (one "plantation") which may include up to 350 trees.

The California Garden Club, Inc. adopted Penny Pines as a state project in 1957 and it remains one of the major projects today. Over the years, donations have contributed more than a million dollars to the Penny Pines Reforestation Program.

Through these donations, more than 27 million seedlings have been planted, renewing 88,000 acres of national forest land (such as the Cleveland National Forest) in California –truly an outstanding achievement.

So, at our next meeting, please consider donating as our Penny Pines project provides a helping hand. *It is a conservation program in which everyone can participate.*

As the Penny Pines Committee Chair, Diane McKee leads our effort in supporting this worthy cause.

At our June meeting we will be honoring members of our club with this year's donations.



May General Meeting

Our May meeting was a smashing success. Greg Rubin gave a very interesting talk about landscaping and fire protection.

Teri and Jane led their last meeting at MVCC; our new officers were elected; a great potluck was enjoyed by all; we had a craft sale, raffle and horticulture table. There was something for everyone.



Our speaker,
Greg Rubin



Co-Presidents Teri & Jane



A full house for this meeting



World famous Potluck



Diane manning the craft table



Horticulture



Raffle items

Scholarship Presentation at Montecito High School



Ramona Garden Club Scholarship Committee and Co-Presidents were able to attend the Montecito HS Scholarship Awards Night. Jane delivered a wonderful presentation and Connie presented Liana Yorba with a beautiful Protea bouquet and Robert the Scholarship certificate.

The scholarship budget of \$5,000 was augmented with additional money donated by a new member and earmarked for the fund. I understand they heard recipient Haddie Ingvolstad speak last year at our meeting and were so impressed they wrote a check for \$500 to boost the amount we could award this year!



Both of our Recipients plan on being at our Installation Luncheon.

A Very Special Birthday Celebration

After a full day working at the Plant/Craft Sale Jane Vidal got to celebrate a very special birthday with all her friends from garden club!!

Happy 80th Birthday, Jane. We wish you many, many more wonderful years !



Jane & Teri happy after the plant sale!



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