

The Real Dirt

NEWSLETTER OF THE

RAMONA GARDEN CLUB, RAMONA CA
A CGCI BLUE RIBBON CLUB

January 2024

General Meeting: January 10, 2024 @ 11:30am

Mountain View Community Church 1191 Meadowlark Way, Ramona



Sustainability with Ramona Ranch Winery

Our January speaker will be Teri Kern from Ramona Ranch Winery. Teri and her husband moved to Ramona in 2004 and started making wine in 2005. Ramona Ranch Winery is San Diego County's only Certified Sustainable Vineyard and Winery, a distinction they obtained in 2017.

Come and hear about their insectary, which invites beneficial bugs and birds to improve the bio-diversity of the farm which is recognized by the National Wildlife Federation as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. They specialize in vineyard specific, single varietal wines, like their Estates Tannat and Sangiovese and the Gold Medal Super Tuscan Blend.

Before the speaker there will be our normal potluck to enjoy. For potluck:

A - R Please bring Savory Finger Foods S - Z Please bring Sweet Finger Foods

Garden Club Field Trip for January - Signups at General Meeting

January 19, 2024 10 am at: Ramona Ranch Winery

23578 CA 78

Ramona, CA 92065

See Ada at general meeting for more information on trip and where to meet for carpooling



Linda's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends and enjoyed our Holiday Celebration in December. Thank you to our Special Events Committee and the Ukuladies for making the day so awesome! As we ring in 2024, we should be proud of the accomplishments our club has made this past year and be excited for what is to come. 2023 was a great year for our club. We have worked together and made a difference in our community. In review, here are some of our accomplishments this past year:

- Awarded two scholarships to Ramona High School students
- Awarded three Grants: San Diego Humane Society, Ramona Community
- Montessori School Garden, and Chandler Herb Garden at Safari Park
- Donated funds to provide for 3 trees to the Penny Pines Project
- Contributed \$300 to the CGCI President's Project
- Won a Blue-Ribbon Award from CGCI
- Held many craft and propagation workshops to produce product for our sales
- Organized two successful plant and craft sales
- Maintained and improved the Collier Park and Safari Park Gardens
- Provided plants for Mountain View Community Church landscaping
- Enhanced our local library with flowers, plants, and a decorated Christmas tree
- Decorated a tree at Collier Park for the holidays
- Initiated a "Propagation Team" for our plant sales
- Grew our membership to 83 members
- Celebrated 20 years together!
- We learned from informative speakers Marsha Cook, Linda Bresler, Daniel MacDonald & Stephen Leonard, Dean Karras, Debbie Gomez & Ramona Valencia.
- We also enjoyed field trips to Agave Hidden Ranch, Ramona Humane Society, Ramona Protea Farm, Waterwise Botanicals, Gnosis Nursery, Poway Kumeyaay Center, Kathy & Vern Kilcrease Gardens, and a Train Ride at Mary Ann Rodarte's home.

Let's make 2024 even better! We have a Garden Tour/Plant & Craft sale planned in May, an Ice Cream Social, and more fun and informative field trips and speakers. Let's all get involved and work together while we create some joy along the way!

My Best, Linda Mulick

Thinking of you Cards to:

Linda Joop 2191 El Paso Street, Ramona, CA 92065

Jeanne Cannon 1555 Washington Street, Ramona CA 92065

Jane Vidal 15714 Zeigler Court, Ramona, CA 92065

Ramona Valencia 1936 Raymond Ave Ramona CA

If you know of anyone that needs a smile from a card let me know and I will add to the list. Remember Snail Mail?? They are still fun to send and get!!



January Birthdays

12th - Robin & Mel Grepo

19th - Carol O'Brian

20th - David White

21th - Gerry Bowan

25th - Susan Lauzier

31st - Carol Wilson



Wish List for a Craft Item for our Spring Sale

White Birch Logs approximately 6 - 8" diameter

Save the date: May 4, 2024

Our world famous Garden Tour with a Plant and Craft Sale!!

Keep an eye out for all the fun Craft Workshops that will be happening before our May 4th Garden Tour/ Plant and Craft Sale

Quick View of January Activities

- January 10th - General Meeting - Teri Kern Sustainability with Ramona Ranch Winery
- January 19th - Field Trip to Ramona Ranch Winery, 23578 CA 78, Ramona, CA
- January 1st & 15th Collier Park Clean up
- January 5th & 17th - Safari Park Clean Up
- February 1st - Newsletter Deadline
- February 14th - General Meeting - Valentine's Day Fun!

Volunteer Opportunities are always available with the Ramona Garden Club!

In 2024 find some new activities to help out and to enrich your experiences with the club.

- Collier Park contact Teri Schmidt terismith87@yahoo.com
- Safari Park contact: Debbie Gomez deb4fino@pacbell.net
- Ramona Community Library Flowers contact Linda Mulick seasonsoftheheart@cox.net
- Propagation Team contact Ada Wildberger awildberger@gmail.com
- Bring spare change for the Penny Pines Container
- Horticulture Table - bring your plants and flowers to share at the meeting
- Join us on our Field Trips and General Meetings and board meetings and craft workshops
- Bring your friends!

Let's Have Even More Fun!!

Mark Calendars for these upcoming themed pot luck lunches:

January: New Year Theme 🎉 🎊

February: Valentine's Day Theme—wear your Red!! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

March: Saint Patrick's Day Theme—wear your Green!! 🍀 🍀 🍀

April: All About Spring!! Theme

May: Memorial Day Theme

December General Meeting

So grand to see all who enjoyed the Holiday Luncheon December 13! Spending time with and hanging out together was exactly what we needed—the energy in that room was dynamic!!!

A big “Thank You” to all who helped bring this JOY to us—The Special Events Committee, The Standing Committee Chairperson and those teams, each and every Board member and all who contributed to the raffle table items, , of course, the delicious food!! We did good. 🙌🙌🙌

Thank you to each and every one of you for everything you’ve done this year to support the Ramona Garden Club and its missions; you did good. 🙌🙌🙌. Appreciation...
Ada



A special Thank You!!! To the Ukuladies who played for the Holiday Event!! What a fun time they gave us singing Christmas Carols and just being joyous—lots of laughs!!



Train Ride at Mary Ann's House

New traditions are just terrific and I hope that this is one that carries on!!! On December 15, members of the Ramona Garden club met at the home of long-time member, Mary Ann Rodarte, to enjoy an evening of entertainment via train rides and hot cocoa!! A fun time was had by all!!! Thank you so much to the Rodarte's for the invite—we hope to come back!



Christmas Tree Trimming at Collier Park

A fun time was had by all at the tree trimming on December 4th. There was even a potluck afterwards. Watch for other exciting events with the club and come out and join and make new friends!



Happy 2024 to all our wonderful Garden Club members and friends

'I hope that in the year to come, you make mistakes. Glorious, amazing mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.'

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Each of these organizations have websites with wonderful information and newsletters.

Take some time and check them all out!!