## Desert Crossroads Garden Club



of Lucerne Valley



April 2017 News Bulletin

## Regular Meeting – April 13

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Program: Squash and Things by "Jim"

Morning Refreshments: Darla & Anna-Marie Drawing: Pat Hart & Anna-Marie

#### Plants of the Month



# Flowering Cherry Tree "Okame"

Prunus

Ornamental Cherry Trees offer the flowers and foliage of fruiting cherry trees without the mess. They bloom early to mid spring usually before leaf-out. An excellent tree to garden under, or as a lawn tree. Requires well draining soil. Moderate watering in summer months.



## Crabapple Tree "Prarifire"

Malus

Flowering crabapple trees are ornamental trees, related to apple trees, but bearing smaller fruits. Valued for their spectacular spring blooms, tree form, ornamental fruit and colorful autumn foliage. Most varieties are hardy, drought tolerant, disease resistant, adaptable to various soil types, and grow to a mature height of less than 20 feet, suitable for small spaces.



## Flowering Pear Tree "Cleveland Pear"

Rosaceae

Saving the best for last for our soil and climate, this tree is a personal favorite. Ornamental pears offer the flowers and foliage of fruiting pears without the mess. Like the crabapple, they are hardy, drought tolerant, and disease resistant. These trees can be seen in the parking lot at Target on Bear Valley Rd.

### **Youth Program**

The next School Youth Garden program will be April 19, 2017 at the Elementary School at 2:00. Linda and Sue will be working in the school gardens, we have three gardens at the elementary school now, and Linda Boruff and Sara have an indoor craft program for the kids.

Please contact Linda if you want to help 760-248-6397.

## **Upcoming Events**

#### **Arbor Day Memorial Tree Planting Program**

Friday, April 28, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Water Awareness Garden behind the Senior Center on Allen Way in Lucerne Valley.

Memorial Trees sponsored so far
Pete Petersen by The Roadrunners
Jeanette Pettigrew by Bob & Sara Delperdang
Jimmy James by Bob & Sara Delperdang

Sponsorship forms will be available at the meeting next week or call Sara at 760-248-7614.

#### Home Garden Tour

The Club will have its annual Home Garden Tour immediately following the Memorial Tree Planting Program on Friday, April 28 at 9:00 am starting at the Water Awareness Garden again this year. We will be traveling to three home gardens this year sure to delight all gardeners no matter what style of gardening you like. A box lunch will be available at the last home on the tour for a donation of \$12.00. The Lucerne Valley High School Students will again be preparing the box lunches. Be sure to bring a friend, this is one of the best activities we sponsor all year.

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