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DESERT CROSSROADS GARDEN CLUB

CLUB OFFICERS

President
CHRISTIE ROBINSON

Vice President
SUE NOLAN

Secretary DARLA KING

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Community Center
33187 Old Woman Springs Rd
9:30am Social
10:00am Meeting
2nd Thursday month
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ernevalleygardenclub/





Upcoming Events 2023 Mark Your Calendars!

Meeting Schedule and Speakers *subject to change

JUNE 3RD

9:00 - 2:00 OR EVERYTHING SOLD
LUCERNE VALLEY MARKET PORCH
WE WILL BE SETTING UP AT 7AM AND ANY HELP IS
GREATLY APPRECIATED.

WE HAVE (3) 6 FT. GALVANIZED PLANTERS
\$75 EA, (4) PAINTED PLANTERS \$100 EA FOR SALE
FIRST COME BASIS BUT MEMBERS HAVE 1ST
PRIORITY. CONTACT ME ASAP IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED. YOU MUST PAY FOR YOUR PLANTER
BY 10AM DAY OF SALE OR WE CANNOT HOLD YOUR
ITEM.

WE WILL BE SELLING VEGETABLES, PERENNIALS, ANNUALS, GARDEN TOOLS, CEMENT BENCHES, BIRD BATHS AND MUCH MUCH MORE! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

CHRISTIE: 760-617-8992

JUNE 8TH
9:30 - 11:00
SUMMARY OF PLANT SALE
YOUR INPUT FOR SPEAKERS, CRAFTS AND FIELD
TRIPS. YOUR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!!

DARK JULY & AUGUST
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER, SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

"What's Happening?"



At our last meeting, the group discussed discontinuing indefinitely the "School Garden Program" at Lucerne Valley Elementary School. Sue Nolan has been leading the project, and with no

member volunteers to assist her in maintaining the garden, the decision was made to put our efforts and funds into our showcase project, the "Water Awareness Garden" at the Senior Center. As it happened, the school had also decided at the same time to restructure the garden area and create a shade covered outdoor reading area for their students.

Sue Nolan will be collecting all the planters, benches, bird baths, garden tools and more in time for the plant sale.

We have (3) six-foot galvanized planters available for \$75 each, and (4) six-foot painted planters \$100 each. Members will be offered these items pre-sale on a first-come basis by calling Christie Robinson at (760-617-8992) prior to the sale. If you'd like to purchase a planter you must bring your payment to the plant sale no later than 10:00am and arrange pickup with Sue Nolan, who will store your planter at her home. Due to storage and logistics, all unpaid planters will be sold after 10am so that we may be assured that everything is sold the day of the plant sale.

We will also be selling children's garden tools, small cement benches, bird baths, plant seeds, plants, and much more. We have an opportunity to have a very successful plant sale this year and I hope each of you will stop by to volunteer some of your time, purchase a plant or two, or just share some support to the member volunteers!



Plant References

Las Pilatas https://www.laspilitas.com/

Mountain States Wholesale Nursery https://mswn.com/





To show your support of monarch conservation, you can have your monarch habitat certified as an official Monarch Waystation by Monarch Watch. Your habitat will be included in the Monarch Waystation Registry, an online listing of Monarch Waystations worldwide, and you will be awarded a certificate bearing your name and your habitat's unique Monarch Waystation ID number.

The Transition Habitat
Conservancy has several
volunteer programs providing an
opportunity to fill in needs that
their organization has to protect
our natural areas.

Stewardship and Restoration
Team Member
Community Scientist
Volunteer Ranger
Community Outreach Team

A Message From Your President

Firstly, I would like to thank each of you for your vote of confidence in selecting me to lead the Desert Crossroads Garden Club over the next 2 years. It was my pleasure many years ago to also represent the club and I'm looking forward to bringing educational and informational guest speakers, crafts, and fun field trips!

I would also like to thank Jon Bush for his time as President, who was faced with unprecedented challenges due to the pandemic, but still prevailed and kept us going. Great job Jon!

Something new the Board will be trying is to take care of the more mundane business-end of the organization prior to our actual meetings through Board teleconferencing, eliminating much discussion, and leaving more time for...wait for it... fun!

I will also be passing around Committee signup sheets for the October District meeting which we are hosting; Christmas Luncheon; Annual Plant Sale; and Water Awareness Garden. Without these committees and your participation no matter how small, these events will go away. I'm really hoping I can plan on your participation to continue making the Desert Crossroads Garden Club the best in the High Desert!

We will also be opening up time each meeting for our members to share their knowledge with others with a Q & A session. We have many very experienced and knowledgeable minds to tap into and learn from.

This is your club and you're each a valuable member that brings much to the table. I am open to suggestions on speakers, field trip ideas and looking forward to making our club all that it can be with your help.

We will "bee" hosting the October District meeting and our theme is "bees." Linda Riddle will be hosting some craft sessions at her house this summer to create and sell at the District meeting. Any bee-themed items you have to donate, "bee" sure to get them to Linda by the September meeting.

Have a safe summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Attracting and Feeding Monarchs: Beyond Milkweed

Here is a brief list of trees, shrubs and flowers that attract and feed monarchs in your landscape:

Manzanita
Oregon Grape
Ceanothus (wild lilac)
Chilopsis lineris (desert willow)
Salvia & Sage
Mallow (desert native)
Verbena
Monardella (coyote mint"



INTERNET RESOURCES FOR THE HIGH DESERT GARDENER

The National Gardening Association

https://garden.org Provides great gardening info based on your zip code.

University of Arizona

https://wrrc.arizona.edu
Drought tolerant and native plant
guide for High Desert

Sunset Western Garden

https://www.sunsetwesterngardencollection.com

Empress of Dirt

https://empressofdirt.net/
Fun garden crafts and gardening ideas

Old Farmer's Almanac

https://www.almanac.com/gardening/planting-calendar/zipcode/92356

REFRESHMENT & DRAWING SIGN UP

Refreshments:

January: Myrna

February: Paula & Valerie

April:

May: Paula, Sherry *Installation,

group bring refreshments

Drawings:

September: Christie November: Christie December: Christie

Come Grow with Us!

Membership Information

Yearly membership dues are \$15.00.

Desert Crossroads Garden Club is a member of the California Garden Clubs, Inc., a state-wide organization.

Our meetings are held at 9:30am (social time) and meeting at 10:00am the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Lucerne Valley Community Center on Old Woman Springs Road.

A few of our projects include Penny Pines, Youth Programs, Water Awareness Garden, and the Memorial Tree Program.

For membership information or to join, contact Sue Nolan at 909-831-5266

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