

DESERT CROSSROADS GARDEN CLUB

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Community Center
33187 Old Woman Springs Rd

9:30am Social

10:00am Meeting

2nd Thursday month

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<https://www.facebook.com/lucernevalleygardenclub/>



<http://californiagardenclubs.com/>

Upcoming Events 2023

Mark Your Calendars!

Meeting Schedule and Speakers

**subject to change*



OCTOBER 12TH

ROADRUNNER DISTRICT MEETING

The DCGC is hosting the October District meeting and our theme is "*Busy as a Bee*"

DCGC is hosting the meeting and we have been "*Busy as a Bee*" coordinating and facilitating the event. As well as the District business meeting, a fall luncheon will be provided with ample time to look at the amazing baskets offered by all three garden clubs for drawings, plus fun and creative bee-themed crafts for your yard and home, jarred honey, baked goods, plus plants!



Donation: \$5.00 (includes lunch)

Thursday, October 12th 9:30am - 12:00pm

Community Center

MEMBERS NEED TO BE THERE AT 9:00 AM TO SETUP

November 9th



TBA



DECEMBER 14TH

Annual Christmas Luncheon

9:30 Social 10:00 Meeting





Fall Garden Checklist

Prepping the Perennial Garden



Remove weeds. Clear away as many as possible now so you have fewer to deal with next spring.

Add mulch. Add a 4- to 5-inch-thick layer of bark mulch over the crown of perennials planted this growing year and those that are frost-tender in your area.

Plant spring-blooming bulbs. Tulips, daffodils, and many other spring-blooming bulbs are best planted in late September or October.

Water if dry. Even though perennials are going dormant in fall, their roots are still actively growing until the ground freezes. Well-hydrated plants withstand winter stresses better.

Vegetable Gardens

Clean out beds. Removing all plant debris helps prevent pests and diseases from overwintering in your garden and returning even worse in spring.

Add compost. Spread a 2- to 3-inch-thick layer of compost over your beds to enrich the soil. No need to till it in; precipitation and soil organisms will do the job for you.

Plant cover crops. Sow cover crops like mustard, peas, or clover in the fall to prevent erosion. Then turn them over into the soil in spring to add nutrients.

Trees and Shrubs

Plant new trees and shrubs. You can also plant evergreen species in fall, but they tend to do better when planted in spring.

Provide plenty of water. Newly planted trees and shrubs—and established ones—will tolerate harsh winter conditions better when well-watered in fall.

Add a fresh layer of mulch, such as wood chips or shredded leaves, around trees and shrubs to protect roots from winter temperatures.

Prune after dormancy starts. Trimming after August will trigger tender new growth that's easily damaged in winter. Instead, wait to prune until leaves have fallen from deciduous species.



Plant References

Las Pilatas

<https://www.laspilatas.com/>

Mountain States Wholesale Nursery

<https://mswn.com/>



Orchid Festival

The 27th Annual Morongo Basin Orchid Festival will be held on October 7th - 8th, hosted by Gubler's Orchids, Inc.

This is an AOS (American Orchid Society) judged show and includes orchid care classes.

Don't forget your camera! Take a self-guided tour of the orchid filled greenhouses and select a purchase to take home from hundreds of blooming orchids.

Indulge your taste buds through Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary Signature Margaritas and Wine Tasting or grab lunch or just a quick bite from local businesses.

Enjoy the live music throughout the weekend.

Saturday October 7th:

10 am - 5 pm

Sunday October 8th:

10 am - 3 pm

Admission and parking is free.

Gubler's Orchids

2200 Belfield Blvd, Landers





Paulownia kawakamii **“Sapphire Dragon Tree”**

Is a majestic, fast growing, deciduous tree with large leaves with hairy undersides and prominent veins.

The gently fragrant flowers are what makes this tree so attractive in the landscape. A profusion of tubular, foxglove-like flowers that are creamy lavender with spotted throats are borne in long panicles in spring before the leaves appear, creating quite a spectacular sight.

Tolerant of poor air quality, they are very hardy trees that grow extremely quickly and are an excellent choice as an ornamental or shade tree for medium to larger gardens.

These are very long lasting trees, likely to have a lifespan of around 100 years and give off 4 times more oxygen than a normal tree.

Soil: Any well drained soil with reliable moisture. The addition of some organic matter will be helpful.

Maintenance: Train to a single leader.

Only water it if the soil becomes dry, otherwise it is unhappy if too moist.

Other Species: There are 17 species in the paulownia genus. Paulownia fortunei and Paulownia tomentosa are the other most well known species.

A beautiful specimen of the tree is located in front of the Senior Center. This tree was planted around 2000 and is spectacular when it blooms.

We will be propagating these trees for our 2024 annual plant sale with fingers crossed for successful results!

Propagation of these trees is through leaf cuttings, or “cloning.”



YOUR YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE IS DUE\$\$\$

**YOUR YEARLY DUES OF \$15
ARE NOW PAST DUE FOR
JUNE 1, 2023- JUNE 1, 2024.
IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID
YOUR DUES, PLEASE PLAN
ON DOING SO AT THE
SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

**SUE NOLAN: MEMBERSHIP
COORDINATOR**



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>

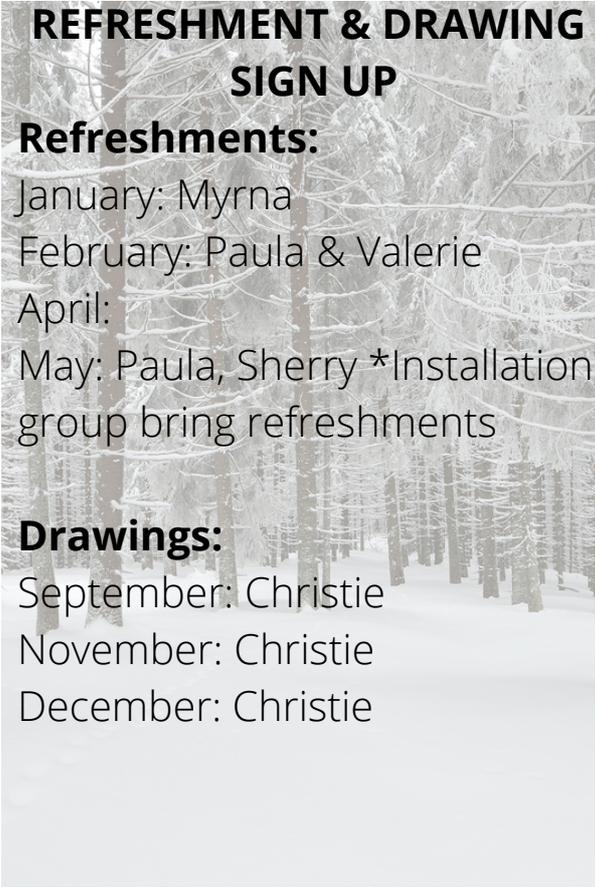
Empress of Dirt

<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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