



Desert Crossroads Garden Club
of
Lucerne Valley, CA



December 2017

News Bulletin

Regular Meeting - December 14, 2017

*We meet at the **Community Center**, with refreshments at 9:00 am, the meeting will start at 9:30 am.*

*The program will be presented by the Hydroponics Store from Hesperia
Followed by the Christmas Potluck and Floral Centerpiece Contest*

Morning Refreshments: Kathleen, Dana & Zoila

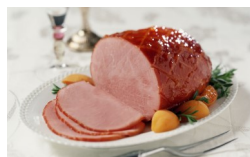
Drawing: Pat Hart & Sara



**Table
Decorations**

Bring your box-vases with a holiday floral (or evergreen) arrangement to decorate the tables at the December Meeting. These arrangements will be judged and an award will be given to the most beautiful creation! It might be a good idea to put your name on the bottom of your box so no one tries to heist your prize centerpiece.

Potluck



The Club will furnish the ham for the entire at the Club Holiday Potluck. Also the drinks and paper goods will be furnished by the club. Members are asked to bring the following dishes:

A - H	Side Dishes
J - N	Desserts
O - Z	Salads

Youth Program

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 will be the next after school program so be sure to let Linda know if you can come and help at the Lucerne Valley Elementary School at 2:00pm. This is a **week earlier** due to Christmas programs. Contact Linda Riddle at 760-248-6397 for more information.

Socks for Nursing Home

Don't forget to bring socks for the nursing home to the meeting, white cotton, men and women sizes. Myra Andrest is in charge this year and needs to deliver them before Christmas. A money donation for socks may also be made to Myra. We will be tying the socks again this year right after the meeting so this is the last call for socks.

Raised Planter Beds

Linda is collecting donations for the raised planters for the school gardening club. As she explained the beds are currently on the existing ground and tree roots and devil grass have taken over. We also have several handicapped kids that cannot garden on the ground. A donation can will be passed around at the meetings, for more information you contact Linda at 760-248-6397.



A Soldiers Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
And to see just who in this little house lived.

As I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stockings by mantel, just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
A sobering thought came through my mind.

For this house was different, it was dark and dreary,
The home of a soldier, I could now see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
Not how I picture a United States Soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed.

I realized the families that I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world, the children would play,
And grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wondering how many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.

The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to one knee and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, for this life is my choice"

Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
Whispered, "Carry on Santa..., its Christmas Day...,all is secure!

Your Club Officers

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Coming Events

Dec 13	Youth Club Program
Dec 14	Desert Crossroads Garden Club Holiday Potluck
Jan 11	Desert Crossroads Garden Club
Jan 17	Youth Club Program

Minutes of the November 8, 2017 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Sherry Hardin.
Inspirational poem written & read by Sherry Hardin.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sherry Hardin.
Minutes were in the newsletter and membership approved.
Treasurers report was read, accepted and filed for audit.
Guests; Harlod Keesee, Marria Luna, & Nila Hardin.
3 new trees were planted last month.

Committee Reports

Penny Pines, Pat Lugo reported current of balance \$2.72
after Members elected to send a plantation
in memory of Bernadette Gudgin.
Socks for Nursing Home, Myra asked for white cotton
sock donations no later than the December meeting.
Sunshine, Myra will send a card to Shirley Clemmons.
School Youth Program, Linda started a funding drive to collect
money for raised planters at the school. Donation cans
were passed around during the meeting.
Water Awareness Garden, Sue Nolan is planning a
garden cleanup on November 30 at 9am. Sue is
still working to find out what a watering system
will cost for the garden.

Old Business

The Fall Roadrunner District Membership Meeting our club
will host on May 10, 2018 was discussed. Chairman Linda
Riddle selected Vintage Farmers Market as the theme. A
committee meeting will be held soon for planning.

New Business

A Quilt made by club members to be raffled, was presented
by President Sherry Hardin. Linda made a motion for the club
to purchase materials for the quilt. Motion was seconded. Ana
Warriner was selected to be chairman for the project. The Quilt
will be ready to raffle at the District meeting in May 2018.

Club Announcements

The next Meeting, our December Club Potluck was
announced. Ana made a motion for the club to purchase a ham
as entre and the members to provide side dishes, a list will be
printed in the next newsletter. Sheri Bush and Sara Delperdang
will be the decoration chairmen.

Program

Jon Bush presented a slide program on Lichen, a "mossy-like"
growth on rocks and other hard surfaces.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Sara Delperdang Secretary