



The Desert Rose

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California City

“Grow Everything with Love”

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President’s Greetings

Hello garden club members,

The year is going so fast and we still have so much to do! I’m behind on getting this out but we have been busy!

Many of us attended the **Wildflower Conference in April**. It was fun and very well done.

Picture from **Getty Trip on April 22, 2014**



May 3 and 4 was the Tortoise Days Celebration

We met at Terry's house on Friday the 2nd to decorate the golf cart.



Saturday morning we started lining up for the parade at 8am. Jim Fairfield and Nancy Beasley rode in the front of the Fairfield's truck. Mary Nelson was the 'Rocking Gardener' as she rode thru the parade in a rocking chair in the back of the truck. Renee Rivera, Sarah (Mary's granddaughter) and Mikala rode in the back also. Following the 'Rocking Gardener' truck was the CCHS High School Garden Club with about ten high school gardeners, dressed for gardening and carrying tools. Following them were the 6th Grade Garden Club and the ECO Tots with parents. What a great turnout! About 30 or 40 children and parents! Bringing up the rear was 'The Bumble Bee Golfcart'. Terry and Vanessa rode in the front and the 'Cutest Little Bumble Bee Ever' rode in the back waving.



Our volunteers set- up the booth in the park Friday night. After the parade we worked in the booth and sold plants and tickets to the Home Garden Tour. Ann had a table in the Strata where she talked with people about the Median Project and accepted donations. The drawing for the quilt was held and **Jill Nemeth, from CCHS won the quilt**. Thanks Mary for all of your hard work. The quilt was beautiful!

On Sunday we moved the booth inside the Strata and worked from 11:00 am till 3:00 pm. We talked about DRGC to a lot of people. Hopefully our membership will increase.



On **May 10th** we will sell Roses and See's Certificates at the **Mother's Day Luncheon**. We will also have information about the **Median Project** and the **Home Garden Tour**.

There is a **District Meeting in Ridgecrest on May 12th**. We will need to make arrangements to car pool, we won't have a meeting before we go to Ridgecrest. The **DRGC** meeting is **May 13th at 1:00 at the Strata**.

The Home Garden Tours start at 9 am on May 17th. We have 6 homes on the tour. We hope to have a good turn-out for this event. Tickets are ready and at this time we have sold about 7 tickets.

HOLIDAY HINTS FOR GARDEN TASKS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:



Flowers - Plant summer color bedding plants (gaillardia, zinnia, salvia, marigolds, petunia)

Lawns – Fertilize with nitrogen; apply preemergence for summer weeds (if needed)

Olive trees – Spray olive trees at bloom to prevent unwanted fruit.

This information comes from the U of California Co-operative Extension *Master Gardeners* of King County. If you think it is too cold here or does not fit our zone use your own judgment.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ON MAY 11TH



Tickets are available for the Home Garden Tour, we will have them at the meetings and Mother's Day Luncheon. Or call Terry anytime!

We have our own web page on the Desert Empire District's Website:

www.desertempiredistrict.org/desertrose/index.html

The monthly newsletter "THE DESERT ROSE" can also be found on the website

If you haven't checked it out, we have a **Facebook** page under **Desert Rose Garden Club**.

Gardens with native plants help connect us to the places where we live.

ALWAYS WATER WISELY AS WE ARE IN A DROUGHT IN CALIFORNIA

The DRGC meets the second and fourth Tuesday at 1:00 at the California City Strata Center. If there is a change an e-mail will be sent out. We may be having a special event.

Please come and join us and bring a horticulture specimen from your garden and a friend any time