

Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

Bob Gale to step down

New Officers To Be Elected

I hope that everyone had a delightful and fun-filled December and a very rewarding Holiday Season. Now we're moving right along to embracing a New Year and all the adventures that are to come.

Our Scripps Mesa Garden Club Year of 2019 developed very well and proved to be very interesting and educational. I sincerely hope that each of you found it as rewarding, as I did. I so enjoyed serving as your Garden Club President, but due to health concerns, I must now step aside. This will allow someone else to step forward and enjoy filling the office of the President for our group.

Our November Garden Club Meeting was a great deal of fun. The Everything Pumpkin Fete was really super delicious and what a array of pumpkin treats we enjoyed. So many talented and imaginative cooks. In addition, we had a great deal of fun creating our special and creative kokedamas. Again, each person came up with a kokedama that was uniquely their own.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at our January 2020 Meeting. Our special friend Farmer Roy will be presenting his great talk on, "Cool Season Gardening and the Selection of Cool Season Veggies" for your winter garden. You won't want to miss this meeting!

Remember at our January 2020 Meeting you'll have a chance to help elect a new Garden Club President and other officers for the 2020 Garden Club Year.

Bob Gale

**Next Meeting
Tuesday,
Jan.28**

6 pm.

**SR Library
Community Rm**

**Farmer
Roy
&
Cool
Season
Gardening**



Garden Club Officers

President
Bob Gale

Secretary
Jackie Brown

Speakers
Helen Plutner &
Lynnell Hallock

Room Coordinator
Louise Badham

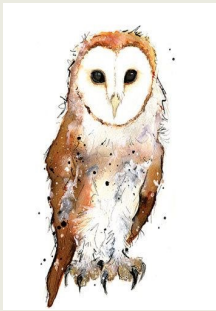
Refreshments ...
Susan Castellana

Treasurer ...
Char Fitzgerald

**Newsletter &
Publicity...**
Denise Stewart

Tech savvy?

**Contact Bob
if you can help
create and
maintain a
website and a
Facebook page**



Natural Wonders in a Sustainable Backyard Garden

Saturday, January, 18- Scripps Ranch Library-3:30pm

Sponsored by Sustainable Scripps Ranch

The speaker at the meeting will be Jeanie Anderson. Birds of our local area have been her focus for over 14 years as she has lead 2 Christmas Bird Counts for the San Diego Audubon Society in Balboa Park and Lake Hodges and walks in Los Penasquitos Canyon.

Jeanie has a Certified Wildlife Habitat for over 22 years in her Los Penasquitos backyard. The habitat's features include 4 large rain barrels, several compost systems, water sources for wildlife, brush piles, many native plants, a humming- bird feeder, desert tortoise home, barn owl box and more.

Over the course of the year, Jeanie's orchard of fruit trees is a revolving buffet for wildlife.

Join the members of Sustainable Scripps Ranch for a fascinating look at backyard gardening from the perspective of an avid birdwatcher, photographer and wildlife lover.

All About Roses

Sunshine Care in Poway invites our Garden Club to attend a talk about Roses and their planting, pruning and basic care. Bob Martin, the 56th President of the American Rose Society, will be the speaker. The event takes place on Jan. 18 at 10:30.

Seating is limited to 45 people so an RSVP is required by Farmer Roy.



More Garden Outings for 2020

Susan Castellana, chair of the garden outings, is planning on doing more Saturday trips to local botanical places of interest in the new year. She is soliciting input from club members on nearby gardens and other opportunities to learn more about plants and how to help them thrive. Susan will be present at the January meeting and eager to hear suggestions.

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Contributions of articles, suggestions, artwork, and gardening tips are warmly welcomed. This newsletter belongs to the Scripps-Mesa Garden Club members and is intended to reflect their gardening interests and experiences. Please take part in its mission and contribute an article or a photo.



Year End Celebration

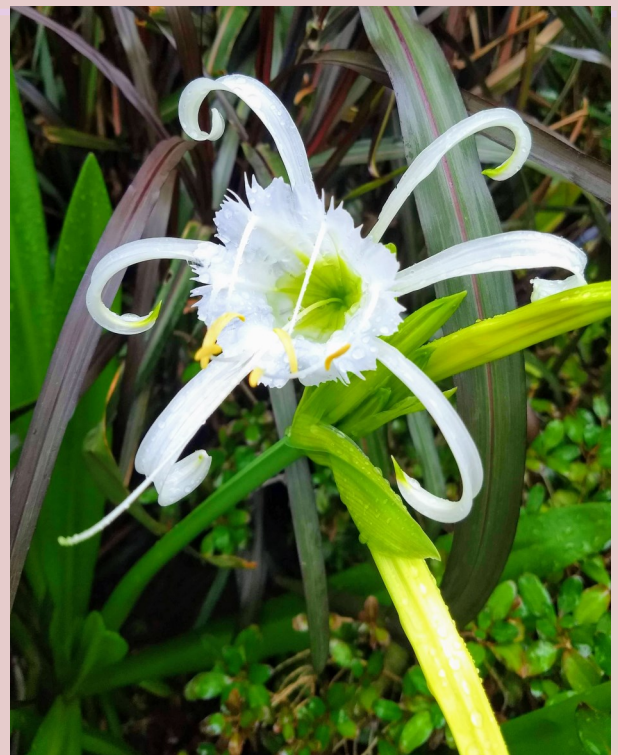
The Kokedama project was a hit at the November 2019 Year End meeting. The holiday buffet, Everything Pumpkin, made a perfect celebration of the year's growing season.

Peruvian Lily Announces Coming of Spring

By Bob Gale

The Peruvian Daffodil (Right) is so interesting and intriguing, because they evolved in a way to help them guide their nighttime pollinators. The petals of the blossom evolved totally to guide their nighttime pollinators to the center of the blossom, thereby guaranteeing the pollination of each blossom. That's why the outer petals are so narrow. The narrow pedals serve as runway lights for the pollinators to follow.

This is my first Peruvian Daffodil blossom of the spring.



SEED LIBRARY

New at our Scripps Library- Here's how it works- Take a Seed, Grow a Seed, (Return a Seed)

Non GMO, organic, heirloom varieties available. Find the catalog/info opposite the book drop. Still to come- related programs and workshops. More info at the GC meeting.

"If you have a Garden and a Library you have everything you need". Cicero

Dues Increase

**Beginning Jan. 2020
Garden Club Membership
Dues will increase to \$30**

GOT RATS?



Scripps Ranch is a wonderful place to live, but the rat problem is real and growing worse. Their natural habitats in our treasured canyon and open space areas as well as untrimmed palm trees provide places for them to thrive.

But having them in your garage is another thing ...

Connect with the website below and read the November Master Gardeners newsletter for detailed info about these unwelcome pests in our community and what can be done to rid ourselves of them.

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