

*Flourishing in our gardens*

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Club Founded by Cindy  
Drake in 1993

*Gardeners know  
the best dirt*



# Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

## Great News!

**Scripps-Mesa Garden Club  
Website Under Construction  
Brydon Bennett is on the job**



*Past-President Bob Gale finds his garden to be a place of peace*

***Until  
we  
meet  
again ...***

**Fourth  
Tuesday  
6 pm.  
SR Library  
Community Rm**

### 2020 Garden Club Officers

**President**

**Secretary**  
Jackie Brown

**Speakers**  
Helen Plutner &  
Lynnell Hallock

**Room Coordinator**  
Louise Badham

**Refreshments ...**  
Susan Castellana

**Website**  
Brydon Bennett

**Treasurer ...**  
Char Fitzgerald

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

“Would you believe this is the world's largest geranium and it's a little over 5 foot tall? It is just beginning to bloom and it is a Maderence geranium from Madagascar. It is absolutely a stunningly beautiful plant. And the best part of all is it's totally self-seeding. So, once you have a Maderence you will always have many, many Maderence geranium plants”, says Master Gardener Bob Gale.



## Spring Garden Checklist

*This is a unique spring gardening season and I hope and pray it never happens again. Let's make the best of it by using the extra hours we have at home to improve what we have on hand and avoid trips to the hardware store or nursery.*

- ◆ Clean and sharpen garden tools.
- ◆ Clean your rain gutters.
- ◆ Check and repair fencing while looking out for termites.
- ◆ Check pathways for tripping hazards and make necessary adjustments.
- ◆ Clear your garden of any debris.
- ◆ Prune bushes, ornamental grasses and fruit trees.
- ◆ Clean up and make repairs on garden décor. Use whatever outdoor paints you have on hand to freshen the colors.
- ◆ Using what you already have in your pile, compost your plants.
- ◆ Revitalize your compost heap with garden trimmings, unused fruit and veggie trimmings. Crumble up egg shells into the pile. Plant mint all around the heap to discourage rats.
- ◆ Troubleshoot your irrigation system, hoses and faucets.
- ◆ Clean and fill birdbaths, feeders.
- ◆ Insert stakes and supports for plants needing them.
- ◆ Plant whatever summer bulbs and seeds you already have on hand.

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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.



*The first daffodil of spring shows her colors in Susan Castellana's garden.*



*Stay at home time had its rewards when a mom and her son got to share the benefits of living in Scripps Ranch where trails and open space are abundant. Now that this opportunity is not available, many will vow to take more advantage of this asset in the future.*



*Monarch butterflies are currently migrating from their winter homes to the south of us to their summer homes to the north. See the caterpillar chomping his way through the milkweed leaves. His nearby cronies are hiding on the underside of leaves.*



***(Above) When you plant this spring, keep a map of your vegetable garden and file it. Next spring, consult your map and don't plant the same product in the very same spot.***

**(Below) Helen Plutner's front yard planted with succulents, small trees and low water flowering plants is a springtime delight.**



## **2020 Scripps-Mesa Garden Club Members**

1. Names removed in this version of the newsletter



***(Below) An aloe type plant with incredibly large vibrant blooms by Susan Castellana's back fence.***

