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*Gardeners know the best dirt*

# Scripps-Mesa Garden Club



*Spring Has  
Sprung!*

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p.2, top

## Hummingbird's Nest a Sign of Spring (from p.1)

"It is a hummingbird nest. It is right at eye level too. The only reason I noticed it, though, was that the mom was dive bombing me every time I took out the trash. She doesn't look big enough to have had those two eggs inside her," Katherine Shattuck said about her annual springtime visitor in her yard.

"The mom was out getting food. I have lots of flowers they like. They seem to come to the same place every year. It is a perfect little hummingbird nest," Katherine added.

The perfect nest for the perfect garden.



### Blooming in Bob Gale's Garden

At left is a variety of multicolored mostly cineraria plants which is a small plant that grows on the forest floor. Also, there's an assortment of pansies and violas in the picture. The tall yellow, flowering plant is a Popcorn Cassia bush.

The pink roses are our Sister Elizabeth and the rose bush was hybridized by David Austin. It's a fabulous small rose bush that just flowers all the time. I think she thinks it's her religious duty to flower continuously. It's a very handsome, sturdy, and very floriferous rose for a container.



Communication among members is improving

## We Now Have an Email Account

Helen Plutner has announced a new email account for Garden Club members. [scrippsmesagardenclub1993@gmail.com](mailto:scrippsmesagardenclub1993@gmail.com) is a new way for people outside our club and members to contact one another. It also provides access to our monthly newsletter.

"Going forward, Denise, our newsletter editor, and Board Members will use the new gmail account to send you your newsletter and any updates related to our club. Please send general questions/concerns/topics/photos to that address. You can "bcc" Denise at her email, as well, if you wish," Helen explained.

## Master Gardener Spring Program

March 20–28

13 Classes & 3 Workshops for \$35

Access to all classes and workshops online 24 hrs/day from March 20th at 7am to March 28th at midnight

Classes may be viewed multiple times

Register and get instructions for accessing the Seminar: [www.MasterGardenerSD.org](http://www.MasterGardenerSD.org)





Thinking About Buying Seeds for A Colorful Hot/Dry Weather Garden?

**More Drought Tolerant Summer Flowers**



(Top row) Salvia—attracts bees and hummingbirds

Sedum

False Indigo— good borders

(Bottom row) Catmint

Cornflower



Steffi Bokser came upon this blooming prickly pear cactus on a stroll along Cypress Canyon Drive last month. A yellow jacket was deep inside enjoying lunch.

*Don't wait  
For someone to give  
you flowers.  
Plant your own  
And  
Decorate your own  
soul.*

Luther Burbank

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- Cool-season annuals should be at their peak bloom now. Maintain top performance by monthly feeding and pinching off dead blooms. Be especially vigilant in cutting off faded pansy flowers. You can still plant cool-season annuals. This month begins the planting time for warm-season annuals – make sure that frost danger is past and weather is heating up. Prepare flower beds for major spring planting this month or next month.
- **Cut down ornamental grasses.** Mice and other garden undesirables are thinking it's the Maternity Ward in there, right by the base.
- **Empty bird boxes.** Bluebirds won't accept a dirty box, and I always hope for at least one family a year. Wear a glove when you do this task. Birdboxes can also turn into maternity wards for mice.
- **Prune** grape vines to no more than four fruiting canes with 7 to 10 buds apiece.
- **Feed** spring bulbs with an appropriate all-natural organic fertilizer as green tips push through the ground.
- **Prune** winter blooming shrubs and fertilize them. Use acidic fertilizers for camellias and azaleas to increase blooms next year.
- **Plant** bare-root artichokes, rhubarb, and strawberries now.
- **Prune** camellias after they're done blooming as well as hibiscus.



## [Planning your new garden?](#)

Scripps Ranch Library will soon be mailing out seeds again or pick them up while they last.

**Seed Library-By-Mail  
or Pick up!**

Yes, that's right: order seeds from

home and take advantage of the growing season! Instructions and guidelines here: <http://srfol.org/seed-library.htm>







Contributed by Susan Castellana

## Flowers and Fairies Make A Delightful Garden

A dear friend, Elana Frisbie, who lives in Virginia is a miniaturist and a gardener. She has created miniatures made of paper, fimo clay, paint and putty. With a penny for her scale, her work is 1 foot to 1 inch.

Elana's work is part of the travelling White House miniature where she contributed the Blue and Gold Rooms.



## Mission Hills Garden Club Online Classes

Nan Serman - Growing, Cooking and Eating the Mediterranean Way

Thursday, March 25th 6:30pm <https://www.missionhillsgardenclub.org/event>

March 11, 2021, Thursday 10:00 a.m.

### Traditional Mass Floral Design

Instructor: Dale Rekus

Award-winning floral designer and Flower Arrangers Guild president Dale Rekus demonstrates a spring-themed Traditional Mass Floral Design <http://www.sdfloral.org/classes.htm>

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