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**Scripps-Mesa
Garden Club**

Tuesday, January 25th, 5:45pm

First meeting of the New Year

Bring a friend to the SR Library Community Room

Snakes and Lizards and Gophers Oh my!



St. Patrick chased the snakes out of Ireland, so the story goes, and Patrick Brady is chasing them out of Poway.

At our first meeting of 2022, Brady will share his knowledge and experience of ridding gardens of these unwelcome, and in some cases dangerous, guests.

Start by removing the food that attracts them, he says. Come to this month's meeting and learn more about making your garden safe.

Richard Wright, owner of Edible Eden, will be our speaker for February 22. The subject is fruit trees.

Composting taking too long?

Try the Berkley Method for Speedy Compost Results

Spring planting season will soon be upon us and maybe your compost pile is almost gone. Waiting months for fresh compost to enrich your garden for the new veggies and blooms you desire may not be working for you. The solution might be a revised method of producing a gardener's essential ingredient for success.

You need 3 tools: pitchfork, garden rake, and a tarp big enough to cover the entire pile of materials of about 1 square centimeter.

What you are stiving for is a big pile of ingredients cut into small pieces. The pieces should measure 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches. Food scraps and fresh greens can be on the larger side while woody branches should be chopped or shredded to the smaller size.

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Compost in 14 to 18 days seem like a more reasonable fit for your gardening schedule?

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October marked the first Scripps-Mesa Garden Club indoor meeting at the SR Library in almost two years.

Compost. Cont.

The proportion of green to dry plant material should be about the same. The greens include grass clippings, shrub trimmings flowers, weeds, fruit and veggie scraps, and crushed egg shells. Fresh manure from non-meat eating animals is important. The browns half includes cardboard, newspaper coffee filters, napkins, fallen leaves, pine needles, sawdust, straw wood chips and shredded bark. Make sure these are finely shredded and thoroughly mixed with the greens.

Combine into a large pile . Give pile a good soaking and make sure the whole pile is wet. Cover entire pile with a tarp and secure it to the ground with rocks.

Check the pile in a day or two and make sure that heat is coming from the pile. After a few days check the heat by sticking you arm up to the elbow into the pile to feel enough warmth to make it uncomfortable. Rake outer parts to center and mix the pile thoroughly. During the second week the pile will begin to cool. Continue to turn the pile and cover daily.

By day 14 or so the pile should be compost and ready to use.

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New Officers Needed



Celebrating the holiday season and the end of an enjoyable year in their gardens, members feasted at the November meeting.



((((Second on the left) Susan Castellana organized the club's traditional November potluck.

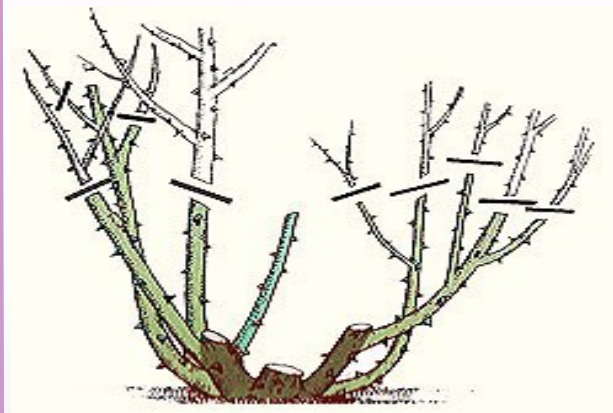
January Garden Chores



- * Sharpen trimming tools.
- * Trim hedges. Use the trimmings in the compost pile.
- * Cut back deciduous vines, clematis, wisteria, kiwi. More compost.
- * Plant quince in full sun open area. They grow large.
- * Prune roses. (Look right and below)
- * Organize garden tools.
- * Set up a rain barrel to catch roof run-off.
- * Use Christmas tree branches and needles in your compost pile.



How to trim a rose bush



Blooms in Erica Berick's autumn garden.



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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.

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Local beehive draws a crowd

The proper housing, environment and care make this beehive flourish in a local backyard.

Photos by Susan Castellana



News from the San Diego Master Gardeners



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March 16-27, 2022



Details Coming Soon