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# Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

## Fruit tree expert to be February speaker

By Lynnell Hallock

Richard Wright will be speaking to the garden club at the February meeting about stone fruit trees, and how to care for them. He will be available to answer any questions the group may have.

Richard is the owner of Edible Eden, a company that specializes in fruit trees. Richard worked at Walter Andersen's for many years and gives workshops there on a regular basis. He makes house calls to give advice on growing trees, pruning and fertilizing.

### *Outdoor meeting suggested for March*

Since Covid avoidance continues to be of concern, an outdoor meeting in a member's garden and an earlier meeting time to benefit from the daylight are suggested. If you want to volunteer your garden for the event, contact Lynnell or Helen.



**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, Feb 22, 5:45 pm**

***Scripps Ranch Library Community Room***

# January Garden Chores



## Get ready for the drought

- Finish pruning rose bushes
- Cut back stalks of ornamental grasses to within a few inches of the ground to make room for new growth
- Switch from spray sprinklers to line drip in preparation for the upcoming drought
- Check out grass substitutes like California dune sage, South African silver carpet or Kurapia instead of plastic ground covers
- Plant more cauliflower, broccoli, kale and other cabbage family cool season plants
- Start planting beans
- Prune grape leaves
- Plant bare root fruit trees, blueberries and strawberries
- Fertilize citrus and avocado trees

**(Right) Meiwa kumquats are flourishing in Susan Castellanna's yard. She says they are sweeter than regular kumquats. The small fruit of Chinese origin is of a flowering plant of the family Rutaceae and is much smaller than an orange.**



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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.



*We are without a secretary to record the minutes of our meetings. Would someone volunteer to do that task? Contact Helen if you are willing to help out with this task.*



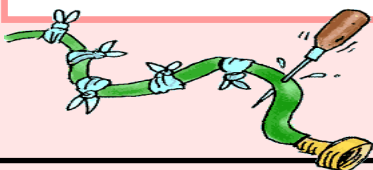
**Virtual Spring Seminar**  
**Earth Friendly Gardening**  
 Learn, Plant, Grow.   
**March 16-27, 2022**

Each year, the Master Gardener Program of San Diego County's Spring Seminar brings outstanding gardening-related classes to residents of San Diego County. This year will again be virtual!

Wherever you live, you are invited to attend. The 2022 Seminar includes a wide variety of classes on an array of gardening topics. For one low fee of \$35.00, you have access to all classes.

All classes are pre-recorded. They will be available online 24 hours/day from March 16 at 9:00am (PDT) through March 27 at midnight (that's more than 11 days to view them)! Classes can be viewed multiple times from wherever you may be. Once you register, you will receive instructions for accessing the Seminar. Hope you can join us!

**Registration isn't open yet, but call 858-822-6910 to be notified when it is.**



**Water Conservation Garden free virtual class**

<https://thegarden.org/product/thats-swale-winter-2022-virtual/>

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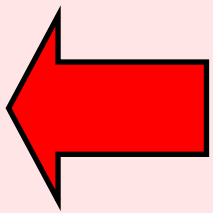
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