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Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

Mediterranean Meets the Tropics

Our garden club's March 22 meeting will begin at 5:30
at the garden of Debbie Honeycutt.

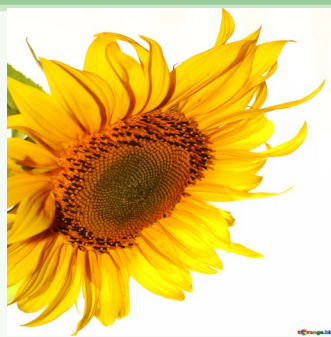
The front garden has palms, grasses, yellow monkey flowers and mounds of spreading yellow cassia. The backyard is DG base with kangaroo paws, jasmine vines, hibiscus, a water feature, raised vegetable and herb bed, and dwarf citrus. More to see on the side yards. Come and explore her unusual garden.



Sunflower seeds held over from last year are sprouting in Susan Castellana's garden.



Her Aloe maculata is about 5 feet tall.



Next Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 5:30 pm
At the garden of Debbie Honeycutt

March Garden Chores



- ♦ Practice slug and snail control.
- ♦ Divide perennial flowers that bloom in autumn.
- ♦ Spray fruit trees.
- ♦ Apply compost to the soil.
- ♦ Plant summer bulbs.
- ♦ Plant peas.
- ♦ Deadhead early bloomers.
- ♦ Wait until mid April to start warm season crops.



Sterilize pots using 10% bleach solution. Do not reuse regular potting soil. Use fresh soil with worm castings, time release organic fertilizer.



"Gardening simply does not allow one to be mentally old, because too many hopes and dreams are yet to be realized." – Allan Armitage

Gardening is a matter of your enthusiasm holding up until your back gets used to it.



A garden is a friend you can



visit anytime.

Plant and your spouse plants with you. Weed and you weed



alone.



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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.

Soil Deficiencies



Potassium
Brown spots, brown or yellow edges
Add banana peels

Magnesium
Yellow leaves, few buds
Add Epsom salts before watering – especially good for tomatoes, peppers, roses

Nitrogen
yellow leaves
Add coffee

Phosphorous
Darkening around edges of leaves
Add bone meal, fish tank water

Calcium
Yellow spots, end rot
Add crushed eggshells & till into soil



Experienced Grower Shared His Success with Fruit Trees *by Erica Berick*

6:00 pm. Meeting began

The speaker for the evening was introduced by Lynnell Hallock. Richard Wright talked to us on Stone Fruit. Handouts were given out.

Information given:

Use a by-pass pruner to cut branches preferably 1/8" just above a bud. Avoid cutting too close to the bud. Cut at shoulder (45 degrees to cut off a branch)

Fertilize 4 times a year: February, May, August, November

Use Grow Power 3-12-12. Grow power + for fruit & citrus : 8-6-8.

Flower in Bloom Grow Power 3-12-12

Never use 15-15-15 fertilizer for fruit bearing or stone fruit trees.

Utilize a soil probe 24 hours after watering to measure moisture a foot below.

Worm castings are good for stone fruit trees.



Richard Wright shared a lifetime of experience with growing fruit trees at the February meeting. His helpful handouts added to making the talk a valuable learning event for members.

Photo by Susan Castelanna

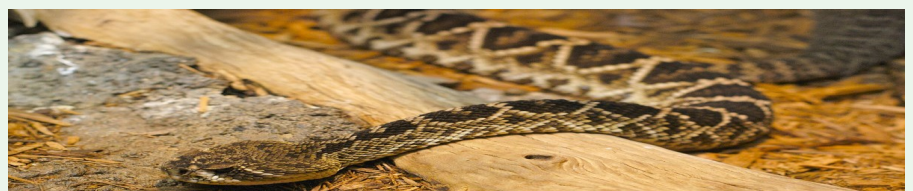
April Meeting with the Snakeman

SSSSSSNAKES and how to get rid of them

and other unwanted garden critters

Presentation by Patrick Brady

Scripps Ranch Library Community Room





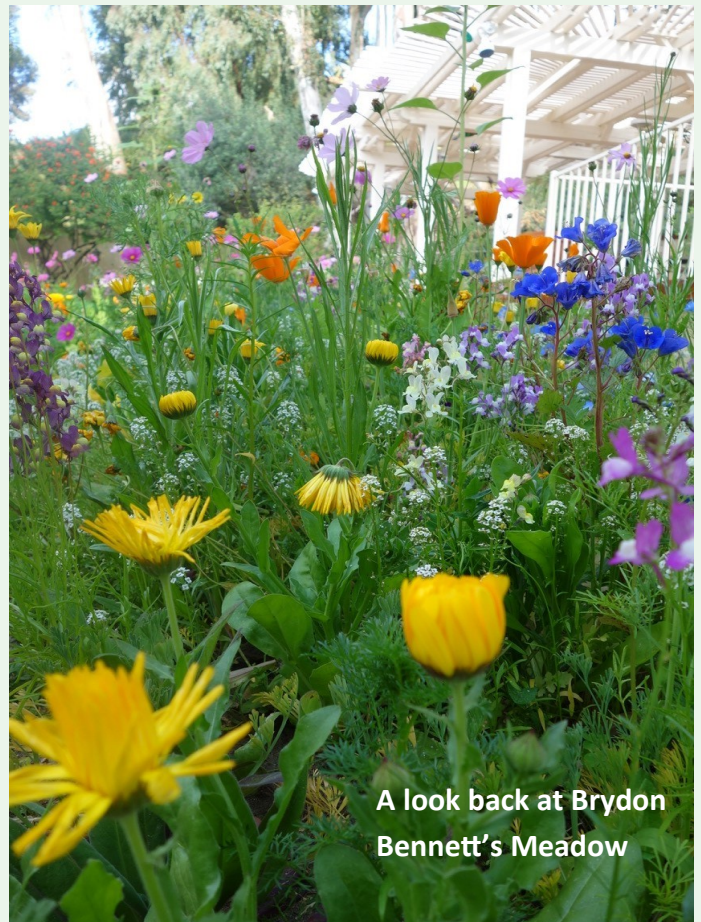
Virtual Spring Seminar
Earth Friendly Gardening
 Learn, Plant, Grow. 
March 16-27, 2022
[weblink click here](#)

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 open
 call 858-822-6910

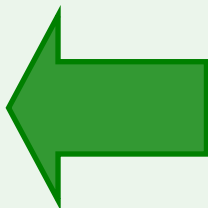


A look back at Brydon Bennett's Meadow

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