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# Scripps-Mesa Garden Club



At the March meeting club member Debbie Honeycutt greeted her guests at the front garden of her home. She explained how the "Tropics meet the Mediterranean" in her landscape plan. A lover of variety, Debbie enjoys unusual greenery. She removed the original thirsty ground cover and replaced it with decomposed granite to reduce the garden's water needs. Then she filled the space with style and color.

*More photos inside ...*

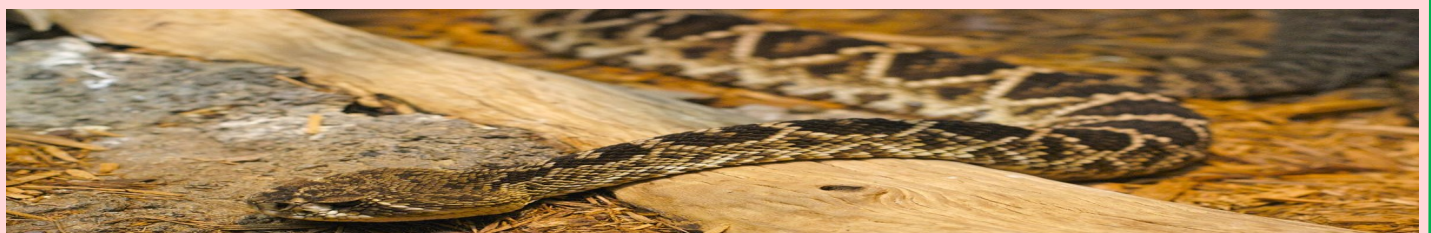
## April 26th Meeting with the Snakeman

**SSSSSSNAKES** and how to get rid of them and other unwanted garden critters

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*Presentation by Patrick Brady*

**Scripps Ranch Library Community Room, 5:45 pm**



# April Garden Chores



- \* Best time to start a summer vegetable garden. Locate plants in at least 6 hours of full sun.
- \* Use raised beds where moist soil and organic fertilizers and earthworm castings are easier to maintain.
- \* Set up cages for tomatoes, trellises for beans and other climbers before you plant.
- \* Plant Zinnias and other flowers where they are easy to cut and enjoy indoors. As flowers fade , deadhead to encourage new blooms.
- \* Plant succulents now.
- \* Plant herbs now. Keep the basil close to your kitchen so you can pick it and use it easily while cooking.
- \* Plant citrus, guava, banana and other heat lovers together where you can give them plenty of plenty of water.



## There are still many Garden Tours around the County in April & May.

Here is a link to the article that lists them.

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/lifestyle/home-and-garden/story/2022-03-05/garden-tours>

## This Month's Snack Hosts **Char Fitzgerald** **Paul Sittmann**

## *A Meadow Springs To Life*

*Photo by Susan  
Castellana*

Susan planted her first meadow in her backyard earlier this spring and the Alyssum is already blooming. She installed a daily spray water system to replicate a meadow's natural moist growing environment.



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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.

## MINUTES from MARCH MEETING where the Mediterranean Meets the Tropics

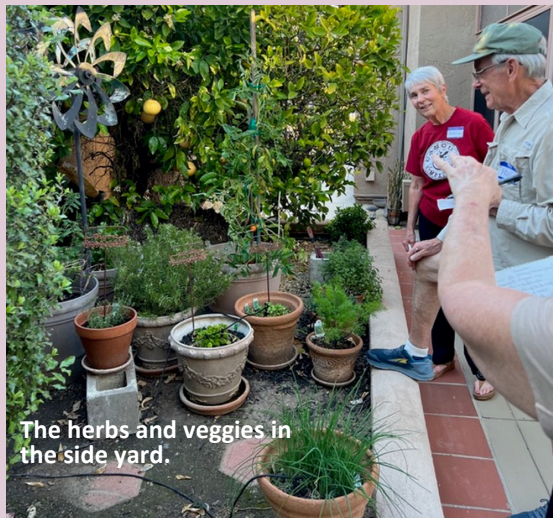
By Erica Berick

Meeting location was at Debbie Honeycutt's home in Scripps Ranch. The garden tour began at 5:30. It was well attended by members. The property was relandscaped about 6 years ago to include drought tolerant plants with lots of decomposed granite hard scape. Patio is tile in the front. The plants are wild grasses, ground cover, trees and bushes that are not commonly seen in local gardens.

The back yard is also made with lots of hard scape with more drought tolerant plants between the hard scape. There is also an area set aside for herbs, tomatoes, carrots, lettuce and fruit trees (lime and red grape-fruit).



Debbie Honeycutt, our hostess.



A variety of succulents attract the eye.

Photos by Susan Castellana

Debbie's garden is unique. She says she seeks out unusual plants at the nursery and prefers they make a statement in her yard rather than blend in.



The herbs and veggies in the side yard.



The bubbling water adds to the tranquility.



Decomposed granite has replaced water-loving ground cover.

# Some chuckles

Who is known to be the fastest among vegetables? A runner bean!

Why is it said that flowers could talk? Because of their tulips.

What would be the name of a flower that has a band? It would be called Guns n Roses.

What would a bee say to the flower? Hello honey.

What do you call a garden nursery? Plant Parenthood.

How much room should you give to fungi to grow? As mush-room as possible.

What did the tomato plants say in their family picnic? "Let's ketchup!"

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.



A beautiful mixture of colorful blooms and draught-tolerant plants greet visitors to Helen Plutner's garden this spring.



This plant is blooming outside the entry to the Community Center. Notice it has 3 different color buds on each stem. If you know the identity of this beauty, let us know.

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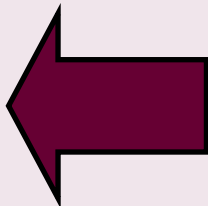
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