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All the latest buzzzz



Sept. 27th Garden Meeting with Local Expert All About the Bees

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" I will talk about the fascinating non-native Honey Bee, science based biology and behavior, and so much more". Denise Bienias says she will also include some facts about our native bees as well and how we as homeowners and gardeners can provide pollinator supportive landscapes.

She will be using beautiful color posters displaying teaching points and various beekeeping equipment and educational items. Denise Bienias is resident of Scripps Ranch, Vice President of the San Diego Beekeeping Society, "master" candidate of the California Master Beekeeping Program.

The meeting will be at the Scripps Ranch Library Community Room starting at 5:45 with a brief social time, followed by the club business and then the speaker. Refreshments will be provided by Jackie Brown.

Eric Hoffman Hosted Our Annual Potluck and a Tour of His Rare Fruit Tree Collection





Eric Hoffman (standing) opened his backyard to host our annual harvest potluck.

His garden tour featured his collection of rare fruit trees that he grows with minimum irrigation. Eric shared his experiences with the exotic trees and encouraged members to cut down on water and to try unusual plants in their gardens.





Water fountain attracts feathered friends By Susan Castellana

New to my yard, discovered by Monarch butterflies, hummingbirds, and feathered friends including Spotted Towhee, Mourning Dove, Red Winged Blackbird, Wrens, Goldfinches, Hooded Oriole and even a Red Shouldered Hawk! Enjoyment for sure with the sound of falling water and splashing and playing of my winged friends.

The fountain is a composite material, seven parts, electric and in the rear of my property next to a canyon.

My original fountain is solar. This one is electric and on a timer. From my research, I am not sure that solar could power the water moving up through the inside core pipe that far. This one does the job efficiently.

I use an outside outlet near the fountain. I fill the fountain when water gets to low, using a hose. There is an automatic shut off if water is too low.



Master Gardeners are accepting applications for credentials

Applications and additional information may be obtained from:

https://www.mastergardenersd.org/2023class

The number of people wishing to join the Master Gardeners typically exceeds class capacity. It is important that you make a thoughtful and complete application that fully represents you. Don't be afraid to share your strengths!

Applications must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2022

Master Gardener Association of San Diego County | 9335 Hazard Way, Ste. 201, San Diego, CA 92123

There is always music in the garden but our hearts must be quiet to hear it.

The glory od gardening: Hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart where nature is. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul. *Alfred Austin*

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- While it is still warm, plant tomatoes, onions, peppers, peas, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, carrots
- Continue to fertilize the lawn
- Water fruit trees deeply
- As the weather cools, plant wildflowers for spring and cool season flowers like pansies
- Prune poinsettias
- Fertilize acid loving plants and roses
- Remove spent vegetable plants
- Divide and transplant spring perennials
- Remove dead garden debris to maintain a firesafe yard

Native Landscaping Expert To Be Featured at October Meeting

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The meeting will take place at the SR library on Tuesday, October 25th.

Master Gardeners Plant Sale Sept.24th, 9-3

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

Flowers, veggies, succulents, CA natives, demos, exhibits, children's bean planting booth. For more info contact: *mastergardeners.org/plant-sale*



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