



# Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

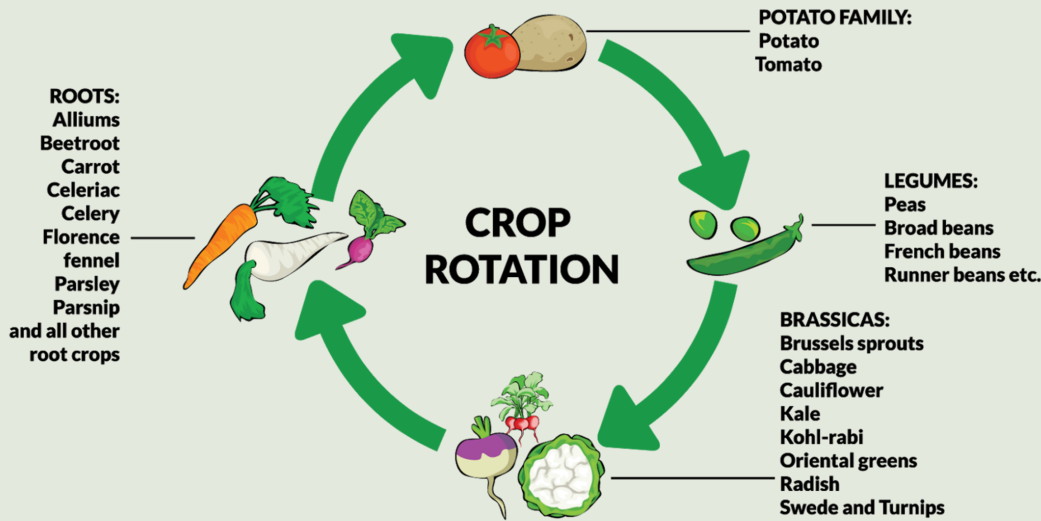
Meeting 4th Tues. of the month

## Companion planting

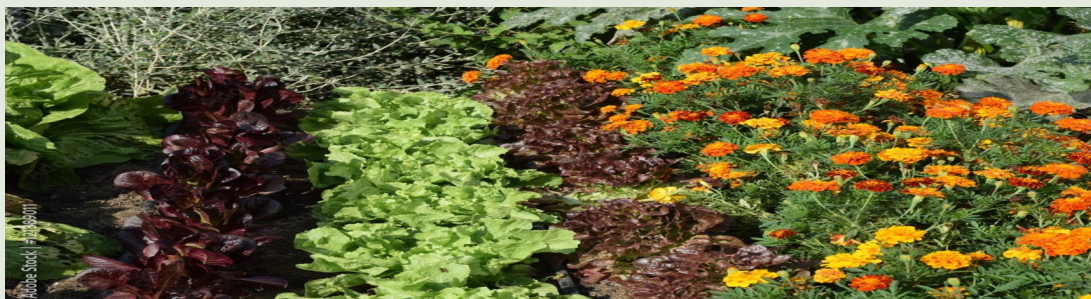
# Plants, like people, flourish among friends

Shital Parikh is a Master Gardener who has been growing food for over two decades in San Diego at her home and in school gardens. Her love for cooking and need for fresh and unique ingredients brought her into gardening.

Her talk at our meeting this month will address companion planting and crop rotation. Both these techniques maximize the productivity of your garden, help increase yield, manage pests in an organic manner, and increase soil nutrients.



Companion planting involves planting certain vegetables together to improve yields and soil. Crop rotation is the practice of growing a series of different vegetables in the same area across a sequence of growing seasons.



**Next Meeting**

**MARCH 28 6pm**

**SR Library Community Room**

**CROP ROTATION**

**Plant Share**

**Bring some of your garden's surplus**

Share the Beauty

**Abundant Rain, abundant blooms all around the ranch**



Wildflowers are in bloom in the open spaces all over Scripps Ranch. When you spot these beauties, grab your phone or camera and take a close-up picture. Send your picture to our website, [scrippsmesagardenclub1993@gmail.com](mailto:scrippsmesagardenclub1993@gmail.com) so coordinator Brydon Bennett can post it on the website for all our members to enjoy.

Brydon took the photo (left) of the Chocolate Lily. Contact the website if you can identify the unknown wildflower below.



## Botany green plants lately?

**Gardeners,  
Renew your 2023 membership  
with \$30 by the March 28th meeting,**

at the latest, to be included as a member and to get future newsletters.  
You can pay at the meeting or send a check in the mail to Char Fitzgerald

at 10010 Vista la Cuesta Ct., San Diego, CA 92131.

Make the check out to Scripps-Mesa Garden Club



# February Garden Chores



- ◇ Clean out the veggie garden. Remove all dead plants and weeds.
- ◇ Test soil and use appropriate fertilizer to meet your soil's needs.
- ◇ Top beds with compost.
- ◇ Start tomato seeds indoors if chill continues or plant outdoors if weather allows.
- ◇ Prune roses.
- ◇ Plant cool season veggies like carrots, peas, and beets.
- ◇ **Check shrubs before trimming. Look for nesting birds.**



## Refreshment Sign-ups

Feb. Jean Bruckner  
 Mar. Char Fitzgerald  
 Apr. Paul Stillmann  
**May**  
**June**  
 July Jackie Brown  
**Aug. Potluck**  
 Sept. Steffi Bokser  
**Oct.**  
**Nov. Potluck**



## Need help with a plant problem?

Contact Univ. of CA  
 Master Gardeners  
 858-822-6910  
[help@MasterGardenerSD.org](mailto:help@MasterGardenerSD.org)

## Our President's Message

**GROWING**...our Scripps Mesa Garden Club is moving forward with strong programs, new members and friends, and coming soon - enticing gardens, you don't want to miss.

**HELPING** ...add to our beautiful and informational Website by submitting your photos, clips and articles.

**SHARING**...our organization with your friends and fellow gardeners, bring them to a meeting, and remember - your enthusiasm is infectious!

*Susan Castelanna*

Welcome



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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.

## ***A Tip for Growing More and Bigger Tomatoes***



Add 1tsp of Epsom salts to 5 cups warm water in spray bottle. Spray plants from first sign of blooms and once monthly.

Add 1tsp of Epsom salts to bottom of each hole before planting seeds for faster germination. Works for peppers too.

## **Master Gardener News**

The Master Gardener Association of San Diego is presenting a Virtual Spring Seminar *Bee Garden Friendly* April 19 through May 3.

To register for the event contact 858-822-6010.

### **Citrus Disease**

Citrus Pest Quarantine has been imposed on a 95 square mile area of SD County as far south as Rancho Bernardo. The HBL disease sickens and kills lime and other citrus trees.

Report sick citrus to the County Agriculture Department at 760-752-4700 or [sdcawm.org](http://sdcawm.org).



## **Upcoming Garden Event Scripps Ranch Library**

# **COMPOST COMPARISON**

**Find the compost method  
that works for you**



**Sat., March 18  
10 am**

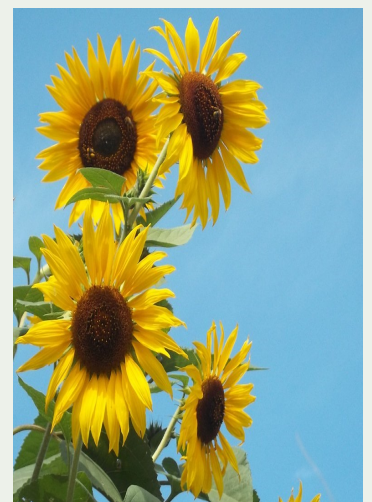
**Community Room  
SR Library**

**Got a beautiful garden?  
Share it with the club.  
Contact: [lynnell@san.rr.com](mailto:lynnell@san.rr.com)**



## **Paid Membership List 2023**

1. Louise Badham
2. Brydon Bennett
3. Alan Binks
4. Erica Berick
5. Jackie and Marty Brown
6. Susan Castellana
7. Char Fitzgerald
8. Lynnell Hallock
9. Eric Hoffmann
10. Debbie Honeycutt
11. Helen Plutner
12. Alva & Gilbert Rivera



**Dues payable to Char Fitzgerald, treasurer**