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Meeting 4th Tues. of the month



Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

Let's Stroll Among the Roses

A tour of the Castellito's garden of abundant blooms is the feature for our Scripps-Mesa Garden Club meeting on May 23rd.

Sal and Ivette have invited the club to enjoy the proliferation of roses and other blooming spring plants along with the budding fruit trees and cactus that fill their large and colorful backyard. Over 60 rose bushes, 30 + plumerias, multiple orchid cactus, and pineapple guavas will delight us once again.

Sal is doing something beneficial with his surplus of plumeria plants. As a member of the local Plumeria Society, he cultivates new plants, raises them to maturity and donates them to the organization's charity. The society holds plant sales open to the public that raise scholarship funds for underprivileged youth.

See the address of the Castellito home inside...

Spring is blooming in Eric Hoffman's meadow



**Next
Meeting**

**Tues.
May 23
6:00 pm**

**Garden
Tour**
at
**Sal & Ivette
Castellito's
Home**

*Bring along some
plants or produce
to share*



Birdman Answered Questions About Feathered Friends

Jerry Martin of the local Wild Birds Unlimited store on Scripps Poway Parkway shared his knowledge of San Diego's feathered friends at our April meeting.

Equipped with products that support feeding and breeding, Jerry explained how to attract birds to our gardens and how to keep away their enemies.



Brydon's meadow makes an encore bloom

Last year towards the end of the blooming season, Brydon Bennett hosted the garden club for a look at his annual meadow project.

This year Brydon chose not to seed fresh but to rely on what returned from last year. He had to do a lot of weeding early on or else the flowers would have been smothered. However, in reward for his weeding efforts most species have reappeared (approx. 20) but in different proportions, the crimson clover (*Trifolium incarnatum*) being much more abundant than before.

SDG&E Offering A FREE TREE PROGRAM

INGROUND, POTTED TREES QUALIFY IN 92131 ZIP CODE

<https://www.sdge.com/trees/community-tree-programs/community-tree-rebate-program>

Renew your 2023 membership with \$30 by the May meeting,

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.

May Garden Chores



- Plant for summer color
- Plant fall-flowering bulbs
- Feed and water cacti or succulents that are blooming or actively growing
- Spray for peach leaf curl, peach leaf blight, and canker
- Feed houseplants that are growing or blooming
- Repair or plant lawns
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs and vines during or just after bloom
- Sow seeds for warm-season vegetables
- Transplant warm-season vegetable seedlings

*See the beautiful wildflowers of Scripps Ranch
blooming on the club's website*

<https://scrippsmesagardenclub.com/home-page-gallery/>

Refreshment Sign-ups	Apr. Paul Stillmann	Aug. Potluck
	May	Sept. Steffi Bokser
	June	Oct.
	July Jackie Brown	Nov. Potluck



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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 message from our president ...

Flying...birds in our San Diego neighborhoods, with facts and answers from Jerry Martin, owner of our own, Wild Birds Unlimited at our April meeting. A huge thank you!

Buzzing...bees in force in our gardens, searching for blooms, pollen, nectar and water. Keep helping these winged insects, responsible for a third of our world food production and over \$15 billion worth of crops. Not to mention the honey bees create that delicious honey!

Enjoying... the gardens of our members. View the beauty and hear about their adventures, planting and successes. The garden tours are open only to our club members, so time to invite your fellow plant lovers to join SMGC. What a deal for only \$30/ year!

Susan Castellana

Castellitos Home

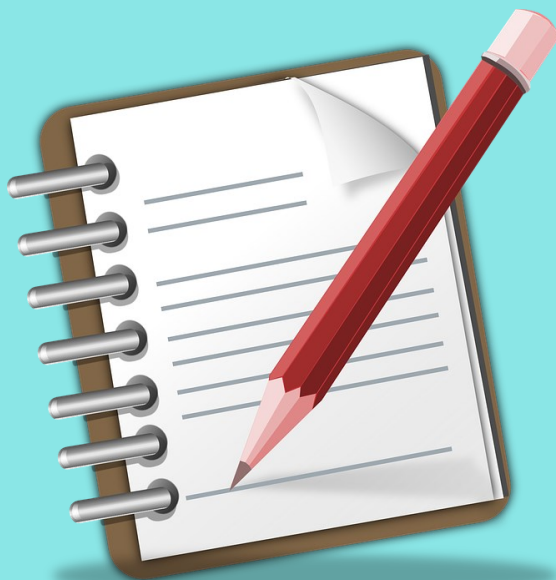
**11164 Twin Leaf Way,
Scripps Ranch**

Gather at 6pm

**Tour, short meeting, plant
share**

**Got a beautiful
garden?
Share it with the
club.**

**Contact: lynnell@san.rr.com
or send photos to
Denise.stewart@hotmail.com**



**Garden Club
Secretary
Needed**

**Anyone who can
take notes is
qualified.**

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