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Meeting 4th Tues. of the month

Penasquitos Canyon-view garden tour planned for June meeting

Garden Club member Louise Badham will be hosting our June 27th club meeting in her garden overlooking Penasquitos Canyon . (See p.4)



(Below) In May, wildflowers on the hill along Cypress Canyon Park Drive celebrated our wetter than usual winter. See our club website (above) for more photos of local botanical beauty.



Next Meeting

Scripps-Mesa

Garden Club

Iues. June 27th 6:00 pm Canyon- view

> (See p.4) for address)

Bring along some plants or produce to share

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- Mulch veggies with straw
- Harvest fruits and veggies when they ripen
- Fertilize fruit trees and veggies
- Collect shower water in a bucket as you wait for it to heat. Use to water your plants
- Deep water big trees through the summer
- Start cilantro and basil
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them down.

See the Geantiful wildflowers

of Scripps Ranchh

blooming on the club's website

scrippsmesagardenclub.com

Refreshment Sign-ups

June July Jackie Brown Aug. Potluck Sept. Steffi Bokser Oct. Nov. Potluck



Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

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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.





Prickly pear — Opuntia

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Bob Gale invites you to tour his garden

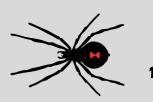
Bob Gale, our long-time club president, and Susan Castellana, our current president, recently had a pleasant visit touring his lavish garden surrounding his Mira Mesa Home.

Bob is a Master Gardener with many years of experience dealing with the rocks and clay of the mesa. His garden is lush with green and color, but he recently added a gravel garden to expand his variety of plantings.

Contact Bob if you would like a tour. He is on our membership list.



Recipe for a Bug Killer



1 gallon white vinegar 1 cup salt 1tablespoon dish soap

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.

Contact Susan

Greetings and some advice on bulbs from Bob Gale

If you want to get some really great spring bulbs, you will need to call Van Engelen Inc. at 860-567-8734 and request their new Fall 2023 Catalog. I have found it to be a wonderful company to do business with, and they offer the best Dutch Bulbs, at the best Dutch Prices. I really enjoy getting bulbs from these people, because they're very honest and their merchandise is top quality. I'm adding several fun new things to my garden this fall for next spring. After all of my many years of research, I finally found a tulip that will naturalize and returned year after year here in my San Diego zone 10a. There are several that will naturalize in hardiness zone 9 and with some plants that will work, but I haven't had a lot of luck with zone 9 tulips summering and wintering over for the next spring. My big selections for this coming Autumn are: 100 saxatlis tulip bulbs with hardiness zones 5-10, 50 rococo tulip bulbs for pots (that I will grow and treat as annuals), 50 hyacinthoides Spanish bluebells mixture hardiness zones 3-8, and 5 fritillaria rubra maxima



hardiness zones 3-8. This is going to be part of my Autumn addition of spring bulbs this year with my sincere hopes of a blossom filled spring. Several of my Master Gardeners friends have had lots of luck with the Spanish bluebells naturalizing here in San Diego and I'm hoping for the best, as well. Also, the fritillaria Rubra Maxima (are also known as the pineapple lilies) and that are grown in pots and left to harden off after they bloom in their pot, and many of my Master Gardeners friends have had good luck with them returning year after year. So, it is something new and fun to look forward to with some new additions this year, and the prospect of some new and fun flowers coming to full fruition in my garden. I'll keep you posted, but I'm so excited about finding a tulip that will naturalize and return year after year here in my San Diego's zone 10a. It should be a fun and exciting new gar-

dening experience into the world of beautiful spring flowering bulbs.

June 27th Canyon-view Garden Tour



the home of Louise Badham in Mira Mesa 7790 Norcanyon Way

6pm

A message from Susan ...

ENERGY – our SMGC May garden tour, at Sal and Yvette's, was alive and energized with ideas, knowledge and beauty. Thank you to our hosts

Bob

BEST – Gardeners are truly the best people: kind, genuine and we care about our world.

SPREAD—the word. The joy of gardens, gardening and gardeners is alive in Scripps Ranch and Mira Mesa. The added bonus is it is infectious.

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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.