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Meeting 4th Tues. of the month

## July Meeting Featured Alan Bink's Succulent Garden



The corner of Pomerado Rd. and Semillion has a new look thanks to Alan Binks planting a succulent garden in a formerly barren space.



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# Next Meeting Aug 22, 6pm Harvest Potluck

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- Expect warmer, dry August weather in Southern California, and water your plants regularly.
- Continue to mulch for weed prevention and water retention.
- Regularly harvest ripe fruits and veggies.
- Start planning your fall garden with cool-weather crops.
- Cut back tomato plants to encourage fall production

• Are you trying to grow giant <u>pumpkins</u>? Pay close attention to them this month. When you see other fruits begin to develop or female blossoms, be sure to remove them. By removing either the fruits or female blossoms, it's encouraging the plant to put its energy into the fruit already growing instead of producing more.

• Plant Some Fall Color



Welcome New Members Linda Pammenter & Wendy Thompkins

Refreshment Sign-up sept. steffi Bokser

Oct.: -----

### **Speaker requested**

Our Girl Scout troop is learning about water conservation and planting drought-resistant vegetation.

We are interested in having a guest speaker on Monday, 10/9, from 4:30-5:30 at the Scripps Community Center, our regular meeting location. We would love for the speaker to share their knowledge and expertise on the joy of planting and how it can be done in a way to preserve our water resources. The session would last 45 minutes, and we would love to include a small activity of planting a drought-resistant plant. Our troop will cover the materials cost.

Please let us know if an individual at the garden club is interested. Your involvement will undoubtedly leave a positive impression on our girls.

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# **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.

## President's Message .... Plant, Nourish, Grow and Marvel!

We thoroughly enjoyed Alan Bink's property, created by a self-professed "non-gardener", filled with more succulent textures and colors, and interest in every corner! You fooled us, and thank you to Alan who shared his delight with the process and his amazing creations.

Raising plants and creating gardens definitely has similarities with our members:

Plant - and share ideas and techniques and successes

Nourish -our seeds and plants, and we learn and grow in our own spots

**Grow-** plants as we marvel at our creations and at our new friendships. It is infectious, as I have mentioned previously, so join and enjoy and watch the magic!

Gardeners, we are a special group who are generous, curious, and delight in learning.

# Minutes from the July 25th Meeting

### by Barbara Measelle, Secretary

We toured Alan Binks generous cul se sac property with its several seating areas shaded by overhead 'sails'. There were fountains, garden sheds, a green house and a well stocked "back bench " of succulents ready for transplanting to maintain what our host described as a low maintenance garden. Initially the fence at the back of the property seemed to establish his garden's boundary until looking over it and down an embankment we saw how truly generous Alan has been to the SR community. His garden extends all the way down to Pomerado Road where he has created a corner garden full of a variety of carefully planted succulents. A beautiful shade tree replaced the eucalyptus trees burned in the 2003 fire. A garden bench tempts the casual stroller to linger in this peaceful setting.

About 20 members were present to enjoy the tour, snacks and hear plans for the year ahead. Remarkedly this is the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the club and suggestions were solicited for how we might mark this milestone.





Susan Castellana

On August 22 at 6pm we will have our summer potluck. It will be at the home of Erica and Joel Berick, 10540 Vista Lago Place, Scripps Ranch.

Bring a salad, appetizer or dessert. Chicken will be provided. Attendees may bring their own alcoholic drinks. Husbands and wives are welcome.

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

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