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Meeting 4th Tues. of the month



Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

A summer storm has its benefits



Ten days after rare warm summer rain from Tropical Storm Hilary these Easter Lily Cacti (*Echinopsis oxygona*) have bloomed. The flowers barely lasted for 2 days, according to gardener Brydon Bennett.

Eric's Trees Bloom Where They are Planted

The speaker for September 26 Garden Club meeting is Eric Hoffman, one of our members. He will talk about fruit trees, care and planting. If anyone has questions they can email them to him ahead of time so that he may include the answers in his program. Erichidaho@yahoo.com

Lynnell Hallock, Program Chair

Next Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 26
Scripps Ranch Library, Community Room, 6pm.

September Garden Chores



- ◆ Herbs to plant as the weather cools: parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, chives, lavender, cilantro, and mint
- ◆ Cooler weather veggies to plant: brussels sprouts, broccoli, green onions, cauliflower, lettuce, beans
- ◆ Trees and shrubs are best planted as the weather cools and they have time to grow roots before the heat returns (See p.3 for more information)
- ◆ Plant ground cover crops
- ◆ Protect ripening grapes from birds and other animals after your tasty crop
- ◆ Stop fertilizing and watering spent flowers and plants
- ◆ Clear out dead plants from your garden
- ◆ Add them to your compost pile
- ◆ Turn and dampen your compost
- ◆ Dry out the seeds from your favorite tomatoes and save them for next year



Learn how to turn compost into mulch,

A non-profit in the San Diego area provides composting, soil, and gardening education throughout San Diego County. It is presenting a composting workshop on Saturday, September 23rd at 10:00 in the morning at the Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA 92108

"Miramar Greenery to You: Compost, Mulch and Wood Chips," sponsored by the City of San Diego, was developed to align with the City's new curbside Organic Waste Recycling program. At this workshop, attendees will learn about the basics of the new curbside program, the City of San Diego-operated Miramar Greenery composting facility, the compost process, and environmental benefits of creating and using compost and mulch. You'll also learn how compost can help you save money, time, and resources, and how you can easily get compost, mulch, and wood chips for your backyard or community garden, landscape, or farm, at little or no cost.

You can check out the workshop and register [here](https://solanacenter.org/inspire_events/from-miramar-greenery-to-you-compost-mulch-wood-chips-city-of-san-diego-2/). https://solanacenter.org/inspire_events/from-miramar-greenery-to-you-compost-mulch-wood-chips-city-of-san-diego-2/

The Essential Guide to Garden Hand Tools Saturday, September 16th 2023 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Community Room A, Scripps Ranch Library. Talk by Jodi Bay, Master Gardener. Garden Share to Follow 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.



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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 . . . The SMGC Potluck sounded marvelous and I appreciate your great description, Barbara. A huge thank you to Erica and Joel who shared their home and gardens. Sorry that I missed this annual fun event.

During August, I was fortunate to spend four weeks in a new-to-me area, the Pacific North West. On the San Juan Islands and in British Columbia, I enjoyed over twenty ports, marinas, and cities surrounded by ocean, and combined with hikes, museums, shops, artists and delicious restaurants. And yes, lots of seafood which was freshly caught, and the visually stunning foliage, flowers and terrain that Washington and Canada shared.

Rugged, lush, colorful, so different - an area that took my breath away every day. It was a fabulous escape that keeps me wanting more adventures, as the magic of new places makes us alive!

But, it is always good to be home, especially in our San Diego!

Susan Castellana, S-M Garden Club President

Minutes from the August Meeting

by Barbara Measelle, Secretary

Scripps Mesa Garden Club

August Pot Luck August 22, 2023

Erica and Joel Berick's dramatic back yard was the setting for our annual Pot Luck which produced a delicious assortment of appetizers, salads, and desserts provided by members and augmented by an abundant supply of baked chicken.

Gathering at tables of 6-8, members shared tales of gardening victories and woes as well as personal stories that make this a friendlier club. The challenge of this particular setting was to tame a steep hillside which has clearly been accomplished by the artful placement of boulders, an abundance of plantings including colorful geraniums and a marked trail to the top that beckoned to the more agile among us. Spouses were included among the almost 30 in attendance.

Refreshments needed for Sept. meeting

Contact Louise Badham



Buying Trees

Unlike container-grown trees whose roots grow undisturbed in pots, balled-and-burlapped trees are dug from the field and their rootballs are wrapped in burlap to hold them together. The problem is, that this often cuts off most of the roots. If they survive, balled-and-burlapped trees just sit there for a couple of years after planting as they regrow their roots. Container-grown trees come with all of their roots and grow much faster after planting.

From Better Homes and Gardens

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

**Contact: lynnell@san.rr.com
or send photos to
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The Pacific northwestern islands were the scene of Susan Castellana's summer boat trip.

While cruising for a month she enjoyed the water views along with the variety of plant life that thrives in a cooler and damper environment.

Photos by Susan



(Below) At Roche on Orcas Island and gardens in front of the Hotel de Haro right on the harbor.

