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Meeting 4th Tues. of the month



Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

Next Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 28th, 6pm

Scripps Ranch Library, Community Room

Potluck Supper

Bring a dish to share



Brydon Shares Gardening Knowledge With Girl Scouts

Scripps Ranch Troop 3631 asked our Garden Club for a talk about plants and Brydon Bennett answered the call.

The girls learned about how we can conserve our fresh water and how succulent plants conserve and store water in their roots, their stems or their leaves.

They then learned about the amazing properties of the *spekboom* plant, *Portulacaria afra*, including its hardiness, nutritional value, and ability to efficiently capture carbon from the atmosphere. They each planted a *spekboom* cutting to take home and grow.

Happy Thanksgiving



November Garden Chores



- Plant onion sets and garlic bulbs
- Lift or mulch Dahlias
- Plant Spring Bulbs
- Plant Bare Root Roses
- Set up bird feeders
- Plant Tulip Bulbs

- Start Growing Mushrooms

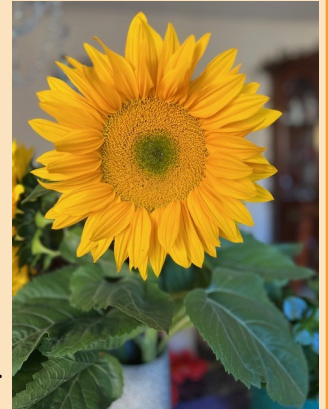
- Plant Your Berries: Strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, blackberries, and currants can now be planted. You'll have a garden full of beautiful berries you can eat next year.

- Tree And Shrub Transplant: You'll already know if any trees and shrubs are growing in less than ideal locations inside your garden. Now is the time to move them to more suitable locations.

- Plant bare-root trees.

- As long as the ground isn't frozen, you still have time to **get your soil tested**. Getting a soil test is the best way to understand your soil and prevent many plant problems.

- Give your lawn its last application of fertilizer this month after the last mowing for early green-up next spring. Apply ½-1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. Apply ½ pound if you've fed your lawn regularly this year, and 1 pound if you haven't or are trying to rehab a damaged lawn.



Lynnell has a suggestion

After the suggestion was made to put our little free book library at Walter Andersons Nursery I went there and spoke with David Ross. He seemed receptive to the idea but needed to run the idea by the owner. I think it is the perfect place since there are garden enthusiasts coming and going. There is a pre made little library on Amazon which looks good so we can talk about that at our Pumpkin pot luck. See you all there!

Lynnell



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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

What a glorious place to live. San Diego with it's climate and ability to grow interesting and beautiful things all year.

Remembering my life in VA and PA, filled with seasons, freezes and ice, humidity, but coupled with the excitement of snow and early bulbs peeping their heads through the cold, striking fall colors, amaryllis bulbs replanted after drying inside over the winter, ice finally cracking on pond and awed that my gold fish survived (and were plumper), hiking and seeing animal tracks in the snow. To mention a few, and many of you can recall.

All that said, I recently missed my Scripps Ranch yard and gardens, as wild as they may be. Today, I am so thankful to walk in my meadow. A bit ragged, but the seeds from the flower blooms will fall and emerge next year. All good, as I know that it will be as striking and lovely once again, and probably even better!

Enjoy San Diego! Enjoy your gardens! And always marvel and be thankful for the magic of plants and plant people!

Susan



Minutes from the Meeting Oct.24,2023

by Barbara Measelle, Secretary

To mark its 30th anniversary our club will assemble a Free Library kit filled with gardening books, placing it somewhere in this community, location to be researched.

The subject of our October 24th meeting was **Companion Planting** presented by Shital Parikh , a Master Gardener with a cornucopia (seasonal aside) of gardening expertise. Listing planting techniques with which we are already familiar: Amending soil throughout the year; No Till gardening; Crop Rotation, and Solarizing, she endorsed emerging research recommending **Companion Planting** .This is the placing of certain crops in proximity with certain other crops based on the possibility of benefiting pest control, pollination, attracting of beneficial insects , maximizing of space and increased crop yields.

One key to crop rotation is being able to characterize plants as “Heavy Feeders”, the plants that take a lot of nutrients from the soil. “Heavy Givers”, plants that give a lot in nutrient to the soil, and “Light Feeders”. Key to Companion Planting is knowledge of plant families and how those families interact helpfully or not with other plant families.

Approximately 22 members were in attendance.

Jan. 23 is the first meeting in 2024. Mark your calendar