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Meeting 4th Tues. of the month



Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 6pm

Scripps Ranch Library, Community Room

The parking lot is under renovation.

Orchid growing specialist Chuck McClung will teach us how to get the plants to re-bloom (see page 3).



It's time to plant succulents

January Garden Chores



Get rid of stale and wet birdseed and clean out the feeders thoroughly.

Plant

- Succulents
- Aloes
- Bare-root Fruit trees, including citrus
- Dormant Roses
- Garden Vegetables and bulbs such as onions and garlic.

Any of these plant types are excellent options to add to your yard or garden during January, and February.

Tend the Herbs

January is an ideal time to add new herbs to your garden and to prune back the ones you have. Now is an excellent time to plant cilantro, parsley, arugula, and mustards.

Prune the Butterfly Bush and Raspberries

Not all shrubs get pruned in the winter months. Some need to be selectively pruned at other times of the year. Talk with our garden experts about your shrubs and when they need pruning. While you're in the nursery, be sure to shop the pruning tools as the proper tool makes the job easier.

A message from Susan Castellana

I recently saw a sign at a garden center, "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." Enlightening and true words from Cicero.

Seems fitting as we begin the process of creating, installing, and maintaining a garden book little library at Walter Anderson Nursery in Poway. A huge thank you to the Nursery and to Lynnelle Hallock, who successfully found this location. You may remember that this little library was our members suggestion to honor thirty years of our Scripps-Mesa Garden Club.

And so, Happiest New Year as we begin to expand our message of gardening through this library and as you begin to plan your 2024 plot or container. Can't wait to see and taste the results of your efforts!



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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.

January topic: Orchid care and getting them to re-bloom



Chuck McClung, orchid specialist is our January speaker. He received his Master's Degrees in botany from Washington State University and has done ecological and botanical research for the Universities of Illinois and Chicago, Oregon State and Montana University. He has written a book titled *How Orchids Re-bloom*. Chuck is a knowledgeable gardener and can answer all your questions about plants. At our meeting, he will talk about caring for orchids and how to get them to rebloom.

Lynnell Hallock

Tool Sharpening At Free Rose Pruning Workshops

The Master Gardeners are holding free workshops on pruning rose bushes. On January 6th at the Coronado Library the event will start with tool sharpening at 9am and will be followed by the class.

At Balboa Park on the 13th at 8:30 tool care and cleaning will begin and are part of the pruning program that will follow at the Inez Parker Memorial Rose Garden, 2125 Park Blvd. Parking is available near the Natural History Museum.

