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# Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

Meeting 4th Tues. of the month

## Next Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 6pm

Scripps Ranch Library, Community Room  
*The parking lot is under renovation.*



### California Native Garden Design

California Native Garden Design is the topic for March's monthly meeting. There will also be information on using Mediterranean and climate appropriate plants, and providing host and nectar plants for butterfly friendly gardens.

Sharon Colayco is our speaker.

**Garden tours are planned for April, May and July. June is available for another host.**

### Dues Are Due

Club Treasurer Char Fitzgerald is reminding all members of the Scripps-Mesa Garden Club that their annual dues payment of \$30 is due.

Our modest membership fee covers speakers, programs and other expenses for the entire year.

Either send a check made out to the club and addressed to her home or bring a check or cash to the next meeting.

# March Garden Chores



## Spring Has Sprung!

- Test your garden soil to see what its chemical needs are
- Plant herbs
- Prune citrus trees and plant new ones
- Fertilize roses
- Prune spring flowering plants only after blooming
- Finish planting cool season veggies
- Toward the end of the month plant summer season veggies
- Fertilize deciduous fruit trees when they leaf out
- As trees begin to bear fruit, thin the fruit to 6" apart so they can grow larger
- Feed camellias
- Mulch



### *A message from Susan*

### *Ready....Set....Go....*

It is all about plants and gardening, but more than that, it is about our special SMGC gardeners and their interests. So spread the word and invite others to join us. The more the merrier and thank you, wonderful members who have made this year so successful.

**Ready-** for another glorious year in the garden (actually, in San Diego, the fun never stops with year- round growing opportunities).

**Set** – get organized to design, prep, clean, compost, seed, plant, and marvel.

**Go** – to watch and reap the rewards of your hard work, not to mention, share it with others!



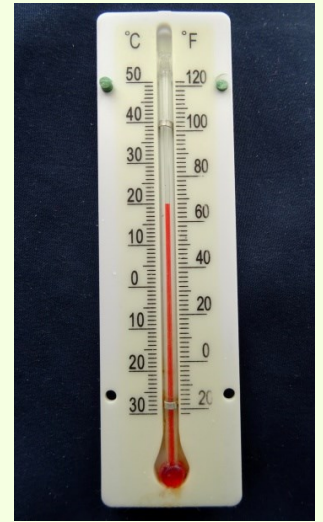
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Contributions of articles, suggestions, artwork, and gardening tips are warmly welcomed. This newsletter belongs to the Scripps-Mesa Garden Club members and is intended to reflect their gardening interests and experiences. Please take part in its mission and contribute an article or a photo.

# The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map Just Changed for the First Time in Over 10 Years

Our zip codes 92131 and 92126 are listed as having an increase in temperature of 4+ degrees since it was last recorded 10 years ago by the US Department of Agriculture. For more information on this evidence of climate change and how to cope with it in your garden go to <https://www.veranda.com/outdoor-garden/a46972444/usda-plant-hardiness-zone-map-2024/>



## Plant a Tree and get up to \$50

SDG&E is offering up to \$50 to gardeners who plant a new tree in the ground or in a pot on their property.

### How It Works

Qualifying SDG&E customers can receive a \$25 rebate for planting or potting a 1-gallon tree, \$35 rebate for a 5-gallon tree and a \$50 rebate for a 15-gallon tree. Customers can apply for up to five (5) rebates annually. Customers do not need a yard to qualify, as trees can be planted in large containers on outdoor balconies or patio areas. Contact SD&E for more information.

### This is my garden

This is my garden

I'll plant with care

Here are the seeds

I'll plant in there

The sun will shine

The rain will fall

And the seeds will sprout

and grow up tall.

*If you have not opened the club website recently then take a look.*

[scrippsmesagardenclub.com](https://scrippsmesagardenclub.com)

**Free**

**Gardening Series**

**at**

**Tierrasanta Library**

**March 21, April 18,**

**May 16**

**at 3 pm**

**Presented by**

**Master Gardeners**

**[mastergardenerssd.org](https://mastergardenerssd.org)**



**Local gardens are abloom**

**(L-R) Pot Marigold & Five Star Orchid in Susan Castellana's garden  
Winter Booming Camellia in Sal Castellitto's garden**