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Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

Meeting 4th Tues. of the month

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 23, 6pm

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

Tips on Garden Tools

We have a speaker for April's meeting at the library. Her name is Jodi Bay and she is an expert on garden tools. She will focus on what tools to use for which jobs, how to care for them, and what you should purchase to make your garden tasks easier.

We do have a garden tour scheduled for May at the home of Sal Castilito. In July, we will tour the gardens at the Glen and hear a speaker about how their variety of gardens was designed. There is still an opening for a garden tour in June. Contact me if you would like to share your garden with the members of the club.

Lynnell Hallock, Programs

Our garden book lending library (right) is being featured in Walter Andersen's Nursery newsletter this month. Check your shelves, garden shed, and garage to find books you no longer need and donate them to the lending library.



April Garden Chores



- Fertilize your trees
- Reseed your lawn
- Trim dead branches and bushes
- Edge lawn
- Nourish soil with mulch, worm castings etc.
- Plant annual flowers
- Start spring vegetables
- Set up new mulch prep station
- Check and improve your water distribution system

A message from Susan Castellana

"Rain, rain, go away. Come again another day:" from the 1901 edition of *Mother Goose.*, a sentiment which we have heard in San Diego recently. That said, our county which normally has an annual rainfall of 9.79", has surpassed that number already this year. Wonderful news for our reservoirs, rain barrels and gardens. What a glorious time with textures, colors and green everywhere!

Take advantage and capture what you see and please, send your photos to Brydon Bennett, who so kindly manages our SMGC website. He will add your images to the 'postcard' section of our site for all to enjoy. Do it now: email scrippsmesagardenclub1993@gmail.com. Thank you, Brydon, for your enthusiasm and interest in helping our club grow.

Don't miss this club resource: scrippsmesagardenclub.com



Past-President Bob Gale's garden is abloom again.



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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.



March's meeting featured Sharon Colayco, Certified California Native Plant Landscaper, as the presenter.

Sharon is a Scripps-Miramar Garden Club member and is currently leading in the creation of a community garden at the Viva Apartment homes on Scripps-Poway Parkway.

Her website: Sharon@ButterflyEffectGarden.com is a source of information for local gardeners.



Our hostess for May's tour of the expansive gardens at The Glenn, Karen Creusere, also enjoys her pet, private space and flora on her apartment terrace.

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| 1. Louise Badham | 18. Helen Plutner |
| 2. Brydon Bennett | 19. Cheryl Pritchard |
| 3. Erica Berick | 20. Ava & Gilbert Rivera |
| 4. Jackie and Marty Brown | 21. Denise Stewart |
| 5. Jean Brudkner | |
| 6. Susan Castellana | |
| 7. Sal & Ivette Castellino | |
| 8. Nicole Chauche | |
| 9. Sharon Colayco | |
| 10. Karen Creusere | |
| 11. Char Fitzgerald | |
| 12. David Fortner | |
| 13. Bob Gale | |
| 14. Lynnell Hallock | |
| 15. Debbie Honeycutt | |
| 16. Linda Pammenter | |

Current Membership List



New Community Garden Needs Helpers

Heather Holland, Scripps Ranch Master Gardener, is actively looking for those interested in working to create our own Community Garden by Viva Apartments.

There are many tasks that need to be worked out. Any help small or large would be greatly appreciated. For more info contact her at hheatherholland@gmail.com.



The Past-President of our garden club, Bob Gale, keeps his Mira Mesa garden thriving by renewing and fertilizing his plants as the weather warms and days lengthen.

(Left to Right) cyclamen, clivia and newly sprouted tomato seedlings.

Minutes of the March 27, 2024 Scripps Mesa Garden Club Meeting

Sharon Colayco, our speaker this month invited us to consider how, in our interconnected world, small actions can have a big impact, what she calls 'the butterfly effect'. Gardening with California native plants is a small action that can produce a big impact.

Consider your garden as an ecosystem and reflect on the benefits of planting native plant which are not only adapted to our weather, soil, and seasons, but also are low maintenance, require no pesticides, herbicides or fungicides, have low water requirements, and provide their own nutrients when you turn dead heading clippings back into the ground. And most delightful, they provide habitat and food for birds, butterflies, and bees with their seeds and pollen.

Sharon advises starting with a design plan for color, texture and year round bloom. Read and keep a plant's in-

fo labels by year for future reference. Use a moisture meter to determine water needs. For new plants yellow leaves can mean too much water; brown, not enough. Take photos in every season. Use soil conditioners and maintain a 2 inch layer of soil conditioner and refresh every 6 months. Consider Mediterranean plants for a wider selection. Sharon's practical advice was enriched by her in depth knowledge of all types of California native species and their characteristics. The interest generated by her presentation was reflected in the abundance of questions and suggests our garden club members care about creating the 'butterfly effect' in their own gardens.

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Remember to pay your dues