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Meetings 4th Tuesday

6pm, SR Library



# Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

**Next  
Meeting  
Feb. 25**

**SR Library 6pm**

**Water Wise  
Flower Power**

**Master Gardener  
Debbie Dunn**

## It Was All About Roses



Photo by Susan Castellana

A knowledgeable, energetic speaker equipped with colorful visuals made January's meeting informative and enjoyable. Master Gardener Beth Van Bortel covered the topic of roses. Her presentation included selecting their location in the garden, choosing the variety, planting techniques, irrigation, fertilization, and pruning.

**March**

**Drought Tolerant  
Plants & Firesafe**

**Landscapes**

**Master Gardener  
Cindy Brueks**

**April**

**Happy House  
Plants**

**Happy Home  
Master Gardener  
Linda Stewart**

## Scripps-Mesa Garden Club Officers 2025

**Co-Presidents - Jean Bruckner, Dave Fortner, Karen Lopez**

**Secretary - Barbara Measelle**

**Treasurer / Member Directory - Char Fitzgerald**

**Editor / Monthly Newsletter / Publicity - Denise Stewart**

**Program Chair - Jackie Brown**

**Venue / Refreshments - Louise Badham**

**Website / Photos - Brydon Bennett**

## A Message From Jean

Happy February!

From some emails I received, it appears other members enjoyed Beth's presentation as much as I did. What a great program to start our new year!

Since David and Cindy shared some news and a picture of another bird, and Karen sent an article about an interesting place to visit, I am going to review key points from our meeting.

First of all, Char requested we remember payment of DUES of \$30.00 for the year are now due. Brydon appealed to us to email him photos and articles for the garden club website:

***scrippsmesagardenclub1993@gmail.com***

Louise requested sign-ups for refreshments.

Jackie implored members to consider having a tour of their garden.

Denise brought to our attention we will need a new location for our meetings. After a discussion with many questions and suggestions, we decided we needed more information about the library's closing.

Louise volunteered to ask the librarian of the closing when she returned the key. What she discovered was quite a surprise. The library will be closing as early as March and probably no later than April. Several of the old and new board members have given some suggestions for places to meet. Hopefully we will have something solid to report at the February meeting.

Hoping your February is full of love and laughter. Stay safe and healthy.

**Jean Bruckner**  
Co-President

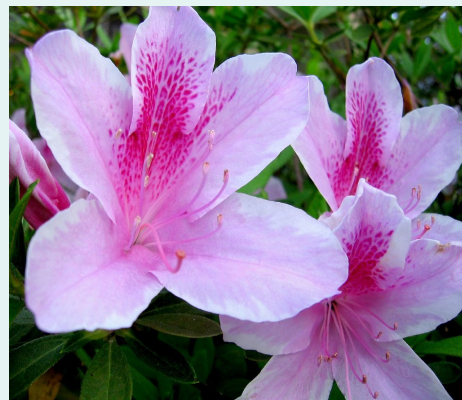




# February Garden Chores



- Order garden seeds
- Organize them by planting dates
- Start herbs indoors
- Plant garlic and onions
- Harvest winter veggies
- Trim hedges, cut back vines.
- Prune apple trees
- Keep feeding birds
- Clean and sharpen tools
- Put up plant supports
- Prune jasmine after flowering
- Cut back ornamental grasses
- Take cuttings of succulents
- Plant blueberries in containers with acid soil
- Plant poppies, pansies, violas
- Feed azaleas with fertilizer high in phosphorus
- Aerate the lawn
- Plan gladiolus bulbs



## Tools need sharpening?

Anderson Nursery hosts a tool sharpening event on the first Sunday of each month at 10 to 2.



## Think about it ...

**Would pushing back our meeting time to 6:30 make our club more convenient to those who work and make it possible for us to recruit new members?**

## Bewick's Wren Loves Garden Bugs

Contributed by Dave Fortner



Photo contributed by Cindy Fortner

Bewick's Wren is the most common wren of the west. At 5 inches long, Bewick is a relatively large wren, and has a prominent white eyebrow. Look for their tail flicking about on or near the ground as they hop and explore every nook and cranny on your patio and yard. Also listen for their 'buzz buzz' call, or, when they're in the mood, one of the most beautiful bird songs you've ever heard. They are enthusiastic foragers and will eat a wide variety of insects and spiders, along with a few seeds on the side. Encourage them to your garden with wild bird seed, suet, a compost bin, and even a wren-sized bird house. Then you can watch them happily inspect and pick insects off your garden plants all day long.

## Watching Hawks Is a Winter Treat

Contributed by Karen Lopez

I would like to share an experience I had at the Hawk Watch at the Ramona Grasslands.

The program is every Saturday at 10 am during January and February. And it's FREE!! Parking, donuts and coffee are also free.

Below is the link to the webpage.

In addition to the show of the birds, they also discuss the importance of conservation of the grasslands for the health of the environment.

[www.wildlife-research.org/hawkwatch](http://www.wildlife-research.org/hawkwatch)



Dear Fellow Members,

We are beginning a new format for our club, and the response is positive and energetic. Let's keep a good thing going. Follow the example of Karen, David, Cindy, Jean, and Susan and share your interests and experiences with our fellow gardeners.

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