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Meetings 4th Tuesday
6pm



Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

Next Meeting

July 22

6 pm

Garden Tour

at the home of

Anne Massey

11454 Caminito Elado, SR



June's Garden Tour

*An Intricately
Designed Gar-
den with Unique
Plants*

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Upcoming Event

Aug.26 Summer Potluck, Lynnell Hallock, 11082 Turret Drive, SR

Start time 6 pm

A Message from Karen Lopez...

We had another great turnout at our June garden tour at the home of Debbie Honeycutt. What beautiful and organized gardens she has in her yard!! It's so fun to see the different styles we all have for our gardening choices.

I've been so happy with my bird visitors this year. I continue to have lots of hummingbirds and the grape jelly in my oriole feeder has been quite popular with the orioles, sparrows and towhees. Unfortunately though, no babies of any species this year.

I hope the rest of you are having good luck with your vegetable gardens this year. Mine has not been particularly productive. My kale continues to thrive, but the tomatoes are sorry looking. Every year I say I won't plant tomatoes the following year, but every year I still try.

Remember to add any garden books you no longer need to our library box at Walter Anderson's, or bring them to the August meeting, give them to me and I will add them for you. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend the July garden tour, but I look forward to seeing all of you at the August potluck!!

Karen



Buds and blooms are awaiting us in Lynnell Hallock's yard for the August Potluck.

Wildflowers !!!

The beauty, variety, and color that I got out of a \$1.25 package of seeds has absolutely amazed me. Living in a condo limits my gardening experiences to pots on my porches, but this festive explosion delights me and my neighbors, along with the butterflies and bees.

Denise

July Garden Chores



- ◇ Remove buds from basil before they flower
- ◇ Cover bare soil with pine needles
- ◇ Check soil moisture regularly and adjust watering schedule if needed
- ◇ Use fertilizer higher in phosphorus and potassium in hotter months
- ◇ Start fall crops like corn, carrots and turnips
- ◇ Pinch tomato suckers back and deadhead peonies
- ◇ Prune spring blooming shrubs
- ◇ Cut fall bloomers like mums by 1/2 to promote extra blooms
- ◇ Fertilize and weed
- ◇ Replace summer veggies with beans and squashes



Lesser Goldfinch

Contributed by Dave Fortner

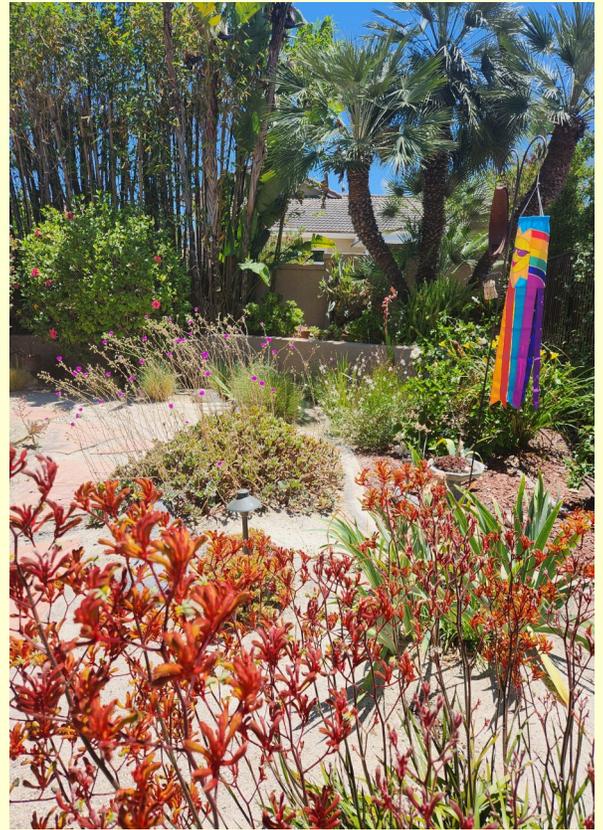
Along with House Finches, Lesser Goldfinches are common backyard birds that will readily come to your birdfeeder. At only 4.5 inches long, these small yellow birds are usually found in small flocks. They have a variety of calls, but a common one is a simple descending 'teeyet.'

While finches are mainly seed eaters, during nesting season I have seen them eat an inch-long caterpillar, and then fly away with a second one. They will keep your garden caterpillar-free for no charge. Attract them to your yard with a bird feeder, (goldfinches are particularly fond of Wildbirds Unlimited 'no mess' birdseed) thistle seed, and sunflower plants, as they eat the nutritious leaves. In the photograph, the female is on the top and the male is on the bottom.

Photo by Cindy Fortner

June's Garden Tour

Debbie Honeycutt's Backyard



Debbie has included a place to work, a place to rest and a variety of plants to make her garden a unique spot to enjoy the pleasures of her hobby.

Rather than be burdened with the work and water for maintaining ground cover, she has spread pulverized granite between the colorful growing things.

*Photos by
Debbie Honeycutt*