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Meetings 4th Tuesday
6pm



Scripps-Mesa Garden Club

Next Meeting
Aug. 26

Potluck Supper
Lynnell Hallock's garden
11082 Turret Dr., SR
6pm



Our July meeting hosts Ann and Tom Massey's retirement garden was designed to bring back the memories of their east coast favorites. Club members enjoyed their hospitality and the relaxing, soft green environment.



A Message from Jean ...

I hope you are enjoying the summer as much as I have. I have been in Wisconsin. Trying to do some June planting was a bit of a challenge with more rainy days than usual. However, there were an abundance of wild daisies which brought great pleasure and seeing the robins hopping around always brought a smile. Eventually the annuals and perennials poked through to bring a mass of color to the yard.

I missed the July tour at Anne Massey's home. I am sure those of you who toured her garden were delighted. In August Lynnell Hallock will graciously host the summer buffet. I look forward to seeing you there.

The enclosed photo displays the lilies that bloomed in our yard for a month this year. In past years the deer took every opportunity to savor them on the very first day they appeared. It is a mystery to me what kept them away for so long.

Jean

August 26th Potluck

6pm

Chicken will be provided.
Members need to bring a side dish or dessert to share and whatever they would like to drink.

For questions call Lynnell 858-578-6351



July Garden Chores



- * Harvest veggies
- * Plant second crop veggies like carrots, radishes
- * Feed tomatoes and peppers
- * Keep an eye out for pests
- * Compost, turn and keep the pile moist
- * Prune apricot and cherry trees
- * Adjust water schedule for hotter weather
- * Lightly prune roses
- * Mulch
- * Save seeds
- * Dry flowers
- * Brew some sun tea, ice it and enjoy

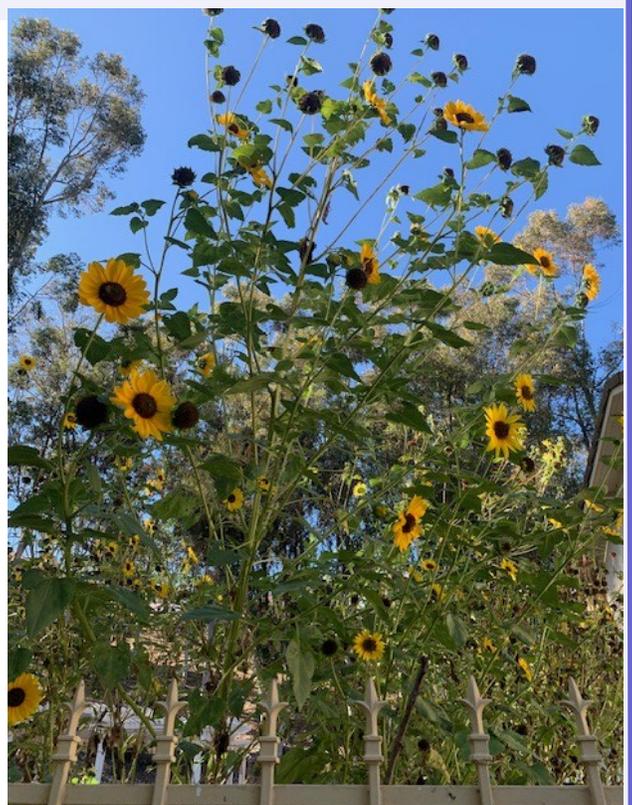
Blooms from Brydon's Garden

(L) A few years ago, Susan Castellana gave away lily bulbs of what I think is Natal Swamp Lily (*Crinum moorei*) which I planted in a raised bed. The leaves grow lush in spring but die back as the flower emerges. The flower stems bloom in July and get taller each year as the plants mature.

(R) This is a variety of Skyscraper Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) that self-seeds in my garden each year. The plant shown is measured to 12 feet tall. I prefer this tall variety because the multiple flowers provide fresh blooms consistently for 3 months.



Photos
By
Brydon
Bennett



MINUTES from July Meeting by Secretary Barbara Measelle

Summer is the time when all the blood sweat and tears of creating and maintaining a garden pay off with the debut of THE GARDEN PARTY the ingredients of which can include comfortable seating, sheltering umbrellas and an abundance of flowers, shrubs and trees. Our hosts, new members Ann Massey and her husband Tom, provided all this and more including Tom's contribution of meatballs to our group pot luck. Dave Fortner provided welcoming remarks and introduced two new members. With full plates we first settled into catching up conversations which usually include gardening tips, updates on the library situation, but more exciting we learned of Brydon Bennett's upcoming role as father of the bride. We love sharing happy news.

Then we toured this lovely garden. We encountered Tacoma Trumpet bushes in full flower, Holly Hocks, Bottle Brush, Yellow Bells, Purple Globe Amaranth, Cherry trees, Crepe Myrtle and more. Two Blue Hydrangeas in pots were the subject of speculation because they didn't quite look as we thought they should so out came our plant aps which confirmed they were indeed hydrangeas.

Member contributions to our news letter are welcome. Thanks to the article by Dave Fortner, and photo by Cindy Fortner, we can identify and now listen for the 'teeyet' call of the Lesser Goldfinch. We look forward to more member sharing.

Consider donating gardening books to our lending library box at Walter Anderson's, but add a message to encourage people to return books so that other may use them.

Bird of the Month

by Dave Fortner

Black Phoebe

This month's bird features another flycatcher: the Black Phoebe. They are a relatively common San



Diego bird, especially around water sources. At 7 inches long, these small birds are black with a white belly. They spend their days bobbing their tails from a low perch, patiently waiting to dart out and catch all manner of insects. Their call is a short, 'phee bee' (reminiscent of their name). Attract them to your yard with a water feature, perhaps with some nice muddy soil for nest building, or a compost bin, for some extra insects. In Cindy's photograph, the adult is feeding the (always) ravenous chicks.

Photo by Cindy Fortner