

**Minutes of the July 1, 2021
Initial meeting of the
Palomar Estates West
Garden Club**

Meeting called to order by President and Founder, Ann Kreile

Potential goals of the group were reviewed and discussed.

The **club roster** was circulated so members could check on the accuracy of their phone numbers and email addresses. An updated roster will be emailed to each of you.

A **group photo** was taken and we hope it will be published in the next Hilltopper and perhaps on the PEW Resident website.

A list of offices and committees was also circulated so members could indicate their areas of interest and involvement. Interestingly, 7 people signed up for Refreshments!! We will eat well, or so it appears! Those who signed up follow and we thank you for volunteering!!!

Secretary - Alice Eads **Treasurer** - Cindy Palermo **Librarian** - Eileen Lalone

Programs/Special Projects – Merlin Chancellor, Marilyn Chambers, Blythe Stokes

Exterior Field Trips – Robin Green, Cheri Carry **Interior Field Trips** – Peter and Jeanine Oberg

Other – Robert Fiero, Sally Jeans (not sure about the function of this area, but I guess we'll see!!)

Refreshments – Merlin Chancellor, Shirley Heller, Jean Ash, Nancy Cobb, Helen Doherty, Carol Godett, and Katie Rodriguez. Apparently there are plenty of good cooks in the group!!

No one signed up for Publicity. HELP!! The publicity area includes submitting an article with pictures to be published in the Hilltopper each month. Anyone interested? Pretty simple but important job. Please!!! Let me know.

Then attendees were asked to tell all what they wanted from the club.

Nancy – learning more about all areas of gardening

Vicki – flowers, meditation, learning more

Carol – container gardening, knows flower arranging

Diane – wants to grow flowers Dave – enjoys working in the garden, interested in cuttings

Robert – Plumerias

Sally – vegetables in containers – has limited space

Eileen – Plumerias and soil amendment

Alice – amending soil, growing vegetables, rock gardening

Merrilyn – has a black thumb that needs greening up! Robin – wants to learn more about what grows well here as opposed to the East Coast

Pat – Transplanting old plants, saving potted plants

Marilynn – A master gardener! Would like to be able to identify weeds. Would also like more info in xeriscape gardening – "taking plants that need little water and using them in your landscaping".

Nancy C. - A compulsive container gardener!

Jean – Herbs and containers

Shirley – Loves buying plants!! Seed starts.

Luann – Amending soil to grow better food.

Cindy – Wants to know about everything. Offered space for a community garden!!Helen – likes both vegetables and flowers.

Merlin – Another Master Gardener! But in Colorado. Provides friendly environments for butterflies and bees. Raises Milkweed.

Peter and Jeanine – Strong focus on both fruits and vegetables. Trying to be self reliant. Composting. Creating a worm friendly garden. Also enjoy scented ornamentals.

Cheri – Has 150 potted plants!!! Who waters all those pots!?!? How to deal with gophers.

Allan – digs holes for Cheri, grows vegetables and interested in succulents.

A general concern was how to reasonably deal with those pesky rabbits!!!

Next meeting will be on MONDAY AUGUST 2 AT 1:30 p.m. Mark your calendars!!

Are you wondering how to communicate with one another and with the group? We'll send out a roster via email that will include phone numbers and email addresses . When you receive this set of minutes, you can REPLY TO ALL if you want to get a message out to the group. Or, of course, you can simply choose who you want to correspond with and act accordingly.

The PEW website – If you haven't signed in to the PEW Resident website, here is the Web address - **Pewresidents.com** There you will find such things as the activities calendar, photos, minutes of board meetings, information about the board, and a place to ask questions.

Mushroom mulch - if any of you want to explore the mushroom mulch idea on your own, here's the address, If you go, take a sharp nosed shovel and plenty of containers. Mountain Meadows Mushrooms, 26948 N. Broadway, Escondido. Phone – 760 749-1201. They also sell 4 or 5 different kinds of mushrooms. They generally close at 2 p.m., but call for specific hours.

Thanks again for your interest. Pretty exciting stuff. Perhaps we can all play a role in helping others eat home grown organic fruits and vegetables and make the place more attractive at the same time.

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