

PEW Garden Club Minutes

February 7, 2022

NEXT MEETING

Monday March 7, 2022

2:00 P. M.

Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m. 20 members were present.

Because of work being done in the pavilion, we met in the area by the shuffleboard court. Future meetings may well be held here weather permitting.

Cindy – no expenses incurred last month.

Marilyn and Sally distributed a February To-Do list. Informative and helpful.

Robin discussed possible future field trips.

March 1, Tuesday – Meet at 10 am Tuesday March 8 for tour of San Diego Botanical Gardens. Proof of residency required – bring driver's license

April – date TBD - – Japanese Friendship Garden

TBD - California Pacific Orchid Farms in Encinitas

TBD – Casa Romantica in San Clemente

The field trip to Waterwise Botanicals was EXCELLENT!!! Free succulents were available to each adult. There were tons of people. They fed the fish. It was a beautiful day. We wonder why more members don't take advantage of these excellent field trips. Some of these places are eye opening, beautiful, bountiful, and very worth the time and effort required to attend. Most are also FREE!! JUST DO IT!!!

In March, Ann and Merlin will be presenting ideas to the Board about both enhancing the area in front of the clubhouse fountain and about possible

locations for the community garden. The clothesline area will no longer be considered as a possible site of the community garden.

A discussion regarding soil improvement – use mushroom mulch, and grind up your organic kitchen scraps – eggshells, coffee grounds, vegetable scraps, banana peelings, water, etc. - in a blender and dump the mixture in your garden. The worms will love it!! The importance of "layering" compost materials. Google it to find out how to layer and what to add to your soil to make it more productive.

A question to consider – should the club offer to be involved in harvesting fruit (oranges, lemons, or grapefruit) from trees in the complex that are full of fruit and are not being picked?? The harvest could be shared with the homeowner, others in the park, and with local food banks. Approval would be needed from the office as well as from the homeowners. More information on this later.

Is anyone interested in becoming the Garden Club historian?? It will be nice to keep a record of the activities and projects the club has been engaged in. Something to think about. Volunteers are welcome!!!

The door prize (a bag of bone meal) went to Cherri Carey (again)!!!