

PEW Garden Club minutes

Monday 10/05/26

Next meeting - Monday November 2nd, 2:00 P.M.

Treasurer - Cindy Palermo

Publicity – Merlin

PEW website – Lynn Thomas

Secretary - Lynne Widdison/ Roger Frichette

Programs and Field Trips – Shevaun Teagarden

The speaker was Skyler Anderson from San Diego Vector Control. Subject: Rats, mice, mosquitoes etc. She covered quite a range of subjects explaining the life-cycles and habits of the vectors. A vector is an organism—such as a mosquito rat, mouse, or tick—that transmits diseases and infections—mostly blood-feeding arthropods like mosquitoes and ticks—that carry pathogens between humans or from animals to humans. Examples of such infections are hantavirus, west Nile, Zika, dengue fever, Lyme disease. Adult mosquitoes live up to 2 weeks and they can go from egg to adult in 3 to 7 days depending on the temperature. If you would like SD vector control to do a free home inspection to insure you don't have any vectors around your home contact them at vector@sdcountry.ca.gov or call them at 858 694 2888.

Some ways to prevent diseases spread:

- **Eliminate Standing Water:** Dump and drain containers holding more than ¼ inch of water weekly (plant saucers, buckets, old tires, rain gutters).
- **Free Mosquitofish:** Pick up free freshwater mosquito-eating fish from the county to control larvae in unmaintained ponds, fountains, or horse troughs.
- **Use Repellents:** Apply EPA-registered insect repellents containing DEET, Picaridin, IR-3535, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- **Report Issues:** Call Vector Control to report green pools, potential breeding sources, or dead birds (such as crows, jays, and hawks) which signal West Nile virus activity.

- November 2nd is our next meeting. We will have a sign-up sheet for people to help with the craft fair booth November 14th. There will be 2 people for each time slot. We will also pass around a sign-up sheet for next year's treats. Thanks to all who participate!

Welcoming the Holidays at PEW!

Our November 2nd meeting will be our Holiday workshop event, featuring decorating succulent pumpkins and making botanical soaps to take home. All supplies will be provided. Any extra soaps and decorated pumpkins will go to the craft fair.

December 7th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm is the 3rd Annual Tea Party! Break out your favorite tea cup and your fancy tea party hat! Bring a small plate of finger food to add to the buffet. RSVP to Merlin at 661 670 1336 or Lynn Thomas at 707 799 4416.