

PEW GARDEN CLUB AGENDA

MONDAY April 1, 2024 2:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING – Monday May 6 at 2 p.m.

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Cindy Palermo – this year's budget allocation is the same as last - \$420.

Publicity – Hilltopper – Merlin Chancellor

PEW Website – Lynn Thomas

Secretary - Alice Eades, Roger Fricchette

Librarian – Helen Doherty

Education – Marilyn Chambers – theme of the month and "to do list"

Programs – Merlin Chancellor

Field Trips – Robin Green, Cheri Carry, Shevan Teagarden

New members – Welcome to Lori Magnusson space 179, Sherry Krause space 249, Claire Lundt PEE space 82

BUSINESS MEETING

Speaker – Merlin did a nice job of discussing the planting and care of roses. The following narrative provides more information. If you'd like more detail, please contact Merlin.

Events

Saturday April 13 – free California native mulch at San Pasqual Valley Soils from 7 to 1:30.

Saturday April 13 - Herb Fields seedling event –. The gates open at 9 a.m. A wonderful opportunity to get newly grown, organic plants at bargain prices. **Get there early**, probably at 8:30 and **take a container** for the things you buy, and enjoy the outstanding work he continues to do year round. He and his wife sell the vegetable plants for \$5 each. (prices may have changed, so we'll check later to be sure that's the correct amount.

Saturday April 20 - another field trip to **Herb Fields gardens**. PEW club members only. Carpool will depart from the clubhouse at 9 a.m.

April 20 and 21 – Flower show and home garden tours on Coronado at Spreckels Park. Google for more information.

May 4 to 27 – San Diego Botanical Garden orchid show. \$7 admission fee.

May 30 (Thursday) Field Trip – Lunch at Rodger's Gardens Orange County. Carpool – meet at clubhouse at 8:30. Drive takes about one hour. Lunch reservation is at 11:30. RSVP to Merlin if interested.

July 4 – Community garden street party

Sherman Garden and Library in Newport Beach. Another place to visit – \$5 admission

Gardens open daily 10:30 – 4 p.m.

Library open 10:30 to 4 p.m. Tues. - Friday.

For what it's worth

Some of the Dollar Stores, 99 cent stores and the like have vegetable plants available at reasonable prices.

Thank you or Nice Job cards, an excellent idea– Ann will develop a card to be used to thank PEW residents for having a nice garden at their home. And, the card will encourage non garden club members to consider joining the Garden Club. The proposed card will be reviewed by the steering committee before being printed.

Rose Care by Merlin –

The plant should get 4 to 6 hours of sun.

Plant at least 3 feet apart so they can breathe.

Amend soil – Miracle Grow, peat moss, and good dirt.

Fertilize every 30 days during growing season

NPK – nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium. Best to get fertilizer with a high middle – phosphorous – number.

Get rabbit food (alfalfa) to feed nitrogen to your roses and other plants

Spray off aphids with hose

Pruning –

Reasons for pruning – the 3 "D's" – deformed, dead, diseased

Cut above a node in the direction you would like the plant to grow.

Cut at a point where there are 5 leaves

To eliminate future rose "illness" problems, clean old leaves away from the area around the base of the rose

Spray regularly for spider mites and other pests.

California NativePlant Society Tours – on your own

The tour gardens are situated in two distinct areas within San Diego County—one along the coast and the other inland. Each area is open for visitation on separate days, and your ticket allows access to both.

- **Saturday, April 6, from 9AM to 4PM:** Explore gardens in Rancho Bernardo, Poway, Miramar Ranch North, and Scripps Ranch.
- **Sunday, April 7, from 9AM to 4PM:** Discover gardens in La Jolla, North Clairemont, University City, Del Mar, and Solana Beach.

TICKETS

- Regular Price Tickets: \$40 – Available through April 7th, 2024.
- Free Entry for children aged 17 and under!