

## PEW Garden Club Minutes February 5, 2024

### NEXT MEETING

**Monday March 4, 2023 2:00 P. M.**

**Community Garden** – looking awfully good! "stuff" is growing like crazy. Fortunately, the "critters" don't seem to have found this lush array of vegetables. Thanks again to **Merlin** and all plot owners for the good work they have put in.

### **THE PRIDE OF THE COMMUNITY!!!**

#### **Important Dates -**

**THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY - FREE ADMISSION** for seniors to the San Diego Wild Animal Park during the month of February. Parking remains at \$20/car.

**Tuesday Feb. 13** – Field trip to Bird Rock Tropicals. Meet at the clubhouse at 9:45 to carpool.

**Sat. March 9** – Free mulch at San Pasqual Valley Soils on Saturday March 9. Go to their website for details

**Saturday April 6** – The annual seedling event at Herb Fields'. Take containers and \$5 bills. Buy fresh starts of a variety of vegetables for only \$5. This is a community wide event. So get there early; the line to get in is always long.

**Saturday April 20** – field trip to Herb Field's amazing garden. We will be the only people on this tour.

**July 4 – looking ahead.** There is concern about the security of the community garden on the evening of July 4. That's the time when outsiders come into the area to watch the fireworks from the road along the community garden. Policies and procedures will be developed to solve that problem and mitigate damage to the garden.

**Miscellaneous – Ann Kreile donated** a beautiful painting to be hung on the wall of the community garden. THANKS to Ann for her good work and contribution!

**Garden tips from the panel discussion –** panel members included Merlin, Marilyn, Robin, and Ann

**Fertilizing this time of year –** use granules heavy in Nitrogen rather than liquid. The rain will wash the liquid away quickly, but the granules will dissolve slowly. Best Pak granules are available from Miramar Wholesale Nursery and probably other places as well.

**March –** fertilize citrus trees. Jobe spikes and lime are possibilities.

Always **amend your soil from year to year to keep it fresh.** **Free** mushroom mulch from Mountain Meadows Mushroom Farm and **free** mulch from San Pasqual Valley Soils are excellent options

**Irrigation –** drip is always preferable to overhead.