

PEW Garden Club Minutes August 7, 2023

NEXT MEETING

Monday September 11, 2023 2:00 P. M.

Business Meeting – Merlin reviewed the agenda and encouraged those interested to carpool to San Pasqual Valley Soils on Saturday September 12 for free mulch.

Merlin led a nice discussion on invasive plants and pests and solutions to these vexing problems.

Community Garden – progress, slow but sure. If you're in the area and interested, drop by the developing community garden to see the progress for yourself.

Future Speakers - TBD

Local garden tours – Members toured **Jim and Maureen Gates'** nursery like garden followed by a walk through the garden of **Cheri and Alan** where there was a discussion about the Monarch butterflies that she encourages to thrive in her garden.

Field Trips – TBD

Other –

Waterwise Botanical Garden continues to provide a **free** succulent to each person on the first Saturday of each month. Well worth the trip.

Mulch – You have two choices to get **free** mulch.

Mountain Meadows Mushroom Farm in Escondido. Open 6 days a week from around 8 until 2 p.m. All of their mulch is **free**.

San Pasqual Valley Soils (SPVS) Field Trip – If interested, please join some of us at the clubhouse for car pooling to San Pasqual Valley Soils this Saturday at 9 a.m.

SPVS has a "**free**" day once a month and you can get all the mulch you can shovel into your containers at no charge. Free days are posted on their

website. 16111 Old Milky Way, Escondido, CA 920227. Take highway 78 all the way there; it's a pleasant and scenic drive.

For information on what kind of mulch will be available, go to their web site about a week before the free mulch will be available. www.SPVSoils.com. Or call them at 760 746-4769.

Volunteers are needed – Some homeowners have received inspection notices indicating a need to remove weeds; but they are physically unable to remove them. If you're interested in providing assistance, please contact Merlin for details.