

## **PEW Garden Club Minutes Dec. 4, 2023**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Monday January 8, 2023 2:00 P. M.**

**Welcome to new member Denise Hickey!**

**Committee Reports** – The plant sale at the craft fair brought in \$205. And, thanks to all who helped prepare items to sell there. A very successful event.

**Field Trips** – none are planned right now.

**Community Garden** – If you haven't seen the community garden yet, please stop by and you will be impressed and amazed!!!! Merlin and others have done an outstanding job of creating a place that the entire community can be proud of. Well done !!! The shed is now complete, all of the plots are taken, and there is discussion about the possibility of expanding the garden area at some point in the future.

### **Important Dates -**

**Sat. Dec. 9** – Free monkey mulch at San Pasqual Valley Soils.

**December 21, Thursday – the winter solstice.** There will be a potluck at the community garden to celebrate the solstice and the success of the community garden. Details will be sent out shortly.

**Monday January 8** – Herb Fields will be the speaker. He is entertaining, knowledgeable, and supportive of our efforts.

**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.

**A volunteer is needed** – to work with Marilyn Chambers on the Education committee. Thanks to Sally Jeans for her past efforts on that committee.

**The Virginia Opossum** – they live among us!!! Merlin provided information on this rather homely nocturnal creature. They breed a couple of times each year and can have as many as 15 offspring! Garlic, peppermint and moth balls are good deterrents. Owls, hawks, and coyotes are their predators.

The refreshments were delicious!! Robin Green and Nancy Brady won the door prizes.