

PEW GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

MONDAY February 3rd, 2025 2:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING – Monday March 3rd, at 2 p.m. at Lynn Thomas' home, space #67

April meeting we will have Herb Field as our speaker

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 – Lynne Widdison, Roger Frichette Librarian – Helen Doherty

Programs – Merlin Chancellor Field Trips – Robin Green, Cheri Carry, Shevan Teagarden

Merlin covered the purchases/work in the Community Garden so far this year and possible future work needed in the garden.

For our meeting we had Lisa Urabe, the Master Gardener from the Vallecitos Water District instruct us on water wise gardening/water conservation. She brought giveaways such as seeds from the district's seed library and prizes for people who answered questions about her presentation. Lisa kept the audience quite engaged and left us full of knowledge about water conservation.

Thank you Robin Green for the tasty and Valentine themed treats. What a great variety, something for everybody. Thanks again Robin.

This Saturday the 8th at San Pasqual soils will have their monthly free mulch. This month will be [California Native Mulch®](#), it is a versatile, all-purpose composted product that is an amazing value! Use it to highlight trees, shrubs, and plants in the yard. It is also a nice walk-on mulch for pathways and orchards.

California Native provides good protection for landscapes during heavy rains. It is especially good for erosion control on slopes, weed suppression, and to capture and conserve run-off. This mulch has been fully composted so you won't find any weed seeds or pathogens in it.

For optimal results, add a 3" to 4" thick layer of California Native Mulch® in the garden and throughout the landscape.

California Native Mulch® has earned the [Seal of Testing Assurance Certification \(STA\)](#) from USCC and is an approved [Caltrans Medium Grade Compost](#). It is also [SB 1383 compliant](#).

City of San Marcos free mulch giveaway, Friday- Sunday from sunrise to sundown. Visit the designated pickup area located on the northside of La Moree Rd. west of Sandy Ln. for free mulch pickup 🌱

FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS

We are working on a field trip to Palomar College arboretum, behind the scenes tour.

We would like to tour the new Discovery Creek park now that it is planted out, a June date was discussed.