

PEW Garden Club Minutes Sept. 11, 2023

NEXT MEETING

Monday October 2, 2023 2:00 P. M.

Business Meeting –

Community Garden – The basic outline/structure of the garden is now complete. Left to be done is installation of individual plots. Merlin has started that process. Either contact him or come to the next meeting to gather more complete information. There will be a note in the upcoming Hilltopper asking residents to **donate spare garden tools for use at the community garden**. Could be interesting to see what we get.....

We will also inquire about the **cost of delivery** of mulch from one of the suppliers – Lowe's, Home Depot, Mt. Meadows, and SPVS. Probably cheaper to get a bulk delivery than to buy individual bags.

Creating a sub committee to coordinate the community garden – anyone interested in being on such a committee?? Could make things more efficient. Contact Merlin if interested or come to the next meeting and volunteer there.

Congratulations and Thanks!!! To Shevaun Teegarden and Angela Sirota for the fantastic centerpieces they created for the Luau. Their work far exceeded expectations. Well done!!!

Future Speakers – TBD Local garden tours – A sign up list for in house garden tours will be circulated for Nov. and Dec.

Field Trip – After the meeting, ten of our intrepid gardeners traveled to **Herb Fields'** home to see what he has accomplished and how well he has

developed such a wonderful and productive vegetable garden space. **His garden soil consists of the following – 1/3 sphagnum moss, 1/3 mushroom mulch, and 1/3 Miracle Grow potting soil. Notice the absence of just plain "dirt"???**

October field trip – Thursday Oct. 12 at 9 a.m. - meet in front of the clubhouse for a trip to Walter Anderson Nursery in Poway. The drive will take 35 to 45 minutes and is well worth the trip. Google them at walterandersennursery.com.

Other –

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

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

Saturday October 14 at 9 a.m. - San Pasqual Valley Soils (SPVS) Field Trip and FREE Mulch– If interested, there is a tentative plan to meet at the clubhouse for car pooling out there for the mulch. Details will be shared as the date approaches.

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 92027. 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.

So far, the following members have volunteered – Robet Fiero, Sheila Miller, Cheri Carry, and Susie Butler.