

PEW Garden Club Minutes June 5, 2023

NEXT MEETING

Monday July 10, 2023 2:00 P. M.

Business Meeting – Merlin reviewed the agenda and announced that the June 10 free mulch program at San Pasqual Valley Soils has been **canceled** due to lack of supplies.

Today's speaker – **Gordon Cooper** gave an interesting and knowledgeable presentation about a few of the more than 1600 types of bamboo. He brought several samples of bamboo and three of the varieties were raffled off to lucky winners. One of the plants has been donated by Robin Cook to be placed within the community garden. Some varieties "run" while others do not – we may be getting more "non runners" to enhance the community garden.

Future Speakers -

July – One possibility is Dr. Craig Kolodge, PhD, often called "Dr. K." He works out of San Pasqual Valley Soils and presents information about soil sustainability and the importance of feeding the soil as well as the things you plant in it.

Local garden tours – Garden tours were held at Susie and KC's abundant garden area and at Paula's off site home across San Marcos Blvd. Both tours were well worth the time.

Field Trips – TBD

Other –

Pesky, hungry Moles – if you're having mole problems, look up "ultrasonic solar powered gopher repellent" on Amazon for a solution that has worked well for Ann and Roger.

The community garden – progress!!! The area has been cleared and a list of supplies given to the board for review and approval. The area available is

about 10 feet wide and 120 feet long. Space enough for about 6 community plots.

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 – they have a "free" day once a month and you can get all the mulch you can shovel into your containers at no charge. **Their next free day will be posted on their website and will next occur in July, if supplies allow.** 16111 Old Milky Way, Escondido, CA 920227. Take highway 78 all the way there; it's 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.

San Diego Botanical Gardens - You may want to consider applying to be a volunteer at San Diego Botanical Gardens. Applications for the current summer are now closed. For more information go to the website indicated - <https://sdbg.org/volunteers/>

More information about the Southern CA American Bamboo Society

Bamboos

The most common type of clumping bamboo is genus Bambusa

Most common type of running bamboo genus is Phyllostachys.

Small bamboos – Bambusa multiples (13 types) and others.

Web sites

Bambooweb.info American Bamboo Society

Socalabs.org So CA American Bamboo Society

Tropicalbamboo.com Tropical Bamboo Nursery and Garden

Sdbg.org San Diego Botanic Garden