

PEW GARDEN MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY September 8, 2025 2:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, October 6, 2025 2:00 P.M.

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Cindy Palermo

Publicity – Hilltopper – Merlin Chancellor

PEW Website – Lynn Thomas

Secretary – Lynne Widdison, Roger Frichette

Librarian – Helen Doherty

Programs – Merlin Chancellor

Field Trips – Cheri Carry, Shevaun Teegarden

We discussed BEES AND BUTTERFLIES which are AN ENDANGERED SPECIES, Narrowleaf Milkweed vs. Tropical Milkweed, Fall to-do list, (clean up around plants to prevent disease, trim bushes and trees, mulch, add amendments, and plant fall loving annuals/veggies). We also talked about Native plants, they're beautiful and unique to California, are climate conscious, in addition to providing invaluable habitat for the butterflies, birds, and other wildlife that share our home. A collection of blooming plants, native and nonnative, were on display at the meeting. People were encouraged to take them and plant them in the Community Gardens pollinator section.

To attract bees to your garden, focus on planting a variety of flowers that offer both pollen and nectar, particularly those with blue, purple, or yellow hues. Good choices include lavender, sunflowers, borage, bee balm (Monarda), and coneflowers (Echinacea). Additionally, consider planting catmint, goldenrod, and various sage/salvias.

A shocking statistic; since 1990, 90% of the bumble bee population has disappeared.

Local nurseries that offer native plants; Brymal Plants 1605 W Mission rd, San Marcos
& Devil Mountain 545 Smilax Rd, Vista

Deb in #152 has worms to share, swing by and pick up some for your garden.

The Vallecitos craft fair date is September 27th, 9 AM to 1 PM, there are a couple shifts that need to be filled, please call Merlin at 661 670 1336 if available to take a shift or setup before the fair. We can set up at Vallecitos clubhouse between 8am and 12pm the day before (Friday) and the day of the fair we can set up as early as 7:30am.

PEW Craft Fair is in November, the sign up sheet was circulated and will be circulated again at the October meeting.