

PEW GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

MONDAY MAY 5TH, 2025 2:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING – June 2nd, 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 – Robin Green, Cheri Carry, Shevaun Teegarden

This month's meeting was held at Lynn Thomas' house to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. The focus of this meeting was to honor Herlinda Mahler, who recently passed away and will be greatly missed. Our garden club members bought either a flower to contribute to a community bouquet (which by the way was gorgeous) or a plant for the Community Garden hillside. Thank you all, for contributing to such a special meeting. The management company of PEW has approved the placement of a memorial bench for Herlinda which is to be placed across from the Community Garden. Management will provide a concrete base to stabilize and anchor the bench. The bench will be metal and will contain a plaque in Herlinda's name. A few ideas were discussed concerning a phrase for the plaque; the two most popular ones were: "Friends and Flowers Feed your Soul" and "Friends and Gardens are the Purest of Human Pleasures". It was decided we would wait for the bench to arrive in order to see what size of plaque would be appropriate.

If anyone wishes to make a donation, in any amount, for the bench, seat cushion, plaque and engraving, please make a check payable to cash for Merlin (the Garden Group does not have a bank account). The family has expressed a wish to attend the "unveiling of the bench"; Terry will reach out to the family to let them know when it is ready. Management has approved several areas around the park as "bench sites", so something to keep in mind for future memorial benches.

As a reminder, Mountain Meadow Mushroom Farm on N. Broadway in Escondido offers free mulch every day, so load up your car and trucks to take advantage of this. They also appreciate it if you purchase some of their many varieties of mushrooms.

Other matters of business included a suggestion to move the wooden planter to the back wall to make better access to the hillside. In addition, Terry and Georgie would like to make sure they are on our email list. Two people have caught gophers and there was mention of placing an owl box (to be further investigated).

Thank you to Lynn Thomas (and Chuck) for opening their wonderful home for this month's meeting. Thank you also to all those who bought the most delicious food to share - we were truly spoiled.