

PEW GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

MONDAY August 5 , 2024 2:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING – Monday September 9, 2024 at 2 p.m.

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Merlin Chancellor for Cindy Palermo – this year's budget has been increased to \$500. This in addition to the Community Garden Plot annual dues brings our total budget to \$740!!

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 Teagarden

New members – Becky Hall

BUSINESS MEETING

Field Trips – **Today** some of us are going to Vallecitos Water District's display gardens which utilize Xeriscape and waterwise gardening practices located at 201 Vallecitos de Oro for anyone who is interested.

Saturday, August 10, 2024 – Plumeria growing class at Grangettos in Encinitas 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Friday, September 13, 2024 - Leo Carillo Ranch State Park. Free 90 minute tours are available on the second Friday of each month. Time TBD

Saturday, October 5, 2024 – Herb Field's Seedling Event 9am – 1pm
1312 La Granada Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078

Thursday, October 17, 2024 – Vallecitos Water District's Water Academy Tour
8:30 – 4:30pm. We will visit 2 water storage facilities, their processing plant and lunch is included. It is FREE but you must sign up at www.vwd.org/wateracademy

TBD – Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – Holiday visit to Roger's Gardens. Details to follow...

Changing of the guard – Please welcome Robert Fierro as he takes on the role of Community Garden Coordinator. You can email concerns or questions to Robert at rxfierr49@gmail.com

Garden Recognition Award – Please notify Ann or Roger if you see a garden that is particularly beautiful or interesting so that a card can be created and dropped off to that resident.

Future speakers & Meeting Topics

Monday, September 9, 2024 – A second visit from Master Gardener Dawn Standke who will continue to speak to us about Garden Myths.

Monday, October 7, 2024 – Master Gardener Cindy Bruckes who will speak to us about edible landscape and poisonous plants

Monday, November 4, 2024 – Cathy Byrd will lead the group in creating our very own stepping stones sponsored by PEW Garden Club. **Please sign up by October 21** so that we know how many stones to purchase and have enough supplies.

Today's Speaker – Neil Teegarden, a PEW resident spoke to the group about his business CUTRITE Sharpening Service. 858-837-2133, email neiltee@sbcglobal.net

Not only does he sharpen knives and scissors, he also will sharpen your gardening tools. He stressed the importance of sharp blades and clean surfaces. Wipe your tools with a paper towel or rag and use machine oil or WD40 especially at the bolt.

Loppers should be long to avoid “knuckle-busting” and pruners of most types can be cleaned and even springs can sometimes be replaced. Felco & Corona brands were recommended.

Most important things to do with your garden tools is adjusting, oiling and sharpening! A sharp cut will not let pests into the plant and cut blooms will absorb water more efficiently.

Neil works at Griffin Ace Hardware in 4S Ranch on Sunday's and at Green Thumb Nursery here in San Marcos on Friday's starting at 9am. You can drop your gardening tools off to him on Thursday evenings at Space#129 or go to Green Thumb Nursery to drop them off.