

PEW Garden Club Meeting minutes

Monday, October 7, 2024

Meeting opened with comments by Merlin Chancellor

- Thursday, 10/17 Vallecitos Water District Tour. Sign up on their website.

They will serve breakfast and lunch.

- Nov 4, Cathy Byrd will lead a workshop on making and decorating stepping stones for your garden. Signup at the clubhouse or by emailing Merlin at mvchanc@gmail.com. Bring shards of broken glass, pottery, etc. for decorating. Everything else will be provided.

- Nov 12, Roger's Garden Tour: Meet at the clubhouse at 9am we will be carpooling. Shavaun will make lunch reservations. Please RSVP through email to Merlin or to Shavaun. We will do the tour then lunch.

- Nov 16, 10am PEW Crafts Fair. We will set up Friday after 4:00 pm. Bring plant cuttings in pots with soil to sell. Last year we made \$200 !

- December 2, Garden Club Holiday Tea 2pm, Bring finger food, We'll provide teapots, cups and tea.

Summary of Guest Speaker Cindy Bruecks, San Diego Master Gardener

TOPIC: Make your Garden and Home More Fire Safe (see handout for more details)

Follow checklist on hand out: note websites

We now have mega fires and mega winds.

Make sure you have pre planned an evacuation route for you and your pets.

Fire season is all year.

3 ways fire can spread:

1- Embers, sparks can fly easily

2- Gutters- dried material inside

3- Radiant heat: hot material can burn from 8 ft away.

Leave roots in soil when removing dried plants to prevent erosion in case of rain,
Mulch sparse vegetation. Don't use rubber mulch, it burns. Use Gorilla hair Mulch
Don't plant barrel cacti, it punctures fireman suits.
Remove all dead plants from the garden and lawn.

Ready the House:

- Clean all debris on roof and landscape
- Adjust house for ember denial
- Clean gutters use metal screen over dual pane windows
- Add you mobile phone# and get the app for www.readysandiego.org and
WATCHDUTY by the county from CalFire.

CONCLUSIONS:

- Review your landscape lot for resistance to fire.
- Review your family's overall fire readiness.
- Harden your home against airborne ember incursion.

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