



Del Mar MESA GARDEN CLUB  
MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, October 7, 2020  
virtual Time: 1:00- 1:30 pm  
Attendees: Shital, Jo, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Terri

## Agenda

### 1. Opening Remarks (Shital Parikh)

- Progress Report on membership, change in club Secretary work

We are at 40 members with 4 new members joining in September

Welcome to the new members: Janet Ross, Naomi Krilla, Tina Jackson, and Patricia Tishler

Sari Rudy has resigned as Secretary due to other commitments. Terri Senroy has agreed to take Sari's position of secretary duties. (Others will back up Terri if schedule conflicts arise) Jo Sullivan will also continue in her position and duties as secretary.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of July 1, 2020 meeting

Minutes approved Seconded Jo & Elizabeth.

### 3. Update: Community Projects: Community Garden & ER Park Beautification (Terri Senroy)

On hold for now due to Park Restrictions. Terri is hoping to work with Shital this fall and winter so that our plans are solid moving into Spring 2021.

### 4. Update: Community outreach (Elizabeth Rabbitt)

### 5. Update: Social Media/ Virtual Presence

- Press Release (Jo Clare Sullivan)

We reviewed the Press Release that Jo authored. Catherine Cramton gave feedback and Jo sent the finalized version to Carmel Valley News.

- Facebook DMMGC (Sandi Adam)

Site seems to be working well, no complaints.

- Website maintenance (need a volunteer)

Shital stated she would like to get an intern to help us maintain our website. Now that school is back in session she will work with Jo to write the interntership and send it to High Schools and maybe UCSD.

### 6. Update: Application for California Garden Club membership (Shital Parikh)

We have our application filed and now we decide if we want affiliate status only or one that includes liability ins. We are also eligible for affiliate memberships to Palomar District Regional Garden Club. We reviewed the cost of liability ins for the CGCM of 2.75/member annually. We are not consdiering just affiliation. Additional fees of 1.50/member annually for the Palomar District Club. We agreed to move forward with these fees. The liability ins will protect our organization and the regional membership will give us more activities.

Shital will have these applications completed by the end of the week.

## 10. September Events Report (Shital Parikh)

September we had a lot of events to report on:

The monthly meeting had speaker Katarina Thatcher from Walter Anderson. She was very knowledgeable and shared info on edibles and pest management for fall.

The Garden tour on Sept 20th for veg garden staking and propagation has 12 signed up and 10 were completed.

Sept 29th we had a virtual talk by US offered to members.

Events: Lessons learned: We need to schedule our volunteers for check in/out station by the hour. We want to make sure it is always manned. On tour we missed out of two people who came and no one was there to sign them in and get them started.

## 11. Update on events/speakers for Nov 2020 & Jan, Feb, March, April 2021

### **October**

We have a socially distanced plantation garden visit. The scheduling invite has been emailed out to all members.

### **November**

The monthly meeting will have a virtual pumpkin decorating workshop. In advance instructions will be sent out to everyone. Everyone can purchase their supplies in advance. The teacher will walk us through creating a beautiful centerpiece.

An outdoor evening movie is being planned for possibly the 14th or 15th. Details coming soon

### **December**

Club is closed and no events planned. Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

### **January**

In addition to the regular meeting we will have two special events.

1. Planting workshop at Pigment in One Paseo (Confirm Janet Ross)
2. In person pruning demo of fruit trees with Hudson at Hooterville. Hudson is a fruit tree pruning expert from Armstrong Nursery that Elizabeth uses.

### **February**

The monthly meeting will have a speaker on fruit trees. Speaker Greg Alder is a Master Gardener and creator of [www.TheYardPosts.com](http://www.TheYardPosts.com) where he helps gardeners in Socal grow food at home. TOPIC: different types of fruit trees flower, their pollination needs, and therefore which to plant and how to prune or not to prune them accordingly. Then an obvious tie-in would be to talk about why some fruit trees don't flower or set fruit in quantity.

### **March**

The monthly meeting will have a Seed talk by Brijette Romstedt, owner of San Diego Seed Co.

### **April**

The monthly meeting talk is TBA. Orchids (Confirm. Mary Balo) or Flower arr. demo. (Confirm. J. Ross)  
Possible Garden visit as we will be blooming then :)

Anyone who has ideas they would like us to consider please send a reply to the garden club emails when they send this out.

## 12. Meeting Adjourn at 1:30 pm