

July 2025

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July Flowers for a Smile: Now at Pacific Highlands Ranch Library

July Flowers with a hint of fireworks from the agapanthus. Flowers from Philippa Farrar's and Shital Parikh's garden. [SIGN UP](#) to share some flowers from your garden at the library.



Display board for Summer: Nancy Barzvi

Two Display boards placed at Ocean Air Rec center. The Garden Club board shares information on Summer garden maintenance and planting charts for summer. Fire wise landscaping.

FODMM board:

Information on darky sky regions, rules for trail use for dogs. Info on various snakes. Tick information.





SEED LIBRARY: By Barbara Scholz

- **Next Seed Packing Meeting : Friday, August 8, 10:00 am - noon** Carmel Valley Library. Stop by to grab free seeds or help!

Chris Ross and Barbara Summer volunteered and helped Barbara Scholz make many seed envelopes in the July meeting. . Barbara Scholz showcased the seed library to City Council representative and talked to library manager to ensure that the we can continue to use the conference room for seed stuffing and meetings at no cost.

Questions: Email: bscholz@hotmail.com

Behind the Buzz: Join the Worker Bee Team

We welcome Nancy Barzvi to the team as the display coordinator.

We're excited to welcome members into new roles—and we'd love more of you to join our close-knit Worker Bees team!

We're currently looking for:



A Club Bookkeeper



A Sign Up Genius Coordinator



Events Team Member to support Philippa

No experience needed—just a love for teamwork and community. Come be part of the buzz!

Interested? Email us at info@friendsdmm.org.

Customized GIFT CARD Email the first and last name of the recipient to info@friendsdmm.org with payment for membership

We are at 65 members as of June 2025



Club Supported Community Garden: By Shital Parikh

Tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, beans, eggplants, and yams are thriving—and we even harvested sweet potatoes!



A little garden TLC this week: staked the tomatoes, cleared Bed 4, and kicked off a second round of succession planting—cucumber & green beans from seed, seedlings of little pumpkins from member Helena Z. If any one wants to come visit we can carpool next Thursday morning email me.

Summer workshops continue at 9 AM: Thursday mornings in July

Fairy Garden Planter & Air purifying plants at

Ocean Air Rec Center:

Nestled among plump succulents and whimsical treasures, our Fairy Garden Planter is a tiny world of wonder, mystery, and charm. Every detail sparks imagination, curiosity, and joy—perfect for little ones (and grown-ups too!) to explore.

We'll be changing the theme over the months to make it interactive.

Volunteer & Learn: email:

info@friendsdmm.org.

A heartfelt thank-you to Maya Venkataramani for generously donating a beautiful bunch of snake plants and a stunning 6-foot dragon tree—both excellent air-purifying plants that will brighten the space for everyone to enjoy



Native Pollinator Habitat & Pet Memorial Site:

A sweet surprise at the habitat pollinator garden site near Alta delmar trail picnic bench —someone left a painted rock, and a light has been added to the pet



memorial post! It's heartwarming to see our efforts appreciated and to feel the community joining in.

If you'd like to add your own painted rocks, we'd love to include them! It's a fun summer activity for kids and adults, and they make wonderful donations to native pollinator gardens, adding a splash of beauty to nature's work.

Club's Social Media: [Sandi Adam](#) Invitation to join our club's member private [Facebook group](#). [Click here](#) to request membership. Post photos of summer adventures with nature on our Club's [Instagram](#) page.

This private facebook group is open to invite your friends and family to learn more about gardening.

Member Initiates a Pollinator Garden Project: [Wendy P](#)

About \$1600 have been collected in donations for this project. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time by helping us with planting and maintenance, please contact me. wpoyns@gmail.com

Events Sept - Dec 2025 : SAVE THE DATES: [Yu Linda Song & Philippa Farrar](#)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE
September – December 2025
MONTHLY MEETINGS & EVENTS

Seed Meetings 2nd Friday of the month at CV
library 10 am – 12 pm

September 3rd, 2025

Topic: Growing Plumeria
Speaker: Mike Atkinson
of Atkinson Plumeria

Fall Garden Tour
Location: Margaret Pham's
Home In Del Mar
Date: TBD

November 5, 2025

Topic: Native Plant Propagation
Speaker: Justin Daniel
Conservation Chair
CA Native Plant Society

Location:
Carmel Valley Library
11 am – 12.30 pm

October 1st, 2025

Topic: TBA
Speaker: John Clements has
been a horticultural
professional for 46 years.
Former nursery owner,
horticulturalist, commercial. fruit
tree farmer, garden writer, agricul-
tural historian, & Director of
San Diego Botanic Garden

Location: Carmel Valley Library

Holiday Swag
Workshop

First week
Date and time TBA

Location: Belden
Senior Community
Housing

District News

CGCI membership paid this month. \$2.75/member. Had paid for 20 members previously.

Get Free Trees

Our club members have applied for and received free fruit and ornamental trees.

[Free Tree SD City Only](#)
[SDG&E Tree Rebate Program](#)

July Garden Tasks

1. **Conserve Water:** Water deeply but less often.

- Mature native oaks: No irrigation needed.
- Drought-tolerant trees: Once a month.
- Fruit & ornamental trees: Every 14 days in clay-loam soil.
- Citrus trees: Every 10 days.
- Lawns: Deep water 2–3 times per week.
- Potted plants & trees: Check daily in hot weather.

2. **Create a Succulent Terrarium:** Satisfy the urge to garden indoors or with kids & family: layer stones, charcoal, moss, and soil in a glass container, add succulents and décor, and let soil dry completely between waterings.

3. **Feed Your Plants:** Fertilize in the cool mornings.

- Vegetables, perennials, containers: Use water-soluble fertilizer.
- Camellias, azaleas, rhododendrons: Specialty acid-loving fertilizer.
- Shrubs & garden beds: All-purpose fertilizer. Always water well after feeding.

4. **Deadheading:** Take a stroll during cooler hours. Pinch or cut spent blooms to encourage more flowers. Consider adding a bird bath or shallow water source to help birds and bees beat the heat.

5. **Powdery mildew:** Zucchini, cucumber, tomatoes etc. White powdery growth on leaves and shoots can be a sign of powdery mildew. This disease affects many plants, and one of several fungi can cause it. Manage powdery mildew by growing resistant plant varieties and altering the growing environment. In some situations, fungicide treatments might be required for susceptible plant species. Symptoms can vary by plant species.

- White powdery spots develop on both leaf surfaces and expand as the infection grows.
- Leaves turn yellow or brown and fall off, exposing the plant or fruit to sunburn.
- Leaves or shoots can twist or distort.
- The fruiting parts of vegetables are usually not affected, but apples, grapes, and stone fruits can develop web like russet scars or corky areas.

Powdery mildew is common in warm, dry conditions.

- Unlike many diseases, powdery mildew doesn't require moist conditions to grow.

- Moisture during the spring inhibits growth.
- Moderate temperatures (60° to 80°F) and shade encourage the disease.

Solutions:

- Grow plants in sunny locations.
- Provide good air circulation by pruning excess foliage. Prune out small infestations and remove infected buds during the dormant season. Quickly remove infected materials so you don't spread spores.
- Fertilize less because too much nitrogen causes lush foliage and shade, providing conditions for fungal growth.
- Plant resistant varieties.
- Control mild to moderate infections with horticultural oil or with plant-based oils, such as neem oil.

[Video on summer Beginner vegetable gardening for zone 10](#)

FLOWER CRAFT FUN

[PRESS FLOWERS](#)
[Tissue Paper Flower Fun](#)

Made two stone fruit cakes today.

<https://lacuisinedegeraldine.fr/en/apricot-almond-cake>

<https://pinkhairedpastrychef.com/gluten-free-plum-almond.../>



Facebook Member Contributions & Invitations

Yu Linda Song Plum & Apricot cake recipes, class at Bee Worthy Farms
 Ivy Tsai invites you to a tour of Getty



Hallie M. Worsey
 July 13 at 6:15 PM · 🌱

My vegetable garden has not done very well this year but my flowers make simple happy bouquets.




Enjoyinf this Summer gift bag craft idea



BeeWorthy Farms is in Encinitas.
 Yesterday at 8:38 AM · 🐝

The San Diego Chinese Art & Culture Society invites you to discover these secrets!

Enjoy a professional guided tour of the Getty's masterpieces and architectural marvels.... [See more](#)



Renee Zau
July 13 at 9:26 PM · 🌐

It was so fun meeting fellow club member [Kathy Cash](#) yesterday—we were the only 2 attendees of the “Grow Your Own Meadow” talk at Armstrong Garden Center in Del Mar. I learned a lot about picking plants for fragrance, size, color, and hardiness, along with how to propagate them. I highly recommend their free classes on Saturday mornings—all of the ones I’ve attended in Del Mar and Encinitas have been super informative!



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For Sign up



Saturday, August 2, 2025

~ Itinerary ~
Morning Bus pick up | 8:00 am @ Sorrento Valley Road Park & Ride | The Getty Center with Picnic Lunch at Center Garden Terrace, Guided Tours, and Self Guided Tours | Dinner at Classic Chinese Restaurant | Evening Bus Drop off @ 8:00 pm


Cost: SDCACS member \$160 | Non-member \$180



Shitali Padikhi
Admin All-star contributor · July 5 at 3:30 PM · 🌐

Picked up some adorable pumpkin 🍂 seedlings from Helena and came away completely inspired! Her garden is immaculate—every plant looks so healthy, bushells of hydrangeas and not a single dead leaf anywhere. 🌱🍃 She does worm composting, rain water harvesting, used city rebate program when she did turf removal and has an incredibly organized shed, labels her seedlings beautifully, and uses smart, thoughtful techniques that could fill a gardening book!


So grateful to have such t... [See more](#)



Helena Zee
July 1 at 7:57 PM · 🌐

I have some decorative pumpkin seedlings if anyone is interested. They nee grow ~3'x5'. I'm in Encinitas.





Rachna Agarwalla
June 22 at 10:26 PM · 🌐

* Join us for an unforgettable evening of Sarode & Sitar under the stars in our garden!*

We're thrilled to invite you to an intimate night of classical Indian music featuring two world renowned artists:

*Alam Khan – Khalifa of the Maihar Gharana, son of the legendary Swara Samrat Ali Akbar Khan and grandson of Ustad Allauddin Khan, has been captivating audiences worldwide for over 30 years with his sarode.... [See more](#)

