

## **SUSTAINABLE SCRIPPS RANCH IN MARCH**

### **Scripps Ranch Library Events**

#### **Bird Talk**

**Evans Pond at the library**

**Saturday, March 4, 10am**

**Native and migratory birds who use Evans Pond.**

#### **SSR & SRCA 50 Plus lecture**

**Scripps Ranch Library Community room**

**What is Our Government Doing About Climate Change?**

**Friday, March 17, 10am**

Our federal, state, county and city governments are trying to incentivize us to reduce our emissions of heat-trapping gasses. Join us as we discuss what carrots and sticks are in recent or planned legislation and other government actions. Find out why the largest climate bill in U.S. history is called the Inflation Reduction Act and what tax breaks and rebates are included for clean appliances. Are the feds really coming to take away your gas stove? Will California outlaw gas water heaters and furnaces? Can the San Diego County Water Authority help stabilize our electrical grid? Join us for this information-packed session.

#### **Compost Comparison: Find the Composting Method that Works for You**

**Scripps Ranch Library Community room**

**Saturday, March 18, 10am**

Want to compost but not sure how to start? Scripps Ranch resident and Master Gardener Heather Holland will discuss how to compost and will detail four different methods to help make composting part of your routine.

#### **Garden Share-New**

**Scripps Ranch Library Courtyard**

**Saturday, March 18, 11am**

Join us with your friends and family to share your garden. Bring what you have to share; take home something you really want. Be sure to bring a bag to take home your finds.

Are you craving a richer web of connections and know how, right here in Scripps Ranch? Come join us.

Curious about growing fennel; co-existing with rabbits, squirrels and rats; using compost and rooftop rainfall? When Joe Beczak isn't travelling or teaching sociology at City College, he enjoys growing greens, tomatoes, cabbage, zucchini and more in his backyard two-part raised garden. He shares the excess bounty with his kids, grandkids and neighbors, getting tangerines, lemons and guavas in return.

Joe originally bought topsoil to fill the raised gardens; now he adds homemade compost and organic fertilizer as needed. Chicken wire keeps out most rabbits and squirrels, and humane traps stop the rest. He recently added a \$100, 100-gallon water barrel from Solana Center, for a total of 155 extra gallons of garden water collected from each quarter-inch rainfall.

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**Scripps-Mesa Garden Club  
Companion Planting and Crop Rotation  
Scripps Ranch Library Community Room**

**Tuesday, March 28, 5:45 pm**

Shital Parikh, Master Gardener

Topics include understanding plant families and the role they play in companion planting, the role of companion planting in soil amendment, cycles of companion planting, and rotating between beds—seasonally and annually.

**Stargazing in Scripps Ranch  
East end of Stonebridge Pkwy. 92131**

**Friday, March 17, sunset rain or clouds cancel**

**Park on the street and walk in. Kids welcome.**

<https://sdaa.org/>

**Events outside SR or online  
Step Up Your Sustainability- online**

**Thursday, March 9, 5-6pm**

During the webinar, you'll learn new zero waste tips to implement in your daily life, including:

- Eco-friendly product swaps
- DIY recipes
- How to compost without an outdoor space

<https://cleansd.org/event/step-up-your-sustainability-webinar-2/>

**I Love a Clean San Diego  
Say No To Single Use Plastic -online**

**Wednesday, March 22, 5-6pm**

- How to properly recycle or dispose of the plastic waste you do create
- What happens to plastic after we use it and throw it away
- Zero waste product swaps for single-use items
- Why it's so important for our health and the health of the environment to reduce plastic usage

<https://cleansd.org/event/say-no-to-single-use-plastic-webinar-2/>

**March Green Living Tour  
Solana Center-137 N El Camino Real, Encinitas 92024**

**Saturday, March 25, 10-11am**

This tour showcases sustainability in action. Docents walk you through the center's worm bins, greywater systems, innovative compost projects, tool lending library, water-wise garden and more DIY, climate-friendly solutions.

[https://solanacenter.org/inspire\\_events/march-green-living-tour/](https://solanacenter.org/inspire_events/march-green-living-tour/)

Area Garden Tours are starting this month. Keep an eye out for dates.  
CA Native Plants tour April 1 and 2.

<https://www.cnpsd.org/native-garden-tour-2023>

