

Garden Club Submission for October 2020 Hilltop Highlights

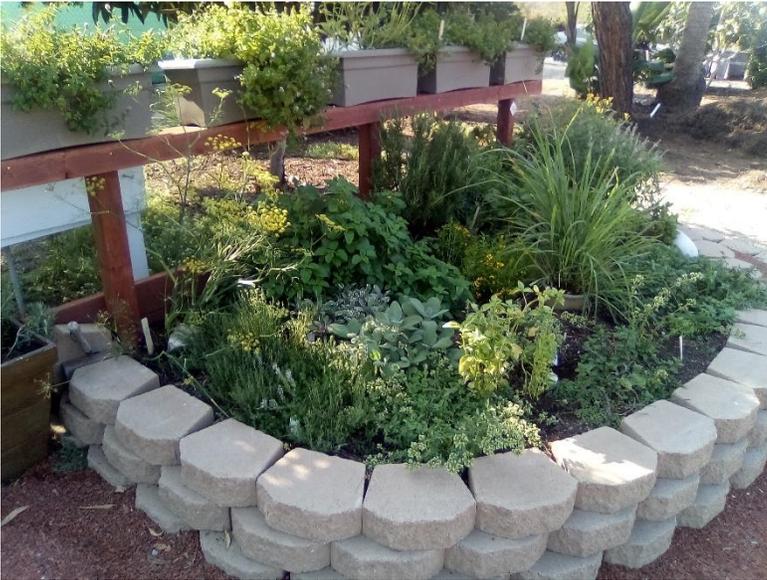
Greetings to my fellow Oceananians. Work on the existing sitting area and new herb garden has been completed by Kevin Immel, Casey Fitzpatrick, and Bruce Pahl, who seem to have an endless supply of energy and enthusiasm for these projects. We are very fortunate to have them.

We have always had a sitting area or “Garden Lounge” as Kevin calls it, but it was remodeled and beautified to the delight of our garden members. Here you see Eileen, Lynn, Jeanne, Barbara, and Maria taking advantage of the area for their weekly visit together. As the shutdown from COVID continued and the summer heat and humidity came upon us, everyone got more creative to maintain not only physical health, but mental health as well. What better way to boost your spirits than to get outside with your friends and enjoy the bunnies, butterflies, and cool breezes. They were hoping for a road runner sighting. Be patient, ladies, and you’ll get your wish. There is a pair that makes their home across the street.



Decorations were donated to spruce up the lounge. Eileen Costa’s daughter, a local artist, contributed this piece.





The addition of an herb garden greatly pleased the members. My personal favorite is the chocolate mint. Basil has been the most popular, and as a result, difficult to keep supplied, so donations are always welcome.

The next project is to add curb appeal to the new concrete sidewalk leading to the entrance of the dog park. The initial plan is to line the sidewalk with hardy succulents. Again, donations are welcome.

DID YOU KNOW. . .? A little baking soda can help you grow sweeter tomatoes. A regular sprinkling of this kitchen staple into your plant's soil can help reduce acidity, which sweetens up your crop.

Diane Harris, Secretary