



DESERT GARDEN CLUB



“Open to Club Members and their Accompanied Guests!”

**MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 1ST
LOCATION: LECTURE HALL
TIME: 9:00AM**

PROGRAM

Due to the Corona virus, and for the safety of our members we have decided to cancel our May Garden Club meeting and Plant Sale. Our next meeting will not be until Tuesday, September 1st. We don't have a speaker lined up yet but will publish that information in a Newsletter this Summer. Those of you who are leaving for the Summer, travel safely and stay well, and we hope to see you again in the Fall. Those who are staying for the Summer, come on by the greenhouse area as we will have much to do once the “Stay at Home” order is lifted and could use your help.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES PLANNED

1. Tuesday, September 1st – Our Monthly Membership Meeting
2. Friday & Saturday, September 4th & 5th – Greenhouse Plant Sale dates

GREENHOUSE UPDATE

With our Greenhouse Manager, Louise Pierce having stepped down, the club needs someone to fill that position.

Some qualifications should include:

- Preferably a full-time resident of our community
- Someone who is a good communicator, able to instruct and teach volunteers on Greenhouse jobs, such as planting, harvesting and General care of Desert plants
- Should have basic knowledge of Desert oriented plants
- Be able to organize and help with our monthly plant sales

Any interested volunteers please contact:

Kathy Church [Kathy.Church@ ssp7.Us](mailto:Kathy.Church@ssp7.Us) 608-206-6646

Or Linda Hunter Queenielh@comcast.net 952-250-8649

WATERING SCHEDULE

Linda Hunter has been in contact with the Rec Center at Beardsley about watering during this “Stay at Home” period. The club has been so fortunate during this time to have had Beardsley Rec Center - Lead, Tim Peterson water all the plants including those in the Greenhouse. We owe Tim a huge THANK YOU for all the work he has done for us. Without his help, we would have certainly lost many of our cactus plants.

Thanks also to the many club members that contacted the Board to volunteer to do the watering during this time. The Rec Centers were all shut down to absolutely everyone, so unfortunately that wasn't possible.

Once we are told that the Rec Center has reopened, volunteers, please contact Linda Hunter at Queenielh@comcast.net or 952-250-8649 to resume your scheduled watering hours.

HARVESTING AND NEED FOR POTS

Our harvesting team has been working hard during this Corona Virus period, staying safe but continuing to harvest plants for the Greenhouse. In fact, they have so many that they are running out of medium and large pots. If anyone has medium and large pots that they would like to donate, please contact Sandy at 319 429-0234 or Denise at 920-819-1962, since we still can't access the greenhouse area.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards have been prepared for those who have not already received one. Since we won't be meeting until September, we will be mailing out the Membership cards, so you can take advantage of the discount at Summerwinds Nursery.

MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

If your e-mail address, mailing address, and/or phone number has changed, please let Caren know at the next meeting or send an e-mail to (halloran13010@gmail.com) with the correct information.