



## DESERT GARDEN CLUB

### NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

#### **DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

We were notified by Rec Center Management that unfortunately the December membership meeting will have to be canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions on social gatherings.

#### **PLANT SALES ARE OPEN AT THE GREENHOUSE**

These sales must follow guidelines agreed upon with SCW Rec Center Management for us to remain open. At this time, sales are open to SCW residents only, and you must sign in with a Rec Card, in order to maintain COVID tracking. By APPOINTMENT ONLY is what Rec Center allowed us to do in order to maintain our maximum number within the space, even though it's outside. Please CALL FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT: Sue 623.213.9085 or Sandy 319.429.0234. At this time, hours are Wednesday's and Friday's 9AM-noon.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021**

Our election process has begun. Because of COVID-19, it is an electronic vote. Our initial slate of candidates was emailed on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Nominations are open until midnight October 30, 2020. This is the slate of candidates for officer positions for 2021:

President: Dave Wiegand

Vice President: Linda Hunter

Treasurer: Karen Anderson

Secretary: Jeanette Johnson

Here is the timeline for our election:

October 30, 2020 – Nominations close at midnight.

November 10, 2020 – Ballots will be sent by email to all members. Watch your inbox!

November 24, 2020 – Ballot votes due by midnight.

To volunteer or nominate an individual (approved by the nominee) to be on the ballot, send an email to nominate yourself or another member until midnight October 30, 2020 to ([SCWDesertGardenClub@gmail.com](mailto:SCWDesertGardenClub@gmail.com)).

## **NEW GREENHOUSE PRELIMINARY VOTE**

SCW Rec Center wants to add our NEW GREENHOUSE to NEXT YEAR'S Capital Appropriation's Project List NOW. They need to know from us that we have continuing interest in pursuing the project. A PRELIMINARY VOTE ballot was sent to all members on October 26th, with ballots due by midnight October 30th. Be sure to vote!

**THIS IS YOUR CLUB – YOUR VOTES ARE VERY IMPORTANT.**

## **SPECIAL SOIL FOR SALE**

As you know, the soil we use to pot all plants that are sold in the greenhouse is SPECIAL SOIL made JUST FOR CACTI. A new service for you is starting up! We are bagging that same soil in 2.5 quart bags so you can buy small amounts not available at stores you shop. Each bag contains cacti soil, gypsum, and pumice **PRE-MIXED, at a Bargain Price of \$5**. You can buy yours when you make your APPOINTMENTS to purchase cacti.

## **HARVESTING**

What are your plans?

Thou shall not go to the movies.  
Thou shall not go shopping.  
Thou shall not go out to eat.  
Thou shall not go to the bars.  
Thou shall not have Thanksgiving.  
Thou shall not hug anyone.  
Thou shall not go dancing.

What's left!

Thou shall join the plant harvesting crew! Outside activity. We still wear face masks but do social distance. Plus, you will be the first person to know what new plants will be at the greenhouse!

Interested in joining our team? Just send Dave Wiegand an email to [davidwieg@aol.com](mailto:davidwieg@aol.com).

### **CACTI TYPES WE COULD USE**

Right now, we could use some cuttings of these two cacti if anyone has them. Also any other cactus pups or cuttings would be welcome in addition to these two special requests.

Purple Prickly Pear *Opuntia azurea* var. *diplopurpurea* (this is the purple prickly pear with the longer spines). Here are some examples:



Bob Buerrosse

Submitted on behalf of the SCW Desert Garden Club Board