



DESERTGARDENCLUB



February 2021 NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

February 2, 2021 Canceled due to COVID-19 Restrictions

March 2, 2021 Canceled due to COVID-19 Restrictions

April 6, 2021 At 1:00pm Located at Palm Ridge, Summit Room A

The speaker is Olivia Bogues from the Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary giving a presentation on Desert Wildlife and Safety.



UPDATE – GREENHOUSE APPROVAL PROCESS

Update from Mike Anderson, Project Manager: We have met with three committees so far in 2021 on the new greenhouse we are proposing. The Property, Charter Club, and Budget and Finance Committees have seen our presentation on our need to replace and expand the greenhouse. It was approved by all three with positive comments for us to move forward. The next step is the governing board to add it to the projects for the 2021/2022 Budget. They meet in February and they have our presentation and the information from the three committees we have met with. We feel optimistic with our process and the results so far that our needs will be approved. We want to thank everyone for their support and help with this project.

LOUISE PIERCE RETIREMENT

With the retirement of our long time to invite members to donate \$5 toward



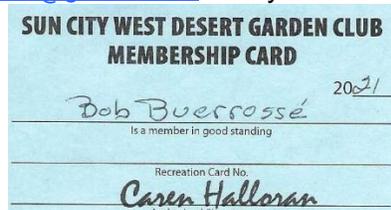
Greenhouse Manager, Louise Pierce, we would like a gift certificate for her.

There is a card at the Greenhouse that by mail to Sandy Warmuth, 20246 N reached at 319 429-0234.

you can sign, and you can donate there, or send it Meadowood Dr, Sun City West 85375. Sandy can be

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chair. Caren Halloran recently sent out new Membership cards to all members that includes a discount at Summer Winds Nursery. Several came back as undeliverable indicating these folks may have moved. If you didn't receive your new Membership card, please let Caren know your new address. Send Caren an email to halloran13010@gmail.com with your new address.





GREENHOUSE OPERATIONS RESTRUCTURING

Louise Pierce has recently retired from her long time position of Greenhouse Manager. Her expertise and tireless efforts in large part helped our club to grow to its current prominence and membership. Her regular presence will be very much missed as our club moves forward.

The SCW Garden Club board has decided to formally restructure greenhouse operations to spread the many duties of the Greenhouse Manager among a larger number of our members. New leadership positions are as follows:

Plant Sales Director--Denise Wirz

- Coordinates all aspects of plant pricing, promotion, and scheduling of volunteers for sales

Harvest Crew Leader--Mike Anderson

- Coordinates with the Greenhouse and volunteers to bring in cuttings and plants as needed.

Dish Gardens Organizer--Sandy Warmuth

- Works with greenhouse staff and volunteers to oversee the creation of the dish gardens

Watering Crew Director--Marcia and Glenn Landis

- Monitors plant water needs, schedules and trains watering volunteers

Keeper of the Refuse Containers--Sid Lundquist, Erv Johnson, and Tom Cavanagh

- Manages disposal of refuse at the greenhouse

Special Soil Mix Chief--Sue G

- Maintains supply of the special soil mix for potting and for sale to the public.

Planting Crew Leader—Sandy Warmuth

- Oversees proper potting of plants and cuttings, supervises and trains potting crews, and monitors rooting plants

Inventory Control Officer--Rondi Johnson

- Tracks consumable items and materials, reporting needs to Administrator for purchase

While we are currently operating under the Rec Department's CoVid restrictions, there is a lot of work to be done at Beardsley-- reorganizing the plant displays, potting rooted and new plants, and assisting with sales to Sun City West residents. We are open from 9-12 each weekday and welcome garden club members to stop in to help, meet other members, ask plant related questions, or assist with sales (mask, rec card, and phone numbers required). All volunteers must mask and maintain appropriate distance and we are limited to no more than 10 people on site at any time.

We are now scheduling greenhouse volunteers for the month of February to monitor and assist greenhouse crews. If you wish to join in but don't have experience with our club activities, training will be provided. Please stop in to the Beardsley greenhouse or contact Lisa at Lisasspt@gmail.com if you wish to volunteer.

NEW SIGNS AND CACTUS GROUPINGS

You may have noticed the signage pictures on the top of the first page. Dave Wiegand has been working on the development of new signage for the many cactus varieties we have at the Greenhouse. These signs enable groupings of the same cactus variety in to one section of the property, provides information to our customers about placement, watering requirements, maximum size of the cactus variety and the botanical name of the cactus. This will make it easier for the volunteers to locate any specific cactus that a customer is looking for and provides a complete selection of that specific cactus variety in one spot. It's a more efficient way to manage the inventory and enables customers to have a faster way to locate what they are looking to buy. Here are a couple of examples.



IDEAS FOR A FUNDRAISER

The Board is looking for ideas for a fundraiser to help generate income to help pay for the new Greenhouse. Some of our members have worked on fundraisers with other clubs and we would love to hear about any of your ideas that were successful that we could use for this event. Because of COVID restrictions, we're thinking we could do this in the Fall. Start thinking about successful fundraisers you have been involved with in the past and we would like to hear from you once we start this process. Watch for more information on this topic.

Submitted by Bob Buerrosse, on behalf of the Board