



DESERT GARDEN CLUB



March 2021 NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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.

We are waiting for final approval from the Rec Center regarding our ability to have this meeting as planned, due to ongoing COVID restrictions. Once that decision is made members will be notified by email.

May 10th, 2021 At 1:00 pm, Located at Summit Hall A & B, Palm Ridge. Mike Anderson will share the plans for our replacement greenhouse.

UPDATE – GREENHOUSE APPROVAL PROCESS

We are awaiting the final approval from the governing board in the next 60 days. We have all our information into them with very few questions. Karl Wilhelm is the project manager for the Rec Centers and is optimistic our project will be in the 2021/2022 budget. When the final decision comes down, he will get the bids and get our project on the schedule. Patience is what we have to endure until then. We will meet with Karl during this time and keep making plans for the move and relocation of our greenhouse. We will continue to communicate in the newsletter to our club on the progress as we have it. Mike Anderson

PLANT SALES TO RESUME

Plant sales will resume March 1st. The sales days and hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00-Noon. COVID guidelines required by SCW Rec Center Management for us to open are that no more than 10 people, customers plus volunteers, are allowed at one time within our space. Sales are open to SCW residents only, and they must sign in with their Rec Card and phone number for COVID tracing. Masks and Social Distancing are mandatory. Scheduling an appointment is no longer required.

SPECIAL PLANT HARVESTING REQUIREMENTS

As we head into prime planting season, we could use more cuttings and small plants to harvest.

We need some Joshua Tree plants.



We would love some Mammillaria cactus.



Moroccan Mound plants and cuttings are always welcome.



If you see these (or other interesting plants) that might be suitable for us to harvest, please ask the homeowners if they would donate them to the club. There are “harvesting request forms” at the greenhouse that you may leave at their house that give more information on this program.

GREENHOUSE OPERATIONS

We have nearly 35 club members who have volunteered as designated monitors and they now handle daily sales.

All of the plants have now been sorted into species groups and we are in the process of addressing consistency in pricing as well as identifying and labeling each plant.

Those holding the leadership positions at the greenhouse are responsible for the recruitment, training, and scheduling of the work crews in their area. A database has been developed identifying members of each work crew and a manual of greenhouse operating procedures is being developed.

If you are interested in working with any of the crews, please contact the crew leader or me, Lisa Sailing to learn more:

Monitoring--Lisa Sailing, Lisasspt@gmail.com

Harvesting--Mike Anderson, manderso1717@gmail.com

Soils--Sue G, daisy2018sg@gmail.com

Potting/Dish gardens--Sandy Warmuth, azrose66@gmail.com

Plant Sales--Denise Wirz, mswirz@gmail.com

Watering--Glenn and Marcia Landis, intunetoa@gmail.com

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