



DESERT GARDEN CLUB



“Open to Club Members and their Accompanied Guests!”

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION TO CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW GREENHOUSE

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

We will resume meetings again on September 6th. Club events will resume at that same time.



NEW MEMBERS

We have 2 new members in the Garden Club. Please welcome them when you see them at our meetings and events.

Vicki Crites

Kim Kennell

WATERING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will need to water our plants during the summer months, so please go to the club website and volunteer to do that if you are able. There are a number of open slots in July and August to choose from. Early in the morning is the best time for this activity to avoid the heat of the day. Training will take place upon arrival. Signup can be done at <https://garden.scwclubs.com/sign-up-for-club-activities-2/> and the password is **cactus**.

GREENHOUSE AND BOTANICAL GARDEN INFORMATION

With the recent completion of the new greenhouse and a tremendous amount of volunteer help from so many members, we want to share the progress made with the entire club. The following information was compiled by the greenhouse team and many of the club members.

We hope you enjoy seeing the progress that has been made to set up the greenhouse and Botanical Garden areas and that you will come out on cool mornings to look at what has been done so far. There is still much to do and volunteer opportunities will be sent out to the members as opportunities are identified. Thanks again for so many volunteers who came out to help with this project. And a special thanks to Project Manager Mike Anderson who worked long hours to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

MOVING!!!

Our temporary Garden Club greenhouse was at the far west Beardsley Courtyard since early January for 5 months.

May 17 Tuesday – **WE HAVE THE KEYS!!!**



Crew moving all plants to outside shade area opposite pool windows onto new raised outside display tables.



Old dirt removed from old pots, readying them for new plantings in new spots.



Plant Shelves in temporary area are moved to become the new storage for pots.



Two shade cloths marched back across the yard to right of the greenhouse.



10AM and 88 degrees ended Tuesday's work!
Wednesday Day of Rest!

May 19 Thursday

Moving all pots stored under big tree center of stucco wall into storage area shelving, left of greenhouse - Before and After



Clean-up of courtyard area north of the pottery club — you'd never guess we were there for 5 months!



Meantime, all this time and MORE DAYS, another crew outside pool deck area constructing tables for inside greenhouse. After frames assembled, moved into greenhouse and screens fastened securely down.



**AS WE GO TO PRESS:
GREENHOUSE PLANTS BACK HOME!!!**



BOTANICAL GARDEN

SCW Desert Botanical Garden in the Beardsley Courtyard was designed by Pat Wanta and is managed by Jim Consolloy. It was approved by the Rec Center Board in April. The gardening experience and work of 20+ volunteers made wonderful progress already in two of the six areas Pat designed. Two retention basins now resemble desert washes. An early morning cool walk in the courtyard will reveal to you the huge difference taking shape!

SCW Landscape Supervisor, Eduardo Mendez, installed irrigation, and will provide boulders, wall stone, and other materials for the garden. A small group of members visited Cox Cactus Farm, Carefree Hwy. They selected larger specimen plants that will be delivered by the end of May and planted within various areas of the Botanical Garden.





*These and more photos can be found on our website:

<https://garden.scwclubs.com>

*Thank you,
Volunteers!*

Submitted by Bob Buerrosse on behalf of the SCW Desert Garden Club Board