

2021 Final Spring Saturday Plant Sale

On April 24, 2021, the club held its final Saturday Spring Plant Sale.



On the last Saturday in April, several people arrived before the club was ready to start at 8:00 am.



Caren Halloran, the Membership Chairperson, handed out the Club brochure to potential new members. People were so pleased with what they saw, that she signed up three new members on the spot.



Steady traffic for the six-hour sale left the greenhouse with lots of empty space.



We were so busy, that we had to set up two checkout tables with a pair of members at each to handle the transactions.



Over a dozen club members helped out answering customer questions and helping haul the plants to the parking lot.

After giving 16% of the gross sales dollars to the Village Store for sales tax and SCW support, half of the remaining money goes into a savings account to help pay for our replacement greenhouse.



The four carts were often in high demand as customers were seldom satisfied with a single plant to take home.



One couple bought seven plants to take to their home in the state of Washington. They realized that they could enjoy a part of Arizona on their northern patio as long as they sheltered them in the house during the winter.



Since the Clay Club was holding a Pot Party in the Beardsley Courtyard on the same day, many people bought a pot and then came to our area to find a plant to put in the pot.



In addition to plants, we also sold seeds for loofa plants, desert blue bells, and castor beans that were harvested by club members.



Many customers were surprised at how huge the selection was. Having experienced desert gardeners and even a Master Gardener helped the public figure out what would work best for their individual needs.



We offered a special free planting service to anyone who bought a pot at the Pot party and purchased a plant from our sale.



Three days before the sale, Gail Bosma plants a container garden with a variety of cacti. Selection for this type of grouping was critical to have plants with contrasting styles and shapes but similar needs for water and sunlight.



Taking a break on Wednesday from arranging plants for Saturday's sale, Desert Garden Club Vice President Linda Hunter answers a question about growing plants in the lower desert climate.



From 7:45 in the morning to after 2:00 in the afternoon, there was never a time when there were no customers checking out the cacti and agaves.



This family found three desert plants to take home.



In the week prior to the Saturday sale, several club members spend their morning mixing special cactus soil, potting new cuttings, placing an identifying marker in each pot, and finally adding a price tag.