



DESERT GARDEN CLUB



“Open to Club Members and their Accompanied Guests!”

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

CLUB MEETINGS BEGIN WITH AN 8:30 SOCIAL WITH COFFEE, 9:00 MEETING WITH DOOR PRIZE TOO

Diana Peppin was the lucky winner of a beautiful dish garden created by Linda Miller.

Tuesday, January 10th at 8:30-10:30 Johnson Rec Center Social Hall East

TOPIC CHANGE: Please join Arizona Game and Fish's Desert Tortoise Adoption Coordinator, Heather Buck, and learn what it takes to adopt a desert tortoise: the proper enclosure, burrow, nutrition and what to expect from these unusual, non-traditional pets!



Tuesday, February 14th at 8:30-10:30 Johnson Rec Center Social Hall East

Speaker Jacqueline Soule, Arizona-based garden writer with 5K+ columns and 15 books, a PhD in Botany, translates technical science into hands-on how-to. Spring 2022 she released a revised “Southwest Fruit & Vegetable Gardening”. Read more about her at GardeningWithSoule.net OR SavortheSouthwest.net. Her revised Spring 2022 book will be GIVEN AS A DOOR PRIZE at our club meeting February 14th. Be there to win!

Tuesday, March 28th – Spring Social

BOARD POSITIONS FILLED FOR 2023

Voting for 2023 Officers was conducted at December's Membership Meeting.

President - David Wiegand

Co-VP - Marion Baty and Jan Cartozian

Co-Secretary - Pat Thomas & Jeanette Johnson

Treasurer - Karen Anderson

Assistant Treasurer - Melissa Leach

Social Committee Co-Chairs - Minnie Whiting and Sandy Warmuth

Publicity Co-Chairs – Bob Buerrosse, Jackie Jabens & Sherry Clark



NEW MEMBERS

We have 4 new members in the Desert Garden Club. Please welcome them when you see them at our meetings and events

Donna Abbott

Marjorie Haberman

Suzanne Hay

Tom Hay

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your club needs you at the next big plant sale Saturday January 7th from 8:00-Noon. With much advertising, we expect large crowds so need your help. Tuesday and Thursday weekly sales have been very successful. Some regular volunteers may be out of town in January, so we need new faces for these sales from 9:45-1:15, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DGC Educational Outreach will have an information table at the ARC Car Show on February 11th. We'll need some help managing the table. Planning on 2-hour work slots starting at 8 am and going until 4. We'll need at least 8 volunteers 😊 Thank you! Call Mary Beth at 402-362-5862 and leave a message.

GARDEN WALK EVENT

Last year we had a very successful Garden Tour of 5 member homes here in Sun City West. Our participation was over 30% with 95 members involved, showing or viewing. Your landscaping, and especially back yards, are EYE CANDY to members who are new residents. Beautiful landscaping takes thought. Showing it to others takes lead time. If you think your home might qualify for a tour, please begin to plan now for late March or early April. Larry and Karen Platt did a superb job organizing this event last year, and are excited to get it going again this year. They will share more details soon. This is an outdoor activity only for DGC members, and there will be no access into owner homes.

GREENHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Four talented members made shade cloth panels to cover the south windows of the greenhouse. A special thank you goes to Sewing Crew Leader Myrna Brooks and her team of sewing machine experts: Louise Carroll, Barbara Smith, and Gail Bosma. They made ten panels which can be removed if more sunlight is called for. If these were commercially purchased, the cost would have been nearly \$1000. Instead, the club spent just over \$100!



Our first two charitable donations were given at the December 2022 Membership meeting. The recipients were Jesse Ramirez, founder, heart & soul of Valley View Community Food Bank and Ed Stern, commander, Sun City West Posse. Presenting the checks to both organizations was Carol Berka, Charitable Gifts Chairwoman.



Our club did a fantastic job clearing out Give-Away books at December's Member Meeting, thanks! Books kept aside prior to that day are 'Keepies', and they are stored in one of the blue storage cabinets in the greenhouse. They are available for you to check out — to borrow for a reasonable time. No 'Due Date', no demand you return immediately. Just put your name and # on the Borrow List inside the cabinet door. Enjoy our great resources for a reasonable time, then return them for the next member to use. New titles will be added periodically, and we'll let you know via newsletter! Enjoy, Gardeners!

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