



# DESERT GARDEN CLUB



**“Open to Club Members and their Accompanied Guests!”**

## **MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER**

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

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

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Spring Social – Mardi Gras Luncheon.** This will be an excellent event that has been planned by your Social Co-Chair committee. We expect a large turnout for the luncheon and want to remind everyone that the **DEADLINE TO PAY IS MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>. SEE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT.**

**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30-10:30 Johnson Rec Center Social Hall East**

“Preparing Your Desert Plants for the Summer” with Jim Consolloy, DGC member and lifelong interest/study in Biology & Horticulture.

**Tuesday May 9<sup>TH</sup> at 8:30-10:30 Johnson Rec Center Social Hall East**

May's Speaker on May 9th will be Tyler Clark from SummerWinds. Topic "Summer Care: Sunny Solutions by SummerWinds".



### **NEW MEMBERS**

We have **15** new members in the Desert Garden Club. Please welcome them when you see them at our meetings and events.

Marilyn Koetje  
Norma Jean Ausec  
Becky Rivera  
Dan "Hitch" Hitchcock  
Lisette Prather  
Anne Peltonen

Mary Nichols-Strach  
Jan Rucker  
Kathryn Bell  
Bonnie Spark  
Michelle Liberatore  
Roberta Kleckner

Arnold Kleckner  
Victor Schuchart  
Barbara Schuchart

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Your club needs you at the next big plant sale on **Saturday March 4th from 8:00-Noon, especially cashiers.** 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 March, so we need new faces for these sales from 9:45-1:15, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Lisa Sailing if you have questions at [lisasspt@gmail.com](mailto:lisasspt@gmail.com)

## **GARDEN WALK EVENT MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> FROM 10:00-2:00**

**SAVE THE DATE...**and enjoy our Second Annual Garden Tour of homes here in Sun City West. We have six homes to see. These homeowners will show us how to create a beautiful desert garden. The list of homes and a map will be sent to membership on March 15<sup>th</sup>, a week before the event.

## **GREENHOUSE NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION WORKSHOPS**

- Explain the roles of the various Greenhouse Crews
- Share the Greenhouse crew work and sales hours
- Tour the Greenhouse/Botanical Garden
- Demonstrate how to use Sign Up Genius to find volunteer spots
- Answer your questions!

**Tuesday, March 7, 1-2 pm Agave Rm at Beardsley**

**Saturday, March 11, 9-10 am Chicory Rm at Beardsley**

Contact Lisa Sailing if you have questions at [lisasspt@gmail.com](mailto:lisasspt@gmail.com)

## **NEWS FLASH ----- LET US DO YOUR POTTING!!**

Having a hard time planting your cacti? Our club's Potting Crew wants to help you! Come to the greenhouse from 10am-1pm EVERY Tuesday with your empty pot, purchase a plant, and let our experts plant it in our Special Potting Soil. Donations happily accepted with a smile and a Thank You!

## **DESERT GARDEN CLUB CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

At the February Membership meeting, a donation was made to the Community Fund of Sun City West, a 501(c)(3) organization.



Carol Berka, Charitable Gifts Chairwoman, presented a \$2,000 donation to J.R. Reese, President of the SCW Community Fund Board.

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



The lucky winner of the drawing for the book “Southwest Fruit and Vegetable Gardening” by our speaker, Dr. Jacqueline Soule was won by Barb Suprak. Winners of the beautiful heart pendants created by Sandy Warmuth in honor of Valentine’s Day were Lillian Fauver and Joyce Larson. Jim Consolloy was the winner of miniature poetry books.

## NEW OUTDOOR SHADE CLOTH INSTALLATION

The new shade cloth was assembled and moved in place to help keep the cacti from being damaged in the heat of summer. Another advantage is that those members who work in that area in the hot summer sun will have a more comfortable working environment with the protection these shade cloth areas provide.



## NEW PHOTOS ON THE WEBSITE

Take a look at the website for *It Takes a Village* at <https://garden.scwclubs.com/files/2023/02/2023-It-takes-a-Village.pdf> and **The February 14th Membership Meeting** <https://garden.scwclubs.com/files/2023/02/2023-Feb-member-meet.pdf>

## WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

Garden Walk Tour March 22<sup>nd</sup> 10-2 (No Workshop on March 22)

Spring Social - Mardi Gras Luncheon March 28<sup>th</sup> 11-1 **DEADLINE TO PAY IS MARCH 7th**

Bus Tour to Tohono Chul Garden (Tucson) April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30am all-day event **SOLD OUT**  
**IF YOU ARE A TICKET HOLDER AND NEED TO CANCEL FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE CONTACT SANDY WARMUTH AT [azrose66@gmail.com](mailto:azrose66@gmail.com). THERE IS A WAITING LIST OF MEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE EVENT.**

Submitted by Bob Buerrosse, Sher Clark and Jackie Jebens, Publicity Co-Chairs on behalf of the SCW Desert Garden Club Board