

2023 It Takes a Village . . .

As the new year began, it was obvious that the success of the SCW Desert Garden Club was the result when many different people put time and effort into improving all elements of the organization. Thus, people saw a need and did something about it. This is what made the club much more than the sum of its parts.



Ten members drove across town to the Desert Botanical Garden to learn as much as possible about growing desert plants. They toured behind the scenes in the Garden's greenhouses. They asked many questions about use of shade, watering systems, and general cultivation. Valuable knowledge was brought back to put into practice in the club's operation.



It takes nine people, one on each post, to move a 20 foot by 20 foot section into place to keep the sun from burning the larger plants. Eventually, new shade structures covered a 50 foot by 20 foot area between the recreation center and the pool building.



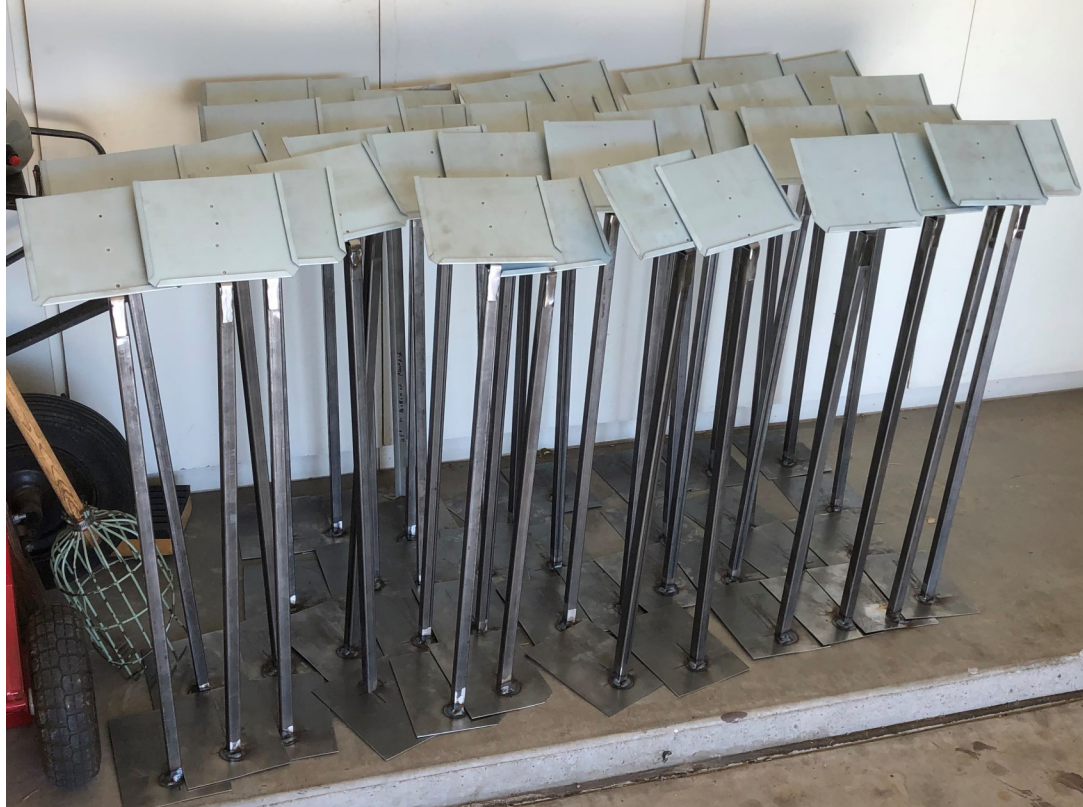
This display board features many of the club's activities. The SCW Desert Garden Club was invited to have a promotional table at the ARC Auto Show on February 11. Mary Beth Kunze and LiAnn Hathaway created the board and arranged to have several club members there to man the table.



As the last eyebolt is tightened, members take their places before moving the second section of shade cloth into place.



On the last day of January, five members of the potting crew take a break after another successful day getting lots of plants and succulents into pots. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, dozens of members trimmed, planted, watered, labeled and priced the plants that were then sold to the public.



Two Desert Garden Club members who are also part of the Metal Club built 41 stands to help identify the larger plants. Tom Grilli and Sheldon Anderson had all of these made in less than a week. After they were painted black, they replaced the wooden stands that were breaking down in the Arizona heat.



Marion Baty , Ann Grilli, and Tom Grilli take a shift at the table to answer questions and hand out brochures. Others who were involved included Ken Kunze, Tom and Ann Grilli, Linda Hunter, Gail Bosma, Rosemary Dougherty, Sandy Warmuth, Denise Wirz, Pat Thomas, Ginny Mutton, and Rob-in Stoeck.



In the last week of February and the first part of March, several members gathered at the greenhouse to construct 25 new 2 foot by 5 foot platforms for the large pots in the area between the Rec Center and the pool building.

