



DESERT GARDEN CLUB



“Open to Club Members and their Accompanied Guests!”

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

FINAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

Tuesday May 9TH at 8:30am-10:30am R.H. Johnson Rec Center Social Hall East

“Birding in Your Backyard” with Jim Consolloy, DGC member with lifelong interest/study in Biology & Horticulture. Chairman of 'Plants for Birds' program at Sonoran Audubon Society in Glendale.

BIRD IDENTIFICATION FUN: Several members with birding skills, Ornithologists, will assist you in identifying birds you have spotted with your cell phone cameras and/or photos you bring. They will be at a table in the back and will begin the morning's fun at 8:30am — come with your questions!



NEW MEMBERS

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

Rehab Boswell

Patricia Roberson

APRIL WORKSHOP-FINAL WORKSHOP UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

When: Wednesday, April 26 at 9:00am

Where: Agave Room at Beardsley Rec Center

Presenter: Adam Martinez, Irrigationist & Owner AMA Landscape

Topic: Controlling Irrigation for Different Plant Needs. Adam, former lead irrigationist for Peoria Parks & Rec and owner of AMA Landscape, will demonstrate irrigation accessories and techniques to water plants that have different water needs from one valve.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEEDS A COMPUTER SAVVY VOLUNTEER

If you are comfortable on the computer, the Social Committee could use your help. Please reach out to Sandy at azrose66@gmail.com. The committee and club could benefit from your expertise!

LAST BIG PLANT SALE UNTIL OCTOBER - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

🪴 Your club needs you at the next big plant sale on **Saturday, May 6th from 8:00-Noon**. *Especially cashiers!* With much advertising having been done, a large turnout is expected!

🪴 Our Tuesday and Thursday weekly sales have been very successful. Some regular volunteers may be out of town in May, so we need new faces for these sales from 9:45am-1:15pm. May 2nd and May 4th will be the last weekday plant sales until October. Contact Sue Smith at susanabell69@msn.com if you have questions or use SignUpGenius.

🪴 Since many are asking about summer sales, “casual” plant purchases can be made if you come when someone is in the greenhouse – best time will be 8:00am Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cash or checks ONLY for “casual” sales.

GREENHOUSE ACTIVITIES NEED VOLUNTEERS

1. A \$500 order of new pots has arrived, a regular club expense. A steady supply of donated pots must be washed before we put in new plants. A group of three or four members could take on this task, doing the pot rinsing on their own schedule. Beardsley Rec Center is open every day except Sunday. Many dirty pots are ready, so it might be a big task at first, but a smaller one down the road, as washing could be done on a weekly basis as pots are donated. Interested? Contact Dave Wiegand at davidwieg@aol.com. Here are the dirty pots to wash in the sink and rinse in the large purple tank:



2. Volunteers are needed **for morning watering during the summer**. Anyone interested, please email Jan Cartozian at janmc65@gmail.com or Louise Mozealous at glnl@netzero.com. On-site training is available if you are new to watering, and most all watering is done under the shade cloth area.

NEW PHOTOS ON THE WEBSITE

Great new photos on the website show the April Membership Meeting, the Bus Trip to Tohono Chul in Tucson and the April Plant Sale: <https://garden.scwclubs.com/photo-gallery-archives/>

Many pictures sent in by members show beautiful cactus blooms here in our community; see them at <https://garden.scwclubs.com/members-desert-plant-photos/>

Feel free to continue submitting photos to Dave davidwieg@aol.com as you find more beautiful cactus flowers in our local community.