

## 2023 October 7 Plant Sale

It was a brutally hot and dry summer. July was record-setting with the high temperature going over 115 degrees every day until the end of the month. If that was not bad enough, the nighttime temperature refused to drop below 90 degrees. It was the lack evening cooling that caused many plants, especially large saguaros to die. Additionally, the monsoon season of rain was a no-show! The official precipitation was .15 inches!

The Harvest Crew, under Mike Anderson's direction, and the Potting Crew, guided by leader Sandy Warmuth, did a great job filling the area with freshly potted plants before the hottest days arrived. This was a great preparation to be ready for the fall planting season—if the plants would take root and survive.

Thank goodness the Watering Crew leaders Jan Cartozian and Louise Mozealous and their crew members spent many early morning hours watering the plants in and around the greenhouse. When the end of summer arrived, a majority of the plants had thrived and were ready to be sold.

October 7 was the first Plant Sale in Autumn. Sue Smith put together a diverse group of members to work as cashiers and sales people. The public arrived before opening the gates and came ready to buy! It was obvious that they wanted to replace plants that had perished over the summer, as well as simply hoping to augment their home landscaping. The final tally for the day was \$5230! While the plant tables and platforms were jammed full at 8:00 am, there were many empty places at noon.

