## **2023 Activites Continue in December**

The last weeks of December had many people headed out of town for the holidays, but several members kept active on various projects for the club.

The Botanical Garden spent hours expanding the plantings outside the Beardsley Courtyard. Many plants sported Christmas decorations. The potting crew was busy trying to keep up with the many plants brought in by the Harvest Crew and then sold by the Sales Crew.



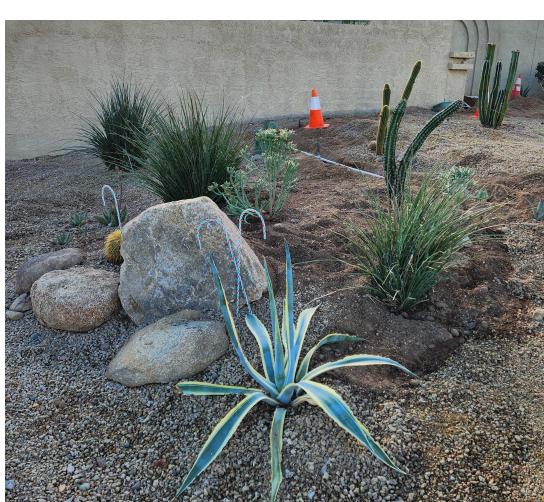
Randy Rubattino and Botanical Garden Chair Jim Consolloy plant an organ pipe cutting next to a firestick that they had recently put in place. This was part of the expansion of the garden around the walkway leading to the northwest gate to the recreation center.



Randy Rubattino and Jim Consolloy prepare the ground for a second organ pipe cutting. They followed that by planting the two pots of Spruce Cones seen in the pots. This area was designed around large boulders included in Pat Wanta's design for the area.



Decorations for the holiday season bring some additional color to the Botanical Garden outside the greenhouse.



Christmas candy cane decorations are added to some of these freshly planted succulents in the Botanical Garden.



Carol Houtkooper, the Mother Plant Supervisor, pots up another small plant before the next Thursday's Plant Sale.



The Christmas spirit shows up inside the greenhouse.



Even though they were not the typical desert cactus, Purple Hearts were always in demand as they add color to anyone's garden.