

2023 Members Have Lots to do in the Fall

As the snowbirds returned to join the year-rounders, the club found that there were many tasks to take on.

The October and November Saturday Plant Sales both grossed over \$5000 each day resulting in a major effort to harvest new plants and cuttings and then get them potted and ready for purchase.

The Botanical Garden began improvement of the area between the pool building and the Beardsley Rec Center that was just outside the gates to the greenhouse.

The Educational Outreach Committee promoted our club with a display in the R.H. Johnson Library.

The November workshop was moved to Palm Ridge and expanded to welcome any resident of Sun City West who was interested in the topic of xeriscaping.



Vice President Marion Baty looks over her shoulder as Potting Crew Leader Sandy Warmuth shows Patty Genrich how she wants plants potted in the greenhouse.



Judy Savage and Carol Houtkooper take a break for a moment. Carol was responsible for the numerous "Mother Plants" that were kept to provide plantlets that could be sold.



After working together for several years Erv Johnson and Tom Cavanagh quickly pot up several agaves.



The new landscaping between the buildings required new irrigation lines to be installed.



Created by Education Outreach Co-Chair Mary Beth Kunze, this display gave visitors to the R.H. Johnson a good idea of what was involved in the SCW Desert Garden Club. This was kept up through the month of November.



It was a good idea to move the November Workshop on xeriscaping to the hall in Palm Ridge as many club members were joined by other residents of Sun City West to learn how to design their yards with water conservation in mind.



Three potting crew members, Ginny McDuffee, Ann Maughan, and Lori Lowe mix conversation with their Tuesday and Thursday mornings working in the greenhouse.



Joining full time resident Tom Cavanagh, primary lead of the large potting division, snowbird Erv Johnson jumps right in to the process soon after returning to Sun City West. To the right, Mary Beth Kunze prepares some firestick cuttings for potting.



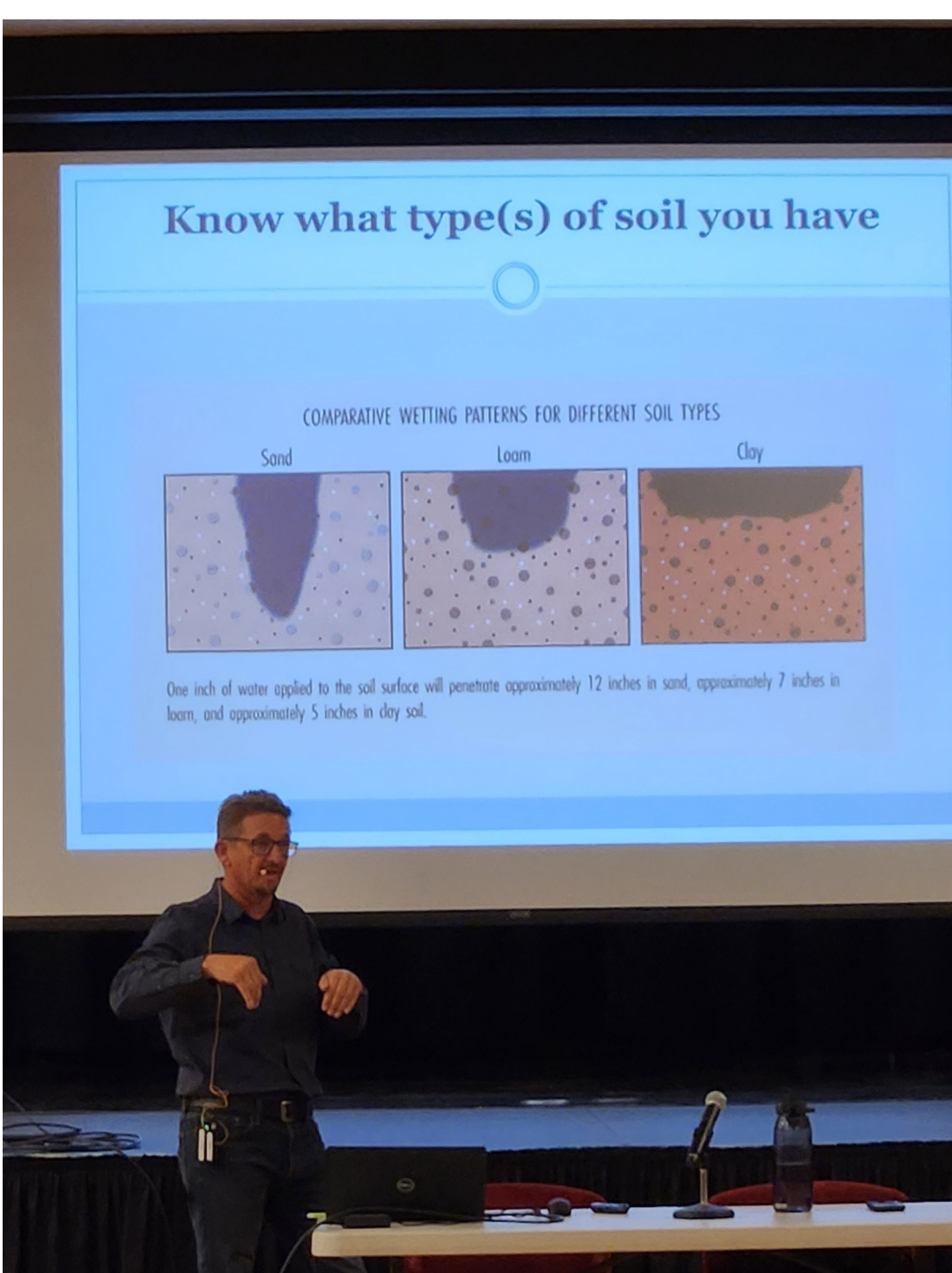
Under the direction of Botanical Garden Designer Pat Wanta, a clump of Lady Slipper plants and a couple yuccas improve the area near the



Randy Rubattino installed this butterfly art work as part of the landscape improvement in the area between the Rec Center and pool



While the primary irrigation lines were put in by the SCWR crew members, it was up to club member Diana Phippen to run the drip lines to the individual plants.



Jonathan Manning, an ISA certified arborist since 2008, manager of Elgin Nursery and Tree Farm, and owner of Holiday Farms gives his presentation on landscaping without using a lot of water.



At the end of the December 2 Plant Sale, Pat Wanta, Rob Baty and Randy Rubattino put a green firestick in a pot. They planned to move it to the Botanical Garden in the future.