

2024 April Keeps Members Busy

As the temperatures began to rise in April, the club members took on several new activities.

Mary Beth Kunze, representing the Education Outreach Committee, spent time with several SCW residents explaining proper potting techniques at the R.H. Johnson Library. The library sponsored a plant exchange, and Mary Beth volunteered to share her gardening expertise as part of the event.

The harvest crew, including Rob Baty, Randy Rubattino, Trisa Graves, Mike Anderson, Jim Vanderpoel, and Dave Wiegand filled a truck bed with Golden Barrel Cactus plants from a single residence. Two of the larger ones were added to the North Botanical Garden under the direction of Pat Wanta and Diana Peppin. Kent Medrow and Tom Cavanagh helped move these heavy beasts into position.

After two years of operation in the greenhouse, the cardboard honeycomb panels were heavily coated with minerals deposited as water running across them was evaporated to lower the temperature in the building. They had been cleaned two times since they were first installed, but they were no longer working very well.

It took over two hours to remove and dispose of the old panels, drain the system, remove the mineral deposits on the rest of the system, and eventually put the new panels in and add fresh water.

Mike Anderson was there early to pump out the water and begin removing some of the screws, at eight am, Jim Vanderpoel, Dave Wiegand, and Randy Rubattino joined Mike to remove the metal parts, throw away the old panels, clean out the mud, and generally scrape and scrub away the mess of minerals on the system.

Additionally, a week before this, Mike and the Rec Center employees installed an electronic device on the water pipe that we hope will remove the minerals from the water and make the wall more effective.

