



# Garden Club Newsletter

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## Our 1<sup>st</sup> “Beyond the Garden Gate” Event

Hosted by Lumi Thomas

By Ruthette Kennedy

First and foremost, “Thank You” to all the volunteers who helped pull off our first successful “Beyond the Garden Gate” event. Judy Frank, Judy Harrison, Rose Mansell, Bonnie Nelson, Brenda and David Deckard, MaryRose Gangle, Lumi Thomas, and Ruthette Kennedy – The Vinca plant sale was very well received by PebbleCreek residents and we looked very professional for the fundraising effort.

Special “Thank You” to Lumi and Danny Thomas for allowing us to use their home and garden for the event!! I saw so many bright faces when they toured through their garden and how much inspiration in gardening it created. It was a really good day for the garden club . . . excellent promotion for us and a great fundraising activity. Yes, it was a lot of work, but worth it just getting to share in Lumi’s backyard, getting to know each other better, and learning more about gardening.

Unbelievable as it may sound, we had 180 visitors and raised \$1,464.00 – both Lumi and I are just STUNNED . . . to say the least. It is amazing how supportive our PebbleCreek neighbors are and how interested they are in gardening. Especially new home owners coming from different areas of the United States and Canada to Arizona.

To think that this all started with four people who wanted to try their hand at growing Vinca from seed. Even though we didn’t have as much success with the seedlings as we wanted, we learned a great deal. We have to say that this first “Beyond the Garden Gate” event was a “tremendous” success!! We hope that others in the club will be encouraged to do something similar and offer up their backyard or patio to the “Beyond the Garden Gate” effort.

What’s even more exciting is that MaryRose signed up seven new members and handed out more forms to folks who will join us in October for our first meeting of the 2023-24 season. Of the seven new members, two are master gardeners! We are really looking forward to meeting all the new members at our first meeting on October 10.

Think about what you might want to do in your backyard; for example: Brenda and David Deckard plan to host a “Beyond the Garden Gate” event the end of March 2024 that will feature their Waves of California Poppies in Bloom – PC Residents will really enjoy getting a chance to see that!

The following are a few of Ruthette’s favorite photos from June 17:



## 2023-24 Garden Club Season – First Meeting October 10, 2023

By MaryRose Gangle

At the start of the new season, everyone will be asked to complete the “Garden Club of PC New/Renewal Membership” form. Prior to the first meeting in October, we will send a communication with the form to all current and past club members. You will be able to complete the form online, then print it out making the process much smoother when you arrive at the first meeting. Also, we are working on the technical processes to streamline this, as well as other elements of our website, such as, event sign-ups. Looking forward to seeing you all in October.



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