

# PRIDES Newsletter March 2022

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### Notes from the Horticulture Committee

# Helpful guide for irrigating the plants in PRIDES sections...

First and foremost all living plants need some water to survive.Some of them get all they need from natural rain and dew and some need an extra water source provided by irrigation. As Monitors of your section, it is up to you or someone you assign, to monitor your plants and trees to make sure the individual plants are getting what they need. We suggest that the responsible person or persons do some research on this and adjust the bubblers accordingly. After you have them set you should keep an eye on the plants over time and readjust as needed. What we have found most of the time is here in the desert we tend to over water which in turn will rot the roots and kill the plant. Please feel free to reach out to the Horticulture Committee for any help you might need regarding this issue.

A huge thank you to the Phoenix Ruff Ryders who helped out in Section 16, Feb. 5

#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We are finally past the Holidays and moving down the road with Covid. I still want to emphasize that your participation with our activities is your decision. We strongly support the decisions our members make regarding Covid safety. Outside, working in your sections is the safest way to participate. At any indoor meeting, please do what you need to do as far as seating spacing and mask wearing.

We want to thank ARC – the Automotive/Restoration Club for allowing us space for a booth at the ARC Car Show which netted us two new members and many donations from appreciative patrons. Also, I want to thank all our members who worked the booth and represented our organization respectfully. ARC sent us a letter of appreciation for helping out at the show, by making our carts available for use, and presented us with a generous donation. We are looking forward to helping with the ARC Car Show next year.

Let me close in my traditional way by thanking all our volunteer members, all those that work the streets, the shop, the water group, and those behind the scenes that coordinate our operation. THANKS!

March Schedule March 5 - Work Day March 12 - Work Day March 19 - Work Day, Pay Day Membership Meeting March 26 - Work Day

#### Stinknet; An Invasive Weed in Southern Arizona

Please be on the watch for this invasive weed, also know as Globe Chamomile. It crowds out native Sonoran Desert plants, is a "flash fuel" for wildfires, and is a significant contributer to severe allergies. Check out this publication from the University of Arizona for more information, <u>Stinknet: a Weed Ad-</u> vancing in Southern Arizona. Also,



the Arizona Native Plant Society provides information on Stinknet and many other topics. Pull Stinknet out by the roots and bag it to control it's spread.

#### Relay for Life PRIDES Team Update

As of this publication, our PRIDES Relay for Life Team has raised, \$7,734 for the American Cancer Society. We hit and exceeded our \$5,000 goal! A huge thank you for your generous donations and special thank you to those who helped at the event! Would you still like to contribute? It's not too late, Click here: <u>Donate to the American</u> <u>Cancer Society</u>



#### It's Time to Prune:

Pruning is to selectively remove dead or diseased branches or to "hand" shape. Shearing is not recommended for most plants. March is a good time to prune: Bougainvillea Yellow Bells

Lantana Little John Bottle Brush Fairy Dusters Yellow Bells Orange Bells

NEVER Prune (RAAY) Ruellia, Aloes, Agaves, Yucccas



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#### **Annual Pickleball Drop** for Charity

The SCW Pickleball Club's "All for Charity Ball Drop" will take place on March 7th. PRIDES is a recipient of funds from this charity event. We are grateful to the Pickleball Club for contining to host this wonderful event. Proceeds of tickets benefits several local charitaboe organizations. Tickets are available at the Foundation and at our February Pay Day Meeting. \$10 for one, \$25 for three tickets. When they're gone, they're gone.

## P.S. Plant Swap

- Firesticks available by the office stop by and pick them up
- Wanted one Golden Barrel, Section 7, safago.lisa@gmail.com
- Red Yucca safago.lisa@gmail.com
- Agave macroacantha (7), Bruce Kilbride, BruceK@cox.net •
- Variegated agave (2), Bruce Kilbride, BruceK@cox.net
- Agave Americana or Colorata, Bruce Kilbride, BruceK@cox.net
- Medicinal aloe (2), Bruce Kilbride, BruceK@cox.net

- Agave mysterii (2) (no clue of species), Bruce Kilbride, BruceK@cox.net
- Organ Pipe Cactus (4), Bruce Kilbride, BruceK@cox.net
- Medicinal aloe (1), jimdjones56@gmail.com
- Golden Torch cactus (2), jimdjones56@gmail.com 'Plant Swap' is a platform for posting needed and available plants for PRIDES sections. Monitors, email your 'swaps' or 'wants' to scwprides@gmail.com.

#### **Your Horticulture Committee**

The PRIDES Horticulture Committee is comprised of PRIDES members who have an interest in the landscape needs that exist in the unique micro-climate along our roadways. One of the many responsibilites of this committee includes the managment of an 'Approved Plant List.' You can find this list on our website. The plants on this list are hardy enough to survive blazing sun, extreme heat, and are frost tolerant. Monitors, the form to request new plants for your Section is on the website or click <u>HERE</u>. March is a great time to plant! If you have any questions for this committee please contact our Horticulture Committ

Chairperson, Bruce Kilbride, brucek@cox.net.



Paul and Char Kunze rockin' the PRIDES booth at the ARC car show

#### Your 2022 PRIDES Board Members and Officers President-Gary Schroer

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#### Feb/March Anniversaries **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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	Dave Nylander	9 years
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