

Arizona Blooms

News from Scottsdale Garden Club

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President's Corner | Carol Parrott



Dear Garden Club Members,

It's hard to believe that our last meeting is May 6th. Where did all the time go?

Summer is upon us! The mornings are warm so get out and enjoy them before temperatures are recorded in the hundreds.

Our blooming plants are fading fast. Now's the time to gather seeds. Our beloved Penstemons, Globe Mallow and Brittle Bush offer seeds to share or scatter for next year. Penstemons are ready to harvest when they harden and turn brown. Simply cut the flower stalk, turn the stalk upside down and shake them into a paper bag. You will be rewarded.

Did you know that Mustang Library has a seed exchange program featuring flowers and veggies? You take out seeds and plant them and bring back your own seeds to the library. Check it out, it's free and fun.

See you all in May.

Fondly,
Carol

**For May's Meeting
Deadline to Sign up or Cancel:**

Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 by Noon

Email or Text:

susansalembier14@gmail.com

or 602-743-9133

If you have pre-paid, you must cancel or your account will be charged.

Membership Dues Time

Dues are due at the May meeting and delinquent with a \$5.00 late fee thereafter. (Bylaws, Article V, Sec. 2)

Total dues collected by the club include dues for National Garden Clubs and AFGC.

Active Member dues are: \$30.00

Inactive Member dues are: \$35.00

If you cannot attend the May 6 meeting, please send your dues to:

Susan Salembier, SGC Treasurer

7932 E. San Miguel Avenue

Scottsdale, AZ 85250

May Meeting Preview |

Jeanne Isbell

“Water: Use It Wisely”

Scottsdale Water Conservation Specialist **Bill Casenhiser** will present a program on one of the hottest issues in our state today – water!



Learn what Scottsdale is doing and what we should be doing to conserve this vital resource.

Tablesplaces will be contributed by **DeAnna Twigg**.

Thought for the Day

“A gardener’s shadow is the best fertilizer.”

-Unknown

Upcoming Events

June 2-5, 2024

NGC 2024 Convention

Westin Westminster, Denver, Colorado

August 21-23, 2024

Pacific Region Garden Clubs Convention

Anchorage, Alaska

October 7, 2024

Scottsdale Garden Club Lunch & Meeting

McCormick Ranch Golf Club 11:30 – 3:00

October 23, 2024

AFGC Fall Board of Directors Meeting – 1:00

Valley Garden Center 1809 N 15th Ave

Phoenix, AZ 85007

SGC Participates in Scottsdale’s Earth Fest

Scottsdale Garden Club not only had an educational booth at the 2024 Earth Fest celebration in Cactus Park, Scottsdale on April 20th but also planted a Chinese Elm tree in the park to commemorate Arbor Day.



The event included sustainability-focused, educational booths and family-friendly activities. SGC’s **Susan Salembier** organized the club’s booth which featured information about the importance of bees in the environment. A bee ‘hotel’ raffle prize, created by **DeAnna Twigg**, was awarded to one of the visitors to the booth, **Kim Rezek**, pictured here.



SGC Past President

Sharon Davis presented

the Chinese Elm tree to

the city of Scottsdale in

fulfillment of the club’s

Arbor Day Tree Planting Project. Several SGC

members along with Scottsdale Mayor **David**

Ortega were on hand to help with the

‘planting’.



Mayor Ortega also awarded the city's Sustainable Scottsdale award to Mill, a food waste recycler. And he noted that Scottsdale had received a Certificate of Recognition for its 42nd year as a Tree City USA community.

May Birthdays



Best Wishes to our members with a May Birthday!

Joan Yagoda	May 4
Sally Bradford	May 16
Evie Campbell	May 28

Plant of the Month | Sherry Baer



A Gem of Resilience and Beauty

The Desert Globe Mallow (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*) is a native of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico which can be seen in desert areas and seems to thrive even along Arizona's highways. It comes in many shades of pink, orange, or red but the one I chose for my garden is called 'Orange Crush'. I chose it because I wanted a

plant that was water-wise and which would attract a variety of pollinators, including bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Its desert adaptations include the silvery-gray foliage which reflects sunlight to reduce water loss. It also has a very deep taproot so it can access water deep underground.

Treasurer's Report | Susan Salembier

March 2024

Starting Balances (03/01/24)

Checking/Savings \$5,808.90 / \$6,878.99

INCOME

Dues	30.00	
Table Centerpieces	60.00	
Penny Pines	30.00	
Fundraiser (Net)	2659.01	
Lunches	624.00	
Name Tags	17.00	
<u>Interest on Savings</u>		<u>.01</u>
TOTAL INCOME	3420.01	/ .01

EXPENSES

Arbor Day Tree	300.00
<u>Lunches</u>	<u>1053.41</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	1353.41

Ending Balances (03/31/24)

CD	6,000.00
Checking/Savings	\$7,875.50 / \$879.00

(Includes \$856.42 of Prepaid Lunches)



Meeting Minutes | Carol Parrott

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
April 8, 2024

President **Carol Parrott** called the meeting to order at 12:00.

Birthdays were acknowledged and guests were introduced. The centerpieces were designed by **Judy Shelton**. The blessing was given by **Evie Campbell**.

Luncheon was served from 12:00 – 1:00.

Garden Club member **Sharon Davis** presented a gorgeous “Photo Tour of Keukenhof” Gardens.

March minutes were approved as published.

Susan Salembier gave the Treasurer’s report. She discussed the Arbor Day tree planting event. We saw the charming Bee basket which **DeAnna Twigg** designed for the Arbor Day raffle. Susan invited all to attend on April 20th.

Donations for Penny Pines were collected as were Garden Club dues. Susan reported that we must guarantee the restaurant 25 lunches per meeting. We only had 23 lunches in April therefore the club had to pay \$78. Luckily, the in-house raffle earned \$72.

Jeanne Isbell shared information on the field trip/luncheon at Joan Baron’s studio on March 5th.

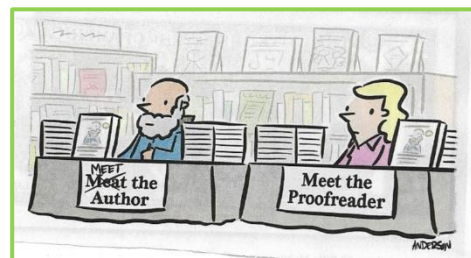
Diane Davis reported on Membership and collected items for our Veteran’s Project.

Diane reported for the FUNdraising committee. Our net profit was \$3,045.26. Diane also collected reservations for the AFGC annual meeting on April 24th.

Judy Kennedy discussed our 2025 Flower Show.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11.

Special Thanks | Sherry Baer



A big THANK YOU to three special people -- the ‘Arizona Blooms’ proofreaders, without whom this newsletter would surely have many more ~~errars~~ errors!

Susan Salembier
Diane Davis
Jo Ellen Waterman

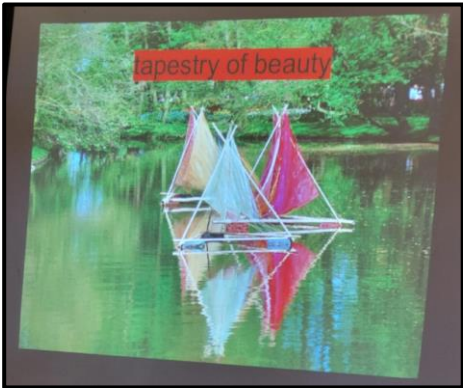


Gallery

April 8, 2024 – “Photo Tour of Keukenhof”



Speaker Sharon Davis Presenting the Photo Tour



Some of Sharon’s Photos of Keukenhof





Jeanne Isbell Celebrated her Birthday on April 29th

April 20, 2024 -Scottsdale Earth Fest



SGC's Booth at Earth Fest

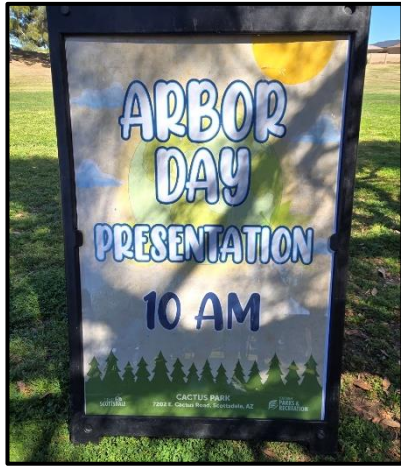


DeAnna Twigg's Raffle Creation



Sharon Davis Presenting the Tree





Susan Salembier Holding Memorial Tree Certificate



Mayor Ortega and SGC Members Planting the Tree

