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President's Corner | Diane Davis



Happy Holidays from our house to yours.

Love,
Diane and Meeah



December Birthdays

Best wishes to these members with December birthdays:



Karen Kelley
Amy Emary
Aurien Preiss
Judy Shelton

December 4
December 26
December 30
December 30

December Meeting Preview |

Carol Parrott



Scottsdale Garden Club Floral Designers **Amy Emary, Rea Heesch, and Mickie Rustad**

will demonstrate how to make a Christmas wreath, a centerpiece, and a seasonal line design.

Tickets will be sold, and the completed designs will be raffled off to benefit our club.

Tablescapes will be provided by **Evie Campbell and Barbara Mlnarik.**

Don't forget that luncheon reservations and cancelations this month are due to the Treasurer, **Karon Quigg**, before November 30th.

Thought for the Day

"It is one world. And it's in our care.

For the first time in the history of humanity, for the first time in 500 million years, one species has the future in the palm of its hand."

— **David Attenborough**

Focus - Veteran Assistance Project | Barbara Mlnarik, Project Leader



Scottsdale Garden Club's Veteran Assistance Project is designed to help homeless men and women veterans in the greater Phoenix area.

Club members support this project by donating personal hygiene items, ideally sample or small size, since most homeless vets live out of a backpack. Members may also contribute socks and basic white tee shirts.

Hygiene kits are created in one-gallon zip lock bags which would include shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.

The bags are delivered to the VA Community Resource and Referral Center in Phoenix. From there they are distributed to the homeless vets living on the streets in our local area.



Volunteer unloading donations.

Donations are accepted during a three-month period every other year.

Contact **Barbara Mlnarik** if you're interested in helping with this project.

Events Coming in December

December 5, 2022 - 10:00 am

Garden Therapy – Acacia Health Center
4555 E Mayo Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85050
Contact Evie Campbell, if interested

AFGC Central/Eastern District Meeting

“Nowhere is water so beautiful as in the desert for nowhere else is it so scarce.” --

Edward Abbey



Guest speaker **Lynne Nemeth** began her presentation on the Boyce Thompson Arboretum's Water Wise Initiative at the Fall AFGC Central / Eastern District meeting with the quote above from Edward Abbey, the American author and environmental activist.

As the Director at the Arboretum since 2019, Lynne has led the organization through some perilous events, including COVID-19, the Telegraph fire, and the Queen Creek flood.

The Arboretum's Water Wise Initiative is its response to the ongoing event of climate change in the Southwest with effects like the temperature rise, microburst storms, flooding, wildfires changing the landscape, reduced snowpack, and on and on.

She noted how important it is that the Arboretum find ways to adapt. The organization is tracking all the plants in its care



and estimates that 30% are threatened by climate changes. Lynne outlined several approaches that the Arboretum is exploring because ultimately adaptation will be essential if the plants, and by extension, mankind is to survive.

December Garden Therapy Project |

Evie Campbell

For our December project with the Acacia



Health Center, residents will be decorating pinecone Christmas trees. Our volunteers are patient, caring and thoughtful with the various residents and their needs.

If you care to join us, contact **Evie Campbell** at 480-313-8701.

AFGC Convention Plans: “People’s Choice Awards” | *Barbara Mlnarik*

The recent AFGC Central / Eastern District meeting was the perfect setting to announce the People’s Choice Awards Contest to be held at AFGC’s annual convention in April.

Those attending the convention lunch will vote on their favorite designs. Four artistic classes will be featured:

- 1 Tray Design “Chuck Wagon Breakfast”
- 2 Photography “My Arizona”
- 3 Horticulture, “Arizona’s Small Treasures”
- 4 Creative Design “Line Dancing”

In addition, a “Best in Show” will also be awarded. Prizes are \$50 for each class and “Best in Show”. Classes are limited to four entries so sign up today.

Contact Barbara for the full contest rules and Good Luck!

November 2022 Meeting Minutes |

Sherry Baer

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
November 7, 2022



President **Diane Davis** called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

She welcomed everyone and asked members who brought guests to introduce them. Diane also recognized members with November birthdays. She asked members to visit the Plant Sale area for some great bargains. She noted that Judy Shelton had been hospitalized briefly but is now home.

Chaplin **Jan Riedel** delivered a blessing and lunch was served.

First Vice-President **Carol Parrott** introduced the speaker, **Linda Larson**, who presented a program on “Potting Up Plants”.

The program was followed by the business meeting.

Recording Secretary **Sherry Baer** asked if there were any changes or additions to the Minutes of October 3, 2022. There were none and the minutes were filed as written. She asked members to send her pictures of their holiday



decorations so they could be put in the December newsletter issue.

Treasurer **Karon Quigg** asked if there were questions about the Treasurer's Report for October 2022. There were none and the Report was accepted as presented. Karon asked anyone interested in purchasing an NGC calendar to see her before the meeting's end. As Project Leader for the Pennies for Pines project, she reminded members to put their contributions in the Pines Jar being passed around.

Charlotte Spiers announced that there were still openings for members to sign up for the Arizona Flower Show Judges Council's "Taking the Mystery Out of Design" program on Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

Diane reminded members of the Arizona Central/Eastern District Meeting on November 15th at the Valley Garden Center. She then asked for a vote on whether to postpone the trip to Boyce Thompson Arboretum until the spring. A majority of the members present agreed to postpone.

Diane asked if there was any new business. Karon reminded members that reservations and cancellations were due to her by the Wednesday before the meetings.

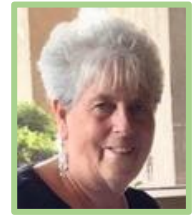
Diane reminded members that the program for the December meeting would be the creation of three holiday designs by members **Mickie Rustad, Amy Emery, and Rea Heesch**. The finished designs will be raffled off at the end of the program.

Diane also announced that the proceeds from the Plant Sale were \$108.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Sherry Baer,
Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report | *Karon Quigg*



As of October 2022

Starting Checking Balance **\$8,961.42**

Income

Luncheons	1,020.00
Centerpieces	40.00
Calendars	36.00
Name Tag	17.00
Dues	30.00
Pennies for Pines	40.00

Total Income **\$1,183.00**

Expenses

Lunches	1,147.33
Yearbooks	357.98
Guest Speaker	25.00
Gift Card for Basket	79.99

Total Expenses **\$1,610.30**

Ending Balance Checking **\$8,534.12**

Starting Savings Balance **\$6,869.53**

Interest 0.05

Ending Savings Balance **\$6,869.58**

Karon Quigg,
Treasurer



Gallery | *Jamie Dick and Susan Salembier, Photographers*

*SGC November 7th Meeting
"Potting Up Plants"*



Speaker Linda Larson with her book, "Potting Up Plants"



Linda delivering her presentation



Karon Quigg with the centerpiece she created



Members' donated plants for sale during the meeting.



AFGC Central / Eastern District Meeting – November 15th



Central District Director Carol Parrott (left)
with Guest Speaker Lynne Nemeth,
Executive Director, Boyce Thompson Arboretum



Above, Presidents of Garden Clubs in the Central and Eastern Districts;
Below, SGC Members in attendance at the District Meeting



SGC Members' Celebrations
Photographs Contributed by Members



Judy Shelton's Two Amaryllis planted together.



Joan Yagoda's cat, Lilly Dumpling, was well positioned to welcome dinner guests. "Lilly is 15 this year and still loves to help."



Some of Sherry Baer's "Christmas in the City" collection



Helen Griller's Welcoming Table



Karon Quigg's great-granddaughters, dressed for the occasion



To kick off the Holiday Season, SGC members Jen Donovan and Susan Salembier attended the SHEMER HONORS *Mayme Kratz* gala on November 18 at the Shemer Art Center. The magnificent centerpieces adorned the *al fresco* dining tables.



Diane Davis' holiday kitchen display.



And finally, Judy Shelton's "An Arizona Christmas!" summed up the mood.

