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President's Corner | Diane Davis



Hello Members,

I hope you are all safe and dry. Such a nice rain we've had in recent days. I had two inches at my house according to my rain gauge.

spot. Send payment to her at 15701 E. Greystone Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. You can also pay her at our January meeting.

I have been busy working in my pot garden with my assistant, Meeah, hoping to have something for the Flower Show.

I want to wish each of you a very Happy New Year and may it bring you both good health and wealth.

Diane

REMINDER: We will be meeting on **January 9th** since New Year's Day is the day before our normal meeting date.

I talked with **Sharon Davis** recently; she is back in Phoenix and will be showing pictures of our last Flower Show for the January program. It will give our new members a chance to see what our shows are like.

SGC members who are on Sharon's committees have been hard at work on the show. Other members are working on the State Convention in April when SGC member Judy Kennedy will become our new state president.

"Taking the Mystery Out of Design", an Arizona Flower Show Judges Council presentation, is happening on Tuesday, January 24. The event, which runs from 10 am to 2 pm, is held at the Valley Garden Center and costs \$35.00 which includes lunch. Contact **Charlotte Spiers** to reserve a

Chaplain Jan Reidel recently learned that the husband of former SGC member **Irene Jensen** has died. **Richard Jensen** passed away on December 6, 2022. Irene is a past-president of both SGC and AFGC.

Thought for the Day

"The New Year stretches before us like an empty patch of ground. So, dig, plant, grow, bloom...." — **Anonymous**

January Meeting Preview |

Carol Parrott

In anticipation of the Club's upcoming flower show in March, **Sharon Davis**, AFGC President 2021-23, Flower Show Judge and fellow Scottsdale Garden Club member, will give a Photo Tour of the SGC's last Flower Show which was held in 2019.



The 2019 Flower Show won an AFGC award which AFGC Past President **Judy Shelton** (on the right below) presented to 2019 Flower Show President **Evie Campbell** in October 2021.



January Tablescapes are being created by **Lenda Sundene** and **Mickie Rustad**.

Don't forget that luncheon reservations and cancelations this month are due to the Treasurer, **Karon Quigg**, before January 2nd, 2023.

New Member Spotlight - *Luann Verhelst*



Luann Verhelst is the newest member of the Scottsdale Garden Club. She grew up in Moline, Illinois, and moved to Arizona in 1985 for a job teaching music.

She's lived in Phoenix for 37 years and loves gardening, especially roses and herb gardens. Making floral arrangements has always been a hobby of hers. That love of gardening came from her parents, who grew dahlias in Illinois. She remembers going to dahlia shows all over the states of Illinois and Iowa!

Luann's other interests include playing piano, traveling, reading, and cooking. She was introduced to the Scottsdale Garden Club by her friend, **Diane Davis**; she and Diane taught together at Papago School for many years.

As for any other things of interest to Luann, she's always up for a fun adventure, and has tried skydiving in Arizona, whitewater rafting in Alaska, zip lining in Costa Rica, and doing Methodist missionary work in the Peruvian Amazon Rainforest.

According to Luann, "Life is precious and I believe you should live it to the fullest!"

Let's all welcome Luann to our Club!



Events Coming in January

January 9, 2023 - 11:30 am
Scottsdale Garden Club Lunch & Meeting
McCormick Ranch Golf Club
Reservations due to Treasurer by Jan. 2

January 13-15, 2023
Maricopa County Home & Garden Show
Arizona State Fair Grounds
Includes Master Gardener Seminars

January 24, 2023 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
“Taking the Mystery Out of Design”
Presented by the Arizona Flower Show
Judges Council
Valley Garden Center, Phoenix
Contact Charlotte Spiers for Information

Design Tip | Amy Emary

Helpful Websites for Floral
Design Supplies

Floral, Craft and Garden
Supplies

www.jamaligarden.com

www.save-on-crafts.com

Dried Plant Materials

www.drieddecor.com

www.curiouscountrycreations.com

Wholesale/Bulk Flowers Online

www.bloomsbythebox.com

www.fiftyflowers.com

Ken Swartz Sculptures

www.bentandtwistedstudio.com

Designer Pottery

www.catalpalanepottery.com

Arizona Protected Native Plants

www.agriculture.az.gov/plantsproduce/native-plants



This “Bears” Another Look

Scottsdale Garden Club may have a contender for the next holiday lawn decoration contest.



Karon Quigg has been decorating her front lawn, roof, and front window for at least 35 years with a bear-theme tribute to military personnel.

Utilizing her collection of 500 small bears and about 25 larger ones, she creates a bright holiday attraction for local families. The display includes seven vehicles painted in military camouflage, with bears or Santa himself at the wheels.

Karon has been collecting bears for many years. Her smallest ones can be seen in her picture window.

Hopefully, it’s not too late to check out her display!



A Gardening Gift for Christmas | Sherry Baer

Look what Santa left for me under the Christmas tree!



Not exactly what I was thinking of when I suggested a gardening-related gift...but I can see that cultivating a garden can take many forms! I'll keep you posted on my progress.

What gardening-inspired things did you find under the tree?

December 2022 Meeting Minutes | Sherry Baer

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
December 5, 2022

President **Diane Davis** called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m.

She welcomed members and asked those members who brought guests to introduce them. Diane recognized those members with December birthdays. She then asked anyone who could help store flower show supplies to contact her.

Chaplain **Jan Riedel** delivered the blessing and lunch was served.

First Vice-President **Carol Parrott** introduced the December program. Three experienced floral designers and members of our club detailed how they had created the holiday decorations on display. **Mickie Rustad** talked about a wreath; **Rea Heesch** discussed a centerpiece; and **Amy Emary** explained a seasonal line design. The decorations were raffled off; proceeds from the raffle were \$120.00.

The program was followed by the business meeting.

Recording Secretary **Sherry Baer** asked if there were any changes or additions to the Minutes of November 7, 2022. There was one correction; the proceeds from the plant sale were \$109.00, not \$108.00. The minutes were filed with this correction.

Treasurer **Karon Quigg** asked if there were questions about the Treasurer's Report for November 2022. There were none and the Report was accepted as presented. Karon announced that NGC had no more calendars in stock and asked that those who had ordered calendars should see her for refunds. She also reminded members to text her if their reservation checks might not get to her before the Tuesday before a meeting.

First Vice-President **Carol Parrott** reminded members that the January program would be "A Photo Tour of Scottsdale Garden Club's 2019 Flower Show". **Sharon Davis** is expected back to "conduct" the tour.



Corresponding Secretary **Jen Donovan** noted several members to whom she has sent cards and encouraged all members to remember these individuals with cards or calls.

Diane introduced a new member, **Luann Verhelst**, and presented her with a floral gift.

Barbara Mlnarik and **Evie Campbell** reported on the People’s Choice Awards Contest to be held at the AFGC Convention in April. They outlined the classes, design rules, and prizes, and encouraged all members to sign up.

Mickie Rustad and **Carol Parrott** explained the design and horticulture classes for SGC’s Standard Flower Show to be held in March. There was a discussion about when the Schedule would be available. Diane announced that she will be sending out the current Schedule to all members shortly.

Diane asked if there was any new business. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

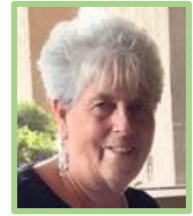
Sherry Baer, Recording Secretary



Treasurer’s Report |

Karon Quigg

As of November 2022



Starting Checking Balance	\$8,534.12
<u>Income</u>	
Luncheons	\$ 888.00
Centerpieces	15.00
Calendars	36.00
Name Tag	17.00
Dues	15.00
Pennies for Pines	15.00
Plant Sale	109.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$1,095.00</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Lunches	1,183.18
Blue Ribbons, Name Tag	16.83
Guest Speaker	25.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$1,225.01</u>
Ending Balance Checking	\$8,404.11
Starting Savings Balance	\$6,869.53
Interest	0.06
Ending Savings Balance	\$6,869.64

Karon Quigg
Treasurer



Gallery | Jamie Dick, Photographer

***SGC December 5th Meeting
"Christmas Floral Design Demonstration"***

Members **Mickie Rustad** (left), **Amy Emery** (middle) and **Rea Heesch** (right) with their floral designs



President **Diane Davis** (right below) welcomed new member **Luann Verhelst**



Members attending the December meeting

