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President's Corner | *Diane Davis*

Dear Ladies,



Let's hope we will get warmer weather so our plants can grow and be ready for "The REEL ARIZONA". It will take a village to pull this off and SGC is the village. We have everything set to go and now we all need to do our part.

Our meeting on March 6th will focus on "Container Gardening." **Sharon Davis**, Flower Show Chair, will also be giving last minute instructions for the flower show: setting up, entering your specimens, filling out cards for your Horticulture entries and finally cleaning up. **Please plan to be at Mustang Library on Sunday, March 12th at 4 o'clock to help us take down the show.**

If you haven't sent in your reservation and payment for the March luncheon, please do so as **Sophia Gawron**, Hospitality Chair, needs to turn in a final count by Wednesday, March 1st. Contact Treasurer **Karon Quigg** to reserve your spot:

Karon Quigg

Also, the ladies will be selling the \$1 raffle tickets for the AFGC Convention for the 50%,

25%, 25% split of the total amount. Two names will be drawn from the tickets for a 25% portion. The more we sell the more you can win!

The AFGC Convention this year is April 14-16 in Tempe. If you haven't signed up, I highly recommend that you do. Besides meeting lots of nice ladies with gardening in common you will hear from wonderful speakers and have access to workshops that will enrich your knowledge of gardening.

Diane

Thought for the Day



May the road rise-up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon
your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

-Traditional Irish Blessing

March Meeting Preview |

Carol Parrott



Our program for March is focused on "Celebrating Container Gardening".

Garden Club members and former AFGC Presidents **Judy Shelton** and **Carol Parrott** will

explore container gardening. It doesn't matter if you live on an acre, a standard lot, or no lot at all, they've got the container garden for you! Learn how to select, plant, and grow herbs, annuals, vegetables, succulents, and cacti in containers or not! Container gardening can perk up the dullest garden adding a splash of color, texture, and intoxicating fragrance wherever needed. Containers are truly the jewelry in a desert garden.

Centerpieces will be provided by **Sherry Baer** and **Sophia Gawron**.

Don't forget that luncheon reservations and cancelations this month are due to the Treasurer, **Karon Quigg**, by March 1, 2023.

March Birthdays

Best wishes to these members with March birthdays:



Jen Donovan	March 6
Jamie Dick	March 10
Sharon Davis	March 13
Anne Lyons	March 20

Upcoming Events

March 1, 2023 – 10:00 am
Garden Therapy
Acacia Health Center at Sagewood
4555 E Mayo Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85050

March 6, 2023 – 11:30 am
Scottsdale Garden Club Lunch & Meeting
McCormick Ranch Golf Club
Reservations due to Treasurer by Jan. 30

March 11-12, 2023
SGC Flower Show "THE REEL ARIZONA"
Mustang Library, Scottsdale, AZ

March 24-26, 2023
NGC Small Flower Show
Yuma Civic Center, Yuma, AZ

New Member Spotlight – Jo Ellen Waterman



New member Jo Waterman is originally from Salina, Kansas though she has lived in Midland, Michigan and in Colorado Springs, Colorado since attending Kansas State University. Since 1989 home base for most of the year is Maple Grove, Minnesota.

Jo admits she is "a true 'snowbird' with a fascination with the desert Southwest since childhood, visiting grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins in New Mexico every summer."

Today, Minnesota is where she says she has "used all the creativity I could muster in gardening and landscaping." She points out that "you don't need an advanced green thumb to grow hostas, begonias, clematis and lilacs" in Minnesota provided you've learned "to deter the deer and bunnies and slugs." She's learned over the years that Colorado favors roses, iris, and raspberries while Kansas is partial to homegrown tomatoes.



Check out the pictures of Jo's Minnesota garden included in this issue's Gallery section on page 7.

Jo's other hobbies include reading, golf, and entertaining friends. And she loves to travel when mini-tours of urban and country gardens are included. She also enjoys more unusual landscapes like the Isle of Skye in Scotland. Her bucket list includes seeing Holland when the tulips are in bloom.

Please take a moment to welcome Jo to the club!

Garden Therapy | Evie Campbell, Project Leader

Our March project with the Acacia Health Center residents will be a special St. Patrick's Day arrangement.



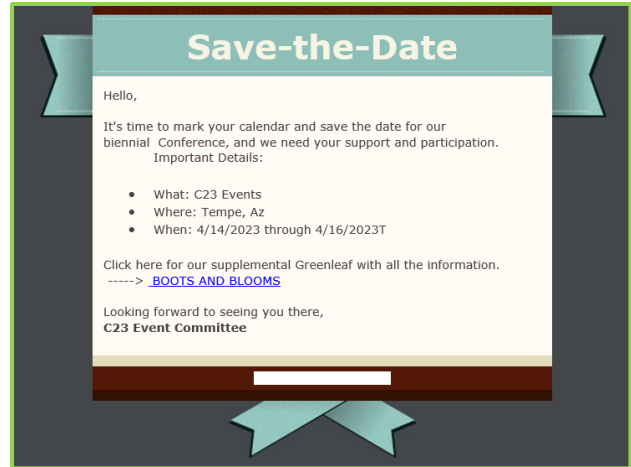
The residents will place their arrangements in their rooms to enjoy throughout the month.



If you would like to join our dedicated team of volunteers, please contact **Evie Campbell**.

AFGC 2023 Convention | April 14 – 16, 2023

Registration for the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs "C23" Convention on April 14 – 16 is online at <https://www.azgardenclubs.com/c23/>.



The Other Flower Show | "The Garden Electric"

What's happening at the same time as "THE REEL ARIZONA"? Well, none other than the Philadelphia Garden Show which will be on display March 4-12.

This year's 'Other Show' is named "The Garden Electric". It attempts to capture the "spark of joy that comes while giving or receiving flowers". The show's displays of colors, shapes, textures, and fragrances evoke the feelings of excitement and celebration. "This year's theme brings the electrifying presence of today's most dynamic designers of floral arrangements, lush gardens, and landscapes to visitors from around the world."

According to the show's sponsor, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, "The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show is both the nation's largest and the world's longest-running horticultural event, featuring stunning displays by premier floral and landscape designers from around the globe. Started in 1829 by the Pennsylvania Horticultural



Society, the Show introduces diverse and sustainable plant varieties and garden and design concepts. In addition to acres of garden displays, the Flower Show hosts esteemed competitions in horticulture and artistic floral arranging, gardening presentations and demonstrations, and special events."

Still, no competition with "THE REEL ARIZONA", which is nearer, recognizes great local talent, features our southwestern horticulture, is free, and most importantly, is OURS.



February 2023 Meeting Minutes | Sherry Baer



McCormick Ranch Golf Club
February 6, 2023

President **Diane Davis** called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

She welcomed members and guests and recognized those members with February birthdays. She then asked members to

introduce their guests. She thanked **Millie Wilson** for the centerpieces.

Chaplain **Jan Reidel** offered the blessing and lunch was served.

Following lunch, Diane introduced a survey which was being passed around, asking members for their preferences for a location for the club's October 2023 to May 2024 meetings. The options were to remain at McCormick Ranch Golf Club or to create an ad-hoc committee to explore other options. Members' surveys were collected and counted; the results were 25 for staying at McCormick Ranch Golf Club and 4 for creating a committee.

Diane announced that she had selected **Barbara Mlnarik** to lead the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of proposed officers for 2023-24 at the March 2023 meeting. Barbara oversaw the nomination and election of the two additional members of the Nominating Committee. **Evie Campbell** nominated **Judy Shelton**; **Jen Donovan** seconded the nomination; Judy was elected. **Helen Griller** nominated **Rea Heesch**; **Karon Quigg** seconded the nomination; Rea was elected.

Diane turned the meeting over to the program leader, **Judy Kennedy**. During the program Flower Show Chair **Sharon Davis** announced that the Schedule was complete and would be distributed electronically by Diane.

Following the program, Recording Secretary **Sherry Baer** asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of January 9, 2023. There were none and the minutes were filed as presented.



Treasurer **Karon Quigg** asked if there were questions about the Treasurer's Report for January 2023. There were none and the Report was accepted as presented. Karon explained how she would like flower show receipts to be documented when presented to her for payment.

Diane asked Second V-P **DeAnna Twigg** to introduce two new members. DeAnna presented flowering plants to new members **Jo Ellen Waterman** and **Nancy Jones**.

AFGC President Elect **Judy Kennedy** encouraged members to sign up for the 2023 Convention "Blooms & Boots". **Barbara Mlnarik** announced that there were still opportunities to participate in the Peoples' Choice Awards Contest to be held at the convention. **Aurien Preiss** reminded members to **bring to the March meeting their contributions for SGC's raffle basket for the convention**. The theme of the basket is "Wine, Dine & Chocolate".

Diane adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

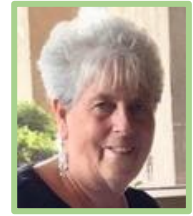
Sherry Baer,
Recording Secretary



Treasurer's Report |

Karon Quigg

As of January 2023



Starting Checking Balance **\$9,127.88**

Income

Luncheons	\$ 646.00
Centerpieces	30.00
Pennies for Pines	40.00
Dues	15.00
Name Tag	17.00

Total Income **\$ 748.00**

Expenses

Lunches	\$ 1,111.47
L. Samuels calendar refund	12.00
New Member Gifts	10.96
AFGC New Members	25.00
Ink for Treasurer's Printer	40.00

Total Expenses **\$1,199.43**

Ending Balance Checking **\$8,676.45**

Starting Savings Balance **\$6,870.01**

Interest 0.88

Ending Savings Balance **\$6,870.89**

Karon Quigg,

Treasurer



Gallery | *Jamie Dick, Jo Waterman, and Karon Quigg, Photographers*

*SGC February 6th Meeting
"Flower Show Design Demonstration"*



Christine Wolf, tray design



Judy Kennedy, creative design



Nominating Committee

Judy Shelton, Barbara Mllnarik (Chair) & Rea Heesch



From left, 2nd VP DeAnna Twigg, New Members

Jo Waterman, Nancy Jones, Pres. Diane Davis



New Member Jo Waterman's Minnesota Garden

A colorful garden bed



A clematis growing on a custom trellis



Two views from Karon Quigg's front door on the same day, quite a contrast!

