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President's Corner | Diane Davis



Dear Ladies,

The village came out and put on an astounding flower show. Special thanks to **Sharon** and all

her chairmen in organizing "The REEL ARIZONA."

Hard to believe Easter is just around the corner. My board is getting ready to turn over their materials to the new board.

Congratulations to the new board members. I know with such wonderful leadership we will have an exciting time in the next two years. Some of you will be leaving in April for the summer and I wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Please, if you have any bills, mail them to **Karon Quigg** (see Yearbook for address) and don't forget to send your money for lunch in April. We will also start collecting for dues (\$30.00) for next year. We hope to have all the dues paid by April so Karon can have the books ready for audit.

Our April program is "Setting up your Roses for a Spectacular Year" by **Steve Sheard**, Master Rosarian with the American Rose Society.

I will be sending out a notice to any who can join us the first Monday of each month, except July when we'll meet the second Monday, for lunch at McCormick Ranch. We'll meet in the regular dining room to have lunch and get to know each other better.

Hope to see everyone at the April meeting.

And, finally, **Amy Emery** and **Rea Heesch** ask members to please bring any staging materials from the flower show to the April meeting.

Diane

Thought for the Day

"Of all flowers, methinks a rose is best." –



William Shakespeare
The Two Noble Kinsmen

Breaking News - New Officers Elected for Scottsdale Garden Club

The slate of officers for 2023-25 presented by the Nominating Committee led by **Barbara Mlnarik** were duly elected at the March 6, 2023 meeting.

The new board will consist of:

Carol Parrott, President

Jeanne Isbell, 1st Vice-President

DeAnna Twigg, 2nd Vice-President

Susan Salembier, Treasurer
Barbie Dimuria, Recording Secretary
Jen Donovan, Corresponding Secretary

Installation of the new officers is scheduled for the May 1, 2023 meeting.

Besides Chair **Barbara Mlnarik**, the Nominating Committee also included **Rea Heesch** and **Judy Shelton**. Thanks to the full Committee for their work.

Congratulations to the 2023-25 Officers!

April Meeting Preview |

Carol Parrott



“Setting Up Your Roses for a Spectacular Year” is the title of our program for April.

Special guest presenter **Steve Sheard** is a Master Consulting Rosarian with the American Rose Society and a member of the Mesa East Valley Rose Society, Arizona Rare Fruit Growers, and the Tempe Garden Club.

Steve will share his knowledge of roses and their care, and voila! “Everything will be coming up Roses” in our gardens next spring.

Centerpieces will be provided by **DeAnna Twigg**.

Please, don't forget that luncheon reservations and cancellations this month are due to the Treasurer, **Karon Quigg**, by March 29, 2023.

April Birthdays

Best wishes to our only member with an April birthday!



Jeanne Isbell

April 29

Upcoming Events

April 3, 2023 – 11:30 am

Scottsdale Garden Club Lunch & Meeting
McCormick Ranch Golf Club

Reservations due to Treasurer by March 29

April 5, 2023 – 10:00 am

Garden Therapy
Acacia Health Center at Sagewood
4555 E Mayo Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85050

April 14, 2023

AFGC Spring Exec. Board Meeting – 10:30
AFGC Spring Board of Directors Mtg – 1:00
Doubletree by Hilton Tempe
2100 S Priest Drive, Tempe, AZ

April 14-16, 2023

AFGC Convention “Blooms & Boots”
Doubletree by Hilton Tempe
2100 S Priest Drive, Tempe, AZ

New Member Spotlight -

Nancy Jones



New member **Nancy Jones** grew up in Massachusetts, north of Boston, and spent every summer on Cape Cod.

She met her husband while studying pediatric nursing at Boston College. Nancy eventually



ran a Visiting Nurse Agency, was a founding member of a Hospice, and supervised 40 Health Clinics in a school system.

She became interested in gardening when she and her husband bought their first home on the South Shore of Massachusetts. She joined her first garden club while in her twenties and has been enthralled with gardening and flower arranging ever since. She lived in Duxbury, MA and Fairfield, CT before moving to Cape Cod when her husband was retired. Since 2008 they've spent winters in Arizona.

When on Cape Cod Nancy makes Nantucket Baskets, plays golf, and is in several book clubs. She's also Co-Chair of the Flower Committee at her golf club, helping to make weekly flower arrangements for the club tables and entry areas. And she is a member of two garden clubs on the Cape and has a beautiful garden (see below and in the Gallery on page 9).

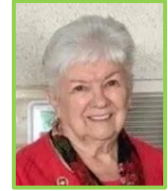


It was through one of the clubs on Cape Cod that Nancy met **Sharon Davis**. Realizing that Sharon also spent time in Scottsdale, she contacted her and was invited as her guest at a Scottsdale Garden Club meeting.

Please welcome Nancy to our club!

Garden Therapy | *Evie Campbell,* *Project Leader*

Our April project with the Acacia Health Center residents will be a 6-inch grapevine wreath decorated with an Easter theme. The residents will place their wreaths in their rooms to enjoy throughout the month.



This is our last project for the year and my last project as chairman. I want to thank the Scottsdale Club members who have been soooooo helpful with all the projects this year – **Diane Davis,**

Sherry Baer, Barbara Dimuria, Helen Griller, Elaine Gunderson, and Judy Shelton.

Would anyone like to be chairman of this project next year? Let me know!

**See you at the AFGC 2023
Convention! | April 14 – 16, 2023**

**AFGC Convention 2023
BLOOMS AND BOOTS**



Flower Show Recap | Sharon Davis

“The REEL ARIZONA”



You were my dream team, and my dreams came true. My deepest thanks to each of you for your part in planning and executing the most exceptional flower show.

Starting with the staging, which was once again masterfully done by **Rea Heesch** and **Amy Emery** along with a host of others who pitched in on Friday to get everything set up. A monumental job for sure.

The actual projector and old reels were the perfect touch, and **Evie Campbell's** signage captured the show's title perfectly and offered guidance to visitors on what each of the sections were about. We had so many outside visitors, thanks to **Sherry Baer's** outstanding publicity effort, and all of the visitors were very impressed with the quality of all of the exhibits. **Jen Donovan** and her crew enlightened our guests about flower shows in general and our club, which hopefully will lead to some new members.

Clearly our club members outdid themselves with their exhibits. Thanks to **Mickie Rustad** for enlisting the Design entrants, and to **Christine Morgan** for giving guidance to placement, to **Barbara Mlnarik** and **Millie Wilson** for leading the Botanical Arts division, and to **Lucy Samuels** for chairing the Educational Exhibits. Your help was invaluable to entrants as they sought guidance throughout the process from conception to execution of these wonderful exhibits.

We had 89 entries in the Horticultural Division despite a cold, wet winter and all the plant combinations and dish gardens were outstanding. A huge shout out to **Carol Parrott**, **Jamie Dick**, and **Judy Shelton** for making sure all the entry cards were done properly and to all who helped to get all the entries into the right classes and on the right tables!

Given the long deliberations of the judges, we know it was difficult to distinguish which exhibit should receive which ribbon. My thanks to **Judy Kennedy** for chairing that effort, and to **Helen Griller** and **Diane Davis** for a lovely breakfast spread for the judges and snacks and goodies for our members throughout the weekend. Thanks to **Lenda Sundene** for organizing the Awards, and to **Susan Salembier** who did an outstanding job of training and working with the clerks, most of whom were new to the experience, including Susan, who did a yeoman's duty in compiling all of the data so we can announce at our next meeting who got what.

And what about those wonderful first grade entries in the Youth Division? They were so creative and well cared for — I loved all of them! Thanks so much to **Aurien Preiss** for organizing this — again! — with the Cochise teachers. These tiny gardeners are the future of our planet. I saw one young gardener next to his tomato plant having his photo taken by his parents. How cute is that? I hope he has the best, biggest tomatoes ever from that plant.

And I learned that we received 95+ for the overall show, which will allow us to submit the show for an AFGC Award and possibly a national NGC award. A clear indication of a



high-quality show on all levels. ALL thanks to all of YOU!

Karon Quigg now has the job of figuring out if we made our budget goal. Thanks, Karon.

Now that it is over, I hope all of you had a chance to put up your feet on Monday (ha!) and relax.

You are the best.

March 2023 Meeting Minutes |

Sherry Baer



McCormick Ranch Golf Club
March 6, 2023

President **Diane Davis** called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Diane welcomed members and guests. She reminded members to get reservations to Treasurer **Karon Quigg** before the Wednesday before a meeting. She thanked **Sophia Gawron** and **Sherry Baer** for the centerpieces.

Chaplain **Jan Reidel** offered the blessing.

Diane asked for donations to Pennies for Pines and recognized those members with March birthdays.

Lunch was served.

Following lunch, Diane introduced **Carol Parrott** and **Judy Shelton** who presented a

program on “Celebrating Container Gardening”.

Following the program, Diane began the business meeting.

Recording Secretary **Sherry Baer** asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of February 6, 2023. There were none and the minutes were filed as presented.

Substituting for Treasurer **Karon Quigg**, Diane asked if there were questions about the Treasurer’s Report for February 2023. **Jen Donovan** asked for clarification as to why income for the luncheon was less than the expense recorded. Diane explained that this was because some members paid for their lunches in advance. There were no other questions and the Treasurer’s Report was accepted as presented.

Diane introduced **Barbara Mlnarik**, Nominating Committee Chair. Barbara thanked the other members of her committee, **Rea Heesch** and **Judy Shelton**. She presented the Nominating Committee’s slate of officers for 2023-25. They are:

Carol Parrott, President;
Jeanne Isbell, 1st Vice-President;
DeAnna Twigg, 2nd Vice-President;
Susan Salembier, Treasurer;
Barbie Dimuria, Recording Secretary;
and **Jen Donovan**, Corresponding Secretary.

Barbara moved that the slate of officers for 2023-2025 proposed by the Nominating Committee be accepted. **Sharon Davis** seconded the motion. The motion passed.



AFGC President Elect **Judy Kennedy** encouraged members to sign up for the AFGC 2023 Convention in April.

SGC Flower Show Chair **Sharon Davis** led a general discussion of flower show issues and requested all members to help take down the show on Sunday afternoon, March 12.

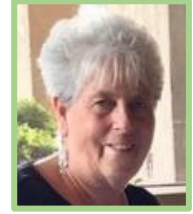
Arbor Day Project Chair **Susan Salembier** announced plans to participate in the Scottsdale City Arbor Day on April 28th by planting a tree. **Amy Emary** moved that up to \$400 be approved for an Arbor Day tree. **Carol Parrott** seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Diane adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Sherry Baer,
Recording Secretary



Treasurer's Report | Karon Quigg



As of February 2023

Starting Balance Checking	\$8,676.45
<u>Income</u>	
Luncheons	\$ 935.00
Centerpieces	30.00
Pennies for Pines	32.00
Fund Raiser – Buff's Items	182.00
Total Income	\$ 1,179.00

<u>Expenses</u>	
Lunches	\$ 1,121.83
D Davis Ribbons Awards	31.49
New Member	16.54
D Davis Convention	185.00
A Preiss Flower Show	79.09
E Campbell Brochures	159.86
A Emary Flower Show	450.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,043.81

Ending Balance Checking	\$7,811.64
Starting Balance Savings	\$6,870.89
Interest	0.87
Ending Balance Savings	\$6,871.76

Karon Quigg,
Treasurer



Gallery | Jamie Dick and Nancy Jones, Photographers

***SGC March 6th Meeting
"Celebrating Container Gardening"***



Program Presenters Carol Parrott (left) and Judy Shelton



**Nominating Committee
Judy Shelton, Barbara Mlnarik (Chair) & Rea Heesch**





President **Diane Davis** (left)
with **Barbara Mlnarik**



Flower Show Chair **Sharon Davis**



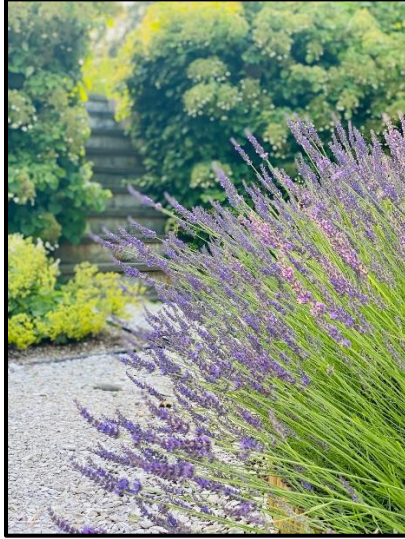
Jen Donovan celebrated her birthday
on the day of the meeting



Member **Rea Heesch** with her guest



New Member Nancy Jones' Beautiful Cape Cod Garden



*“The REEL ARIZONA” – March 11-12, 2023 at the Mustang Library
The flower show featured five divisions and many classes, exhibitions and awards. Here’s some representatives from each division. See more pictures at the [SGC’s website](#).*

Formal Opening on Saturday, March 11, 2023
From left, Flower Show Chair **Sharon Davis**, SGC President **Diane Davis**,
and Mustang Branch Manager **Medina Zink**



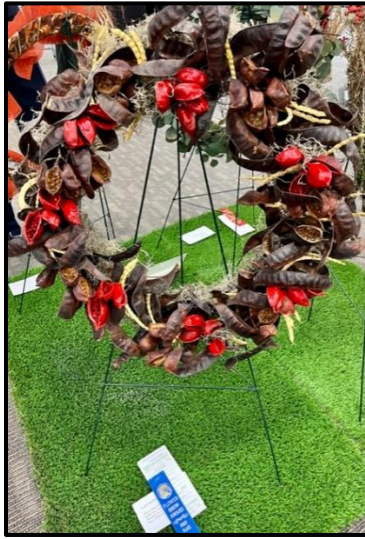
Division I – Horticulture



Division II – Design



Division III – Botanical Arts



Division IV – Education



Division V – Youth

