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President's Corner | Diane Davis



Hello ladies,

Well, it is time for my last President's Corner. It seems like yesterday I was preparing for my first

meeting as President and now it is my last. I want to thank you all for your support and love over the last two years.

The AFGC Convention was fantastic; we had a great time. Those members who received state awards, I would ask you to please take a picture of it and send it to Jamie Dick so she can add it to our book. I think you should have the certificates you earned and this way you can keep them.

Please remember if you have any medication or medical equipment you no longer need, bring it to the May meeting. **Evie Campbell** will see that it is sent to the missions in Mexico. Also, **Judy Shelton** will collect your used glasses, hearing aids and cell phones for the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Start saving your hygiene items for our veterans who live on the streets in Phoenix as well.

You have elected a wonderful new Board who will do a great job.

This summer we will continue our tradition of meeting monthly for a casual lunch at McCormick Ranch in the main dining room;

mark your calendar: Monday June 5th, July 10th, August 7th, and September 11th. No reservations needed, just show up; participants order and pay individually. We had lots of fun last summer getting to know each other better and, yes, I will send out a reminder closer to each date.

Please send your 2023-24 dues (\$30.00) and your lunch for May (\$36.00) to **Karon Quigg** if you haven't yet. RSVP due by April 24th.

I will be honoring all past presidents of SGC this month so if you can't make it, please let me know. (602-339-0603)

See you soon,
Diane



Thought for the Day

"Your garden is your personal outdoor world that you co-created with nature."

Jan Johnsen

Gardentopia – Design Basics for
Creating Beautiful Outdoor Spaces

May Meeting Preview |

Carol Parrott



Our May meeting will highlight “Plants for Birds (and People)” as well as the installation of our 2023-2025 officers by AFGC Past-President Judy Shelton.

Cory Lycopulus will be our guest presenter on plants to attract birds. Cory is an environmental and science informal educator, photographer, and visual communicator. He currently works for Audubon Southwest.

A graduate of Arizona State University with a BS in Applied Biological Sciences and of Scottsdale Community College with a AAS in Visual Communication, Cory is currently enrolled at ASU studying for a BFA in Digital Photography.

At the May meeting he will explore why native plants are critical to Arizona’s birds and how to select the right plant for the right place.

Come learn how to make your garden a haven for birds.

Installation of the new officers will follow the program. The 2023-25 officers are:

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

Centerpieces for the May meeting will be provided by **Judy Shelton**.

Please, don’t forget that luncheon reservations and cancellations this month are due to the Treasurer, **Karon Quigg**, by April 24, 2023.

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to members with May birthdays!



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| Rea Heesch | May 1 |
| Joan Yagoda | May 4 |
| Sally Bradford | May 16 |
| Evie Campbell | May 28 |

And Summer Birthdays

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| Mickie Rustad | June 6 |
| Dawn Walter | June 7 |
| Jo Waterman | June 10 |

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| Charlotte Spiers | July 3 |
| Nancy Jones | July 14 |
| Luann Verhelst | July 15 |
| Barbara Mlnarik | July 23 |
| Helen Griller | July 28 |
| Sherry Baer | July 29 |

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| Kris Richter | August 21 |
| Barbie Dimuria | August 22 |
| Sophia Gawron | August 26 |

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| Christine Wolf | September 11 |
| Millie Wilson | September 12 |
| Lucy Samuels | September 16 |
| Susan Salembier | September 23 |



Upcoming Events

April 28, 2023 – 8:00 am

Arbor Day Tree Planting
Chaparral Park
5401 N Hayden Rd and Chaparral

April 29, 2023 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Prescott's Festival of Iris
Stoneridge Community Center
Prescott, AZ (See flyer below)

May 1, 2023 – 11:30 am

Scottsdale Garden Club Lunch & Meeting
McCormick Ranch Golf Club
Reservations due to Treasurer by April 24

May 5-7, 2023

Maricopa County Home & Garden Show
Westworld of Scottsdale

KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOR 2023
Prescott's Festival of Iris
Saturday, April 29
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Stoneridge Community Center
1300 Stoneridge Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ



- View iris blooms and floral arrangements
- Vote for your favorite iris
- Watch an iris planting demonstration
- Memberships available
- Purchase potted iris

Proceeds support Yavapai College scholarships and local food banks.

Visit our website <http://prescottirissociety.org/>
Follow us 



Arbor Day Tree Planting | Susan Salembier

All SGC members (and your friends and family) are invited to the Scottsdale's Arbor Day Celebration when a Red Push Pistache tree donated by YOU—the Scottsdale Garden Club--will be planted at Chaparral Park.

Please come out in support of our mission of beautifying our community!

Date: **Friday, April 28, 2023**

Where: **Chaparral Park, 5401 N. Hayden Road and Chaparral** (South end of the lake; enter the south driveway on Chaparral).

Time: **8 am**

A celebration of Scottsdale's 41st year as a Tree City USA, the program will include remarks by SGC President **Diane Davis**.

Here is a link to details about all the City's fun and informative Earth Week activities:

<https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/sustainable-scottsdale/earth-week-2023-events>

BREAKFAST ANYONE?

After the ceremonies, we can re-convene at a nearby eatery for coffee/breakfast.

Choices are:

Randy's Restaurant (7904 E. Chaparral Rd)—very family/casual style, 1 block from the park.

OR

Luci's at the Grove (7400 N. Via Paseo Del Sur), more up-scale food and beverages a couple miles north.



We can decide which restaurant that morning.

Hope to see you Friday, April 28!



AFGC 2023 Convention Highlights | April 14 – 16, 2023



The AFGC 2023 Convention (C23) offered something for every garden club member.

Friday’s highlights included a fun Leadership Workshop led by Pacific Region Past-president **Robin Pokorski** and a Western Heritage Dinner and with Line Dancing

instruction. Garden Club members are certainly multi-talented!

Saturday offered presentations on Arizona’s water situation and its long history with agaves. But, of course, the day was topped off with the evening Gala which featured Keynote Speaker **Mary Warshauer**, NGC President, who was introduced by AFGC 2021-2023 President and SGC member **Sharon Davis**. President Warshauer installed AFGC’s 2023-25 officers including Scottsdale Garden Club members **Judy Kennedy** and **Lenda Sundene** as the new AFGC President and Recording Secretary respectively.

SGC member **Lucy Samuels** presented AFGC’s 2023 Awards. SGC received a first-place award for its Yearbook led by **Diane Davis** and **Sherry Baer**; SGC also received Civic Achievement Awards for our Arbor Day Tree Planting led by **Susan Salembier** and for Garden Therapy led by **Evie Campbell**. Presidential Citations were given to SGC members **Judy Shelton**, **Jamie Dick**, and **Sherry Baer**.

Sunday saw SGC President **Diane Davis** present the Inspiration before brunch. New AFGC President **Judy Kennedy** recognized the C23 Committee which included many SGC members. (See below.)



People's Choice Award winners were announced by SGC members **Barbara Mlnarik** and **Evie Campbell**. Our own **Mickie Rustad** was the top People's Choice winner! Her winning entry is pictured on the right.



Other SGC members who were People's Choice winners were **Barbara Mlnarik** for her succulents and **Judy Shelton** for her tray.

Over the 3-day period there were presentations and educational sessions on Living Soil (Worms), Pollinator Pathways, Wicking Garden Beds, Identifying Native Species, Rose Grafting, and a Floral Design Workshop.

The convention also included tours of a Xeriscape Demo Garden, ASU's Natural History Collection, an Herb & Demonstration Garden, the Mesa Community College Rose Garden, and a Native Species Hike.

Truly, there was something for every gardening and floral design enthusiast.



SGC Members at the AFGC 2023 Convention with NGC President **Mary Warshauer** (seated, 3rd from left)

More pictures on SGC's website. Click [here](#).

April 2023 Meeting Minutes | *Sherry Baer*

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
April 3, 2023

President **Diane Davis** called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

Diane welcomed members and asked those who brought guests to introduce them. She recognized **Jeanne Isbell's** April birthday.

Susan Salembier, Project Leader for the Arbor Day Tree Planting Project, announced the plan to participate in Scottsdale's Earth Week by contributing a tree for Chaparral Park. The planting will take place at 8 a.m., April 28.

Chaplain **Jan Reidel** delivered a blessing and lunch was served.

Following lunch, First V-P **Carol Parrott** introduced special guest **Steve Sheard** who presented a program on "Setting Up Your Roses for a Spectacular Year".

Following the program, Diane began the business meeting.

Recording Secretary **Sherry Baer** asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of March 6, 2023, as published in the April issue of the club newsletter. There were none and the minutes were filed as presented.

Treasurer **Karon Quigg** asked if there were questions about the Treasurer's Report for March 2023. There were no questions and the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. **Evie Campbell**, Project Leader for the State Life Membership Project, presented State Life



Membership certificates and pins to **Karon Quigg** and **Sherry Baer**. She explained that the purchase of Life Memberships in the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs goes toward the AFGC's Scholarship Fund.

Sharon Davis, Flower Show Chairman, announced the names of the grand prize winners; she also announced that the Show would be put forward for consideration for State and National recognition.

Jeanne Isbell, 2023-2025 First Vice-President, distributed a list of possible program topics and asked members to add their comments and other suggestions and return the list before leaving today.

Judy Kennedy, President-Elect of AFGC, encouraged all members to register for the 2023 Convention. Judy also asked if SGC would contribute centerpieces for the Convention Sunday Brunch. **Jen Donovan** made a motion to approve \$200.00 for the centerpieces. **Jamie Dick** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Diane reminded any member who will not be at the May meeting and who would like to contribute to a tip fund for the McCormick Ranch wait staff to do so today before leaving.

Carol Parrott as President-Elect for 2023-2025 asked for volunteers to lead several Projects and Standing Committees, including Projects 'Veteran Assistance' and 'Garden Therapy', and Standing Committees 'Historian', 'Design' and 'Awards'.

Diane adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Sherry Baer, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report | Karon Quigg

As of March 2023

Starting Balance Checking \$7,804.64

Income

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| Luncheons | \$ 821.00 |
| Centerpieces | 30.00 |
| Pennies for Pines | 63.00 |
| AFGC Fund Raiser | 180.00 |

Total Income \$ 1,094.00

Expenses

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| Lunches | \$ 1,128.83 |
| Printer Ink | 40.50 |
| Past Pres. Pin | 46.00 |
| AFGC Fundraiser | 180.00 |
| Garden Therapy | 264.65 |
| AFGC Scholarship Fund | 128.00 |
| AFGC New Membership | 37.50 |

Subtotal \$ 1,825.48

Flower Show Expenses

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| Table Rentals | 459.12 |
| Brunch (Food) for Judges | 70.26 |
| Lunch for Judges | 299.30 |
| Supplies | 143.78 |
| Staging | 82.50 |
| Brunch (Coffee, Supplies) | 74.40 |
| Staging Supplies | 54.45 |
| Publicity | 30.00 |
| Gifts for Judges | 126.50 |
| Awards | 186.65 |

Subtotal – Flower Show \$1,526.96

Total Expenses \$ 3,352.44

Ending Balance Checking \$ 5,546.20

Starting Balance Savings \$6,871.76

Interest 0.79

Ending Balance Savings \$6,872.55

Karon Quigg, Treasurer



Gallery | *Jamie Dick, Photographer*

*SGC April 3rd Meeting
"Rose Gardening"*



From the left: Diane Davis, Speaker
Steve Sheard, & Carol Parrott



Centerpiece by DeAnna Twig



Flower Show Chair Sharon Davis (3rd from left)
with Flower Show ribbon winners



Garden Therapy Participants



State Life Membership Chair Evie Campbell (center)
awarded Memberships to Sherry Baer (left)
and Karon Quigg



SGC Members Listening to Guest Speaker Steve Sheard

