



From the Horticulture Team

March is a great time to prune these plants.:
Lantana, Bougainvillea, Little John Bottle Brush,
Natal Plum, Fairy Dusters (it may be too late if they
are in full bloom), Yellow Bells, and Orange Bells.

Pruning is not shearing. Pruning means to take off
individual branches or shoots to shape the plant but
keep it looking natural. Also to remove any woody
or dead branches.

Never prune a plant that is blooming.

For more information on pruning timing, [click
here.](#)

Never prune agaves, yuccas, or aloes.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy 40th Anniversary PRIDES.

Enjoy the festivities on Friday.

Thanks to all, be safe and healthy!

Gary Schrorer
President



The Relay for Life of the Sun Cities had a record breaking year by collecting over \$62,000 for the American Cancer Society. The event, lead by our very own Marilynn Shaw, has become a valued event for the American Cancer Society. On February 19th, at Beardsley Park, the community came together to celebrate cancer survivors, thank caregivers, and remember loved ones. Thank you to our PRIDES Team and many donors including; Peoria Nissan, Sun Canyon Bank, Marilynn Shaw, Peggy Joynson, Carrie Crary, Debbie Gross, Linda Johnson, Anna Grilli, Sylvia Harvey, Connie Struempf, Alana Massey, Ann Johnson, Carol Fuller, De'Nae Stafne, LouAnn Covi, Marilyn Schmidgall, Nancy Light, Richard Barrett, Sharon Hamilton, Susan Henness, Trisha Mohr, Nancy Kopycinski, Alana Massey, Colleen Patterson, Frances Henne, Kaaren Gann, Kathy VanderJack, Pam Sievers, Shari Brusse, Tammy Cole, Wendy Ven-ske, Arlene Long, Mary Ecord, Ruth Radcliffe, Jeanne Pribnow, Judy Zimmer, Julie Gholston, Leone Gholston, Sheri Gingerich, Susan Polizzi, Sherri Collings, Sherrie Chevron, William Abare, William Armstrong, Jeannie Moss, Mike Safago, & Ralph Johnson plus many unnamed donors. Thank You!

March Payday Bashes' Donuts
THANK YOU!
Bob's Variety

March Schedule

March 4 - Work Day

March 11 - Work Day

March 18 - Work Day & Pay Day!

March 25 - Work Day

April Schedule

April 1 - Work Day

April 8 - No Work - Happy Easter

April 15 - Work Day & Pay Day!

April 22 - Work Day

April 29 - Work Day



Our 2023 Gleaning Crew
Thank you, Tom Jones and Crew

Monitor's Corner

Now is the time to begin planning for spring planting. Plant request sheets are available in the garage.

- Use the plants which are found in our Approved Plant List
- Be sure you have the correct amount of space for the *mature* size of the plant. By considering the mature plant size you will not have to do unnecessary pruning to keep the plant unnaturally small.
- Check the location you are planning to plant. Is there working irrigation? If not contact Mike Radtke. Plants should NEVER be planted where there is not irrigation. Most plants simply cannot survive the summer without supplemental water.
- Planting should begin by March 18. We will switch to the summer watering program at that time so newly installed plants will have more frequent water.

Plant of the Month

Valentine Emu Bush

Eremophila maculata 'Valentine'



The Valentine Emu Bush will grow to 4 ft. high by 5 ft. wide and produces red tubular flowers from winter to early spring. The leaves are tinged red in winter. This is an excellent choice for our medians or home landscaping that needs some winter color. It has showy red-rose blooms that cover the foliage, is hardy to 15 degrees, is extremely drought tolerant, and does well in full sun.



We have formed a new Tuesday morning crew. This crew will work Section 10, which is 135th from Meeker to Deer Valley. Would you like to work on Tuesday's instead of, or in addition to, Saturday's? Please contact Tom Jones or Suzanne Jones.

Suzanne will be the Monitor of Section 10. Please contact Suzanne or Tom ASAP with your interest.

Suzanne: sjmicrosmith@aol.com, 623-764-3163

Tom: transportationdr@aol.com, 503-887-3430

March Anniversaries CONGRATULATIONS!

John Anderson	4 years
Joni Anderson	4 Years
Sue Bubiltz	4 Years
Marybeth Dougherty	3 Years
Leslie Eiler	4 Years
Michael Galarza	3 Years
Earl Jaycox	1 Year
Eileen Kilsdonk	5 Years
Paul Kunze	18 Years
Debby Phillips	1 Year
Dan Reeser	11 Years
Harlod Rud	3 Years
Lynda Rud	3 Years
Earl Thomas	9 Years

Valentine Emu Bush continued...

Plant the Valentine bush in well drained soil and allow to dry out between watering. Plant in a space that needs winter color. It will be a striking contrast to other desert plants.

When this plant is given room to spread and grow to its mature size it will not require pruning and will be spectacular in winter. A light shearing in late spring, after blooming, will increase blooms since flowering will appear on new tip growth. For more information about this plant and other varieties of Eremophila, [click here](#).

Your 2023 PRIDES Board Members and Officers

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PRIDES 40th Anniversary Celebration



FRIDAY! March 3

**Parade 11 AM
Open House 12 - 3 PM**

**Tell your Friends and Neighbors
All are Welcome!**



You're Invited!

Thank You for Your Service!

Friday, March 3rd

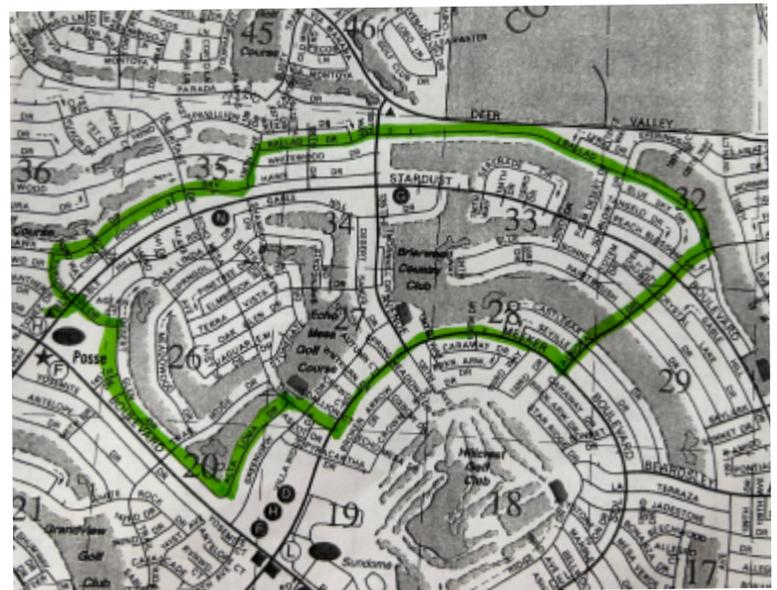
Happy Hour at 4:00 - Dinner at 5:00

Beardsley Park Ramadas 1, 2, 3, & 4

This is a BYOB Event. Water provided.

Be sure to wear your Name Tag & YOUR ORANGE

Looking forward to seeing you at our Bar-B-Que.



40th Anniversary Parade Route

- Vehicles will exit the Helping Hands/PRIDES parking lot, turning left onto Stardust Blvd.
- Parade will turn right onto Yukon Drive.
- Parade will turn right onto Desert Glenn Drive.
- Parade will turn right onto Echo Mesa Drive.
- Parade will turn left onto Meeker Blvd.
- Parade will turn left onto Aurora Avenue.
- Parade will turn left onto Ballard Drive.
- Parade will turn left onto 138th Ave.
- Parade will turn right onto Sky Hawk Drive.
- Parade will turn left onto 143rd Drive.
- Parade will turn right onto Stardust Blvd.
- PRIDES Vehicles will return to the Helping Hands/SCW PRIDES Parking Lot and vehicles from other organizations will depart the area.