

# Arizona Blooms



## News from Scottsdale Garden Club

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### President's Corner |

*Diane Davis*

Just a quick note about our summer get-togethers. We met at the McCormick Ranch Restaurant dining

room instead of our secluded meeting room, sometimes joining many tables together. These summer lunches were on the first Monday of June through August and then, in September because of Labor Day, we met on Wednesday, the seventh. The September 7<sup>th</sup> attendees are pictured below.



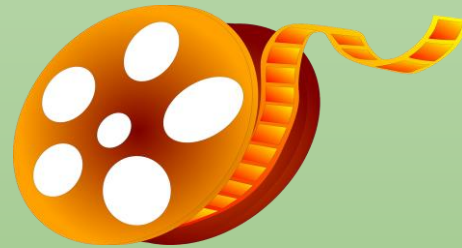
Those who attended had fun getting to know each other better and sharing their many interests. In addition to members, we also had three prospective members join us for lunch.

We hope to continue this during future break periods and maybe, if you are in town, you can join us too.

Diane



### Save the Date:



**The Reel Arizona**, an NGC Standard Flower Show, March 11-12, 2023 at the Mustang Library, presented by Scottsdale Garden Club.

### Thought for the Day

“In the past, we have asked one thing of our gardens: that they be pretty. Now they have to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators and manage water.”

— **Doug Tallamy**, Professor, Author, and Co-founder of [Home Grown National Park](https://www.homegrownationalpark.org/)

### October Meeting

**Preview | Carol Parrott**



Our October meeting will feature **Gail Morris** who is the Coordinator of the Southwest Monarch Study. The study is researching the migration and breeding patterns of the monarch butterfly in Arizona.

The monarch butterfly is now classified as an endangered species and Gail will cover the

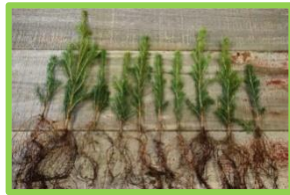
plight of the monarch and what we, as gardeners, can do to help the monarch survive.

You can learn more about the study's findings at their [website](#).

Don't forget to get your luncheon reservation to the Treasurer, **Karon Quigg**, before September 26th.

## **Pennies for Pines Project** | *Karon Quigg, Project Leader*

The members of Scottsdale Garden Club participate in a conservation project to sustain



our national forests; the project was formed by the partnership of the National Garden Club and the US Forest Service.

At the end of our last club year (2021-22), we contributed \$204 collected from members in the Pennies for Pines jar at each meeting. The money will help cover the costs of planting replacement trees and/or indigenous trees in damaged areas, whether the cause was fire or another natural catastrophe, according to NGC.

“Planting sites are selected by the Supervisor of each National Forest. These plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, future harvestable timber, as well as beauty and shade for recreation.” We asked that our funds be used for Arizona.

## **October Events**

October 14-16, 2022

Maricopa County Home & Garden Show -  
“Tiny Homes”

Westworld of Scottsdale

October 20-23, 2022 (Oct 20 – Members Only)

Desert Botanical Garden Plant Sale at DBG

October 26, 2022 –

AFGC Fall Exec Board Mtg 10:30

AFGC Fall Board of Directors Mtg 1:00

Valley Garden Center, 1809 N 15<sup>th</sup> Ave

Phoenix, AZ 85007

## **Newest SGC Members** | *LeAnn Twigg*

SGC welcomed two new members in April.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP **LeAnn Twigg** and **Diane Davis**, President, (left and center in each picture below) presented each new member with a floral gift. New member **Buff Harrington** is in the picture on the left and **Elaine Gunderson** is in the picture on the right.



## Birthday Greetings

The entire membership sends its best wishes to these members with October birthdays:



<b>Christine Morgan</b>	October 6
<b>Betty McMichael</b>	October 12
<b>Lenda Sundene</b>	October 16

## Design Tip | *Mickie Rustad*

This is a study of a single arrangement I created and used in my home (see #1 below). Picture #2 shows the same arrangement after a quick paint job. What a difference that makes! Notice how the staging panels make the finished product in #3 change in appearance yet again. Every detail counts.



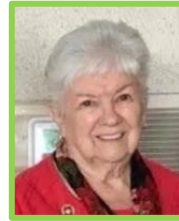
#1

#2

#3

By the way, the container is an upside-down candleholder from Goodwill (\$3) and the flat parts are those “junky things” that fall off the palm trees all over town. The flower is a dried artichoke, and the greenery is fresh bottlebrush cuttings. I painted the white “junky things” using a brush and flat wall paint.

## New State Life Memberships



As leader of SGC’s project in support of the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs Scholarship program, **Evie Campbell** presented State Life Memberships to seven SGC members this past year.

Each membership is a contribution to the AFGC’s Scholarship program which gives awards to deserving students majoring in a field of study related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture. New Life Members each receive a pin featuring a Cactus Wren and a Saguaro.

Recipients were **Betty McMichael, Jamie Dick, Mickie Rustad, Christine Morgan, Anne Lyons, Carol Parrott, and Renate Fearonce.** (Renate recently moved to Tucson.)

Congratulations, ladies!

## A Saguaro named “Bill” | *Aurien Preiss*

When people think of Arizona, they also think of our iconic Saguaro cacti. Ironically, the biggest threat to the Saguaro is our rapidly expanding human population.

The development of new homes has resulted in a tremendous loss of Saguaro habitat. And that is where the story of “Bill” the Saguaro begins...



Months before new home development begins with roads and infrastructure, decisions are made regarding the adult native desert trees & cacti. Arizona law protects many of them by requiring the developer to transplant and save as many as possible. What cannot be reused in the landscape, can be sold with permits & tags provided by the state.

As a board member for my church and over the last 5-10 years, I've led landscaping projects from planting flowerpots to renting a shredder and huge dumpster for tree trimming. Several years ago we lost a large Sweet Acacia tree during a monsoon storm that left a big hole in the landscape and the idea was born to replace it with a low maintenance plant such as a Saguaro cactus.

In my research to find a suitable Saguaro, I discovered a company called The Cactus Doctor. Angela, who answered the phone and my emails, helped me with my budget and quest for a sizable Saguaro. Once chosen from a very tiny picture of a Saguaro cactus described as M160NR1, the 20 ft, multi-armed specimen soon had a new home in Scottsdale.

Adam, the owner of The Cactus Doctor, told me that this Saguaro would be taken from its place in the desert near Tucson on the following Wednesday, stored overnight in their lot near Gold Canyon/Superstition and then brought to Scottsdale and transplanted on Thursday. All within 24 hours and approximately 128+ miles!



Thursday morning the truck carrying the large cactus arrived – “Bill” was longer than the truck! Inch by inch, over the next 3 hours our Saguaro was planted.

Editor's Note: When asked how “Bill” got his name, Aurien told me that one of two men named Bill who are/were docents at Desert Botanical Garden advised and helped with decisions on church landscaping projects... She couldn't help but think of them when this cactus arrived. So, "Bill" it became...



## May 2022 Meeting Minutes | *Sherry Baer*

McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
May 2, 2022



President **Diane Davis** called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

She welcomed all members and special guests Scottsdale **Mayor David Ortega** and Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commissioner **Ute Brady**. Commissioner Brady explained the Commission's Citizen Tree and Biodiversity Inventory Project and asked for volunteers. Chaplain **Jan Reidel** delivered a blessing and lunch was served. Following lunch, Mayor Ortega spoke for several minutes and thanked the club for the tree donated to the Bell Road Sports Complex.

Diane announced the names of those members with May birthdays. She acknowledged **Sophia Gawron** and **Barbara Mlnarik** for creating the centerpieces and **Evie Campbell** for delivering them for the meeting.

Recording Secretary **Sherry Baer** asked if there were any changes or additions to the Minutes of April 4, 2022. There were none and the minutes were filed as written.

Treasurer **Karon Quigg** made an appeal for donations to the Pennies for Pines fund so that the club's contribution to the National Forest Service would be for three plantings of 200 trees each. Karon answered questions about the current Treasurer's Report. The report was approved as presented. Ending balances are \$8,196.92 for checking and \$6,869.24 for

savings. She also asked that any additions to the 2022-2023 budget be sent to her.

Yearbook Co-Chair **Sherry Baer** announced that the Yearbook received a Second Place Award from the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs at the AFGC meeting in April. She will be sending an email to all members requesting any changes to their credentials or contact information for the 2022-2023 Yearbook.

State Life Memberships Project Leader **Evie Campbell** awarded State Life Memberships to **Betty McMichael, Jamie Dick, and Mickie Rustad**.

Diane introduced guest speaker and SGC member and Past-President **Jen Donovan** who discussed how she had created a "tussy-mussy" collection which she had brought with her. She then demonstrated how to construct both a wrist corsage and a pin-on corsage using live material.

Following the program, Diane announced the formation of a new committee, Awards, which will oversee the club's applications for AFGC awards. **Sally Bradford** volunteered to lead the group. Diane also announced a series of summer lunch get-togethers on the first Monday of each month this summer; the first lunch will be at the McCormick Golf Club restaurant on June 4. An email reminder will be sent in advance.

**Carol Parrott** offered a Horticulture Moment.

Diane adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

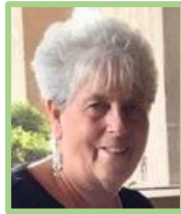
Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Baer, Recording Secretary



## Treasurer's Report |

*Karon Quigg*

As of May 2022



<b>Starting Checking Balance</b>	<b>\$8,299.41</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Luncheons	90.00
Centerpieces	35.00
Pennies for Pines	39.00
Dues	150.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$314.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
End-of-Year Wait Staff Cash Tip	150.00
McCormick Ranch Luncheon	760.62
Earth Day – (Jen Donovan)	26.95
Pennies for Pines	204.00
AFGC Membership 2022-23	450.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,591.57</b>
<b>Ending Balance Checking</b>	<b>\$7,471.84</b>
<b>Starting Savings Balance</b>	<b>\$6,869.24</b>
Interest	0.11
<b>Ending Savings Balance</b>	<b>\$6,869.35</b>

## SGC Website Update



Be sure to check out our newly reorganized

website by clicking [here](#) or scan the QR code at the right with your smart phone.



The site features a brief description of the next meeting's program on the home page and photos of our most recent meeting on display in the Gallery (thanks to **Jamie Dick**).

You'll also find summaries of our current Projects with contacts if you're interested in helping.

## Pacific Region Recognizes SGC Members



SGC members **Amy Emary** and **Rea Heesch** (pictured above) were recognized as "GEMS" in the February 2022 issue of the Pacific Region's WACONIAH newsletter for their contribution in successfully co-chairing the 2021 AFGC Fundraiser, "Magical".

For those not familiar with the Pacific Region's GEM program, it is an effort to recognize individuals for their "Generous nature, Exceptional qualities, and Mindfulness of others". **Elaine Gunderson** nominated **Amy** and **Rea** for this special recognition!



**Gallery** | *Joan Yagoda, Susan Salembier, Helen Griller, Judy Shelton, Elaine Gunderson, Lenda Sundene, Jeanne Isbell, Sherry Baer, Photographers*

The call for pictures of your gardens, floral arrangements or summer visits yielded some great examples.



**Joan Yagoda** visited the San Diego Botanical Garden in August.



**Sherry Baer** was greeted one morning with this delightful cactus bloom.



**Susan Salembier** hiked from the Brown's Ranch Trailhead in July and captured these pictures of "the ultimate garden", as she called it.



**Helen Griller** received this bouquet for her July 28<sup>th</sup> birthday. And, she was relieved that her potted plants survived the summer heat.



**Elaine Gunderson** remembered shopping with her husband, Chuck, for these flowers last fall.



Now **Judy Shelton's** garden was a study in contrasts. She had these beautiful zinnias but also a demonstration of raw nature as a bobcat enjoyed his dinner of quail on her grass!





**Lenda Sundene** had this patriotic display of petunias. Since “kids love flowers, too”, she also sent a picture of her granddaughter, **Violet**, on her play set adorned with her favorite flower, violets of course. **Violet** is now 10 but still a fan of violets, the color and the flowers!



**Jeanne Carteaux Isbell** had a beautiful display of Penstemon at home here, as well as these Touch of Class rose blooms in her Bear Flat garden.

