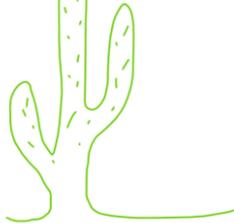


Arizona Blooms



News from Scottsdale Garden Club

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President's Corner |

Diane Davis

Well, it's that time of year. I just stopped at my favorite nursery to 'look' today and didn't buy quite

as much as last year.

The planting will start as soon as my helper wakes up. She (my little dog Meeah) is presently asleep in my lap.



Wish you all a happy planting season and see you on November 7th at our next meeting.
Diane

P.S. We got seven planted out today; hope I can get out of bed tomorrow!

What do these movies all have in common?

Little Miss Sunshine
Broken Arrow
Tombstone
Thelma & Louise

(See page 9 for the answer!)

Special Request!

Please bring your donation items for the AFGC Central/Eastern District Meeting Basket to our November meeting! SGC's basket will have a "Dine & Wine" theme.

November Meeting Preview | Carol Parrott



Special guest speaker Linda Larson is a beloved garden club member and professional Garden Speaker.

Linda's topic this month, "Potting Up Plants", is an illustrated look into the rich history and various styles of flowerpots and the universal garden wisdom provided by these vessels. We will see beautiful images from gardens around the world. Linda has traveled to over 900 gardens in 35 countries and all 50 US states.

She is always finding room for just one more flowerpot in her garden.

Luncheon reservations/cancelations this month are due to the Treasurer, **Karon Quigg**, before November 2nd.

Thought for the Day

"Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife, are in fact, plans to protect man."

--Stewart Udall

Garden Therapy Project | *Evie Campbell, Project Leader*

Our Garden Therapy Project consists of assisting residents of the Acacia Health Center at Sagewood Retirement Community in creating seasonal crafts, usually with a floral theme.

The project for November has residents decorating foam pumpkins with an assortment of leaves, flowers, and sparkling pumpkins. When finished, residents may take their creations to their rooms for Fall decoration.



Club members assist the residents with these projects five times a year. For the November project, seven Garden Club members have volunteered to participate.

Our December session is scheduled for December 7th; it will involve decorating pinecone Christmas trees. If you would like to join us, please contact Evie Campbell at 480-313-8701 or campb1065@cox.net.

Events Coming in November

November 2, 2022 - 10:00 am
Garden Therapy – Acacia Health Center
4555 E Mayo Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85050

November 12, 2022
SGC Field Trip to Boyce Thompson
Arboretum – Cost: \$15.00
Private Tour of Arboretum & Wallace
Gardens; Lunch in Superior
37615 Arboretum Way
Superior, AZ 85173

November 15, 2022 - 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
AFGC Central/Eastern District Meeting
Valley Garden Center, 1809 N 15th Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85007

AFGC Central/Eastern District Meeting | *Carol Parrott, Central District Director*

It's that time of year again. Our Central and Eastern District meeting will be held on November 15th at the Valley Garden Center. Registration forms will be available at the SGC November meeting.

Come join us, see old friends' friendly faces but please feel free to wear your mask.

As always, we'll have a fabulous basket raffle and your participation is much appreciated.

Our theme is "We Wet Our Plants" based on the diminishing water supply. Water is quickly becoming our country's new gold standard. Water is ALL!

Our guest speaker will be Lynne Nemeth, Director of Boyce Thompson Arboretum since 2019.

Lynne has navigated the Arboretum through some chaotic times. She arrived just as the University of Arizona and Arizona State Parks dissolved their tripartite agreement of 43 years leaving the Arboretum an independent entity. Then came COVID-19, the Telegraph fire and the devastating Queen Creek flood.

However, under her guidance, the Wallace Garden was completed and the gala opening took place. And now the Arboretum is preparing for its 100th anniversary in 2024.



Please don't miss the opportunity to meet Lynne, a most remarkable woman.

Let's start this gardening season off with a fun District meeting. No business conducted here! But we'll learn what other clubs are doing and get some fresh ideas.

We hope to see you there.

We Wet Our Plants
Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs Inc.
Central & Eastern District Meeting
Hosted by Washington Garden Club



Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Valley Garden Center, 1809 N. 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007

"Boyce Thompson Arboretum"
Presented by Executive Director Lynne Nemeth

Registration and Refreshments: 10:00 a.m.

Please support our District Meeting by purchasing raffle tickets for items provided by our Central and Eastern District clubs. All proceeds will help offset the cost of our meeting.

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Registration & Lunch \$22 per person Reservation Deadline November 1st

Check one:
 Cobb Salad with grilled chicken
 Cobb Salad (Vegetarian)
 Strawberry Salad with grilled chicken
 Croissant Club Sandwich
 Caprese Sandwich (Vegetarian) - Tomato, Mozzarella & Pesto

Name _____ Email _____
Club _____ Phone _____

Check what applies: Club Member Club President AFGC Officer

Please make check payable to: **Desert Designers**
Mail check and completed form to: Carol Parrott
11070 E. Breathless Drive, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118
Registration/Meeting Questions: Carol Parrott 602-438-4003 caparrott21@hotmail.com

November Birthday Greetings

Best wishes to these members with November birthdays:



Buff Harrington	November 4
Marilyn Stone	November 6
Jan Riedel	November 8
Judy Kennedy	November 26
Diane Davis	November 30

AFGC Semiannual Board Meeting | *Jamie Dick*



The semiannual AFGC board meeting on October 26th was a complete success. It was a joy to come together as fellow gardeners from all around the state to learn and grow together.

Each District Leader gave an inspiring report on their club's programs, projects, and events. I am in awe of the outreach that is being done in each community to educate, nurture and lift individuals through the power of gardening. It's a beautiful way to invite membership.

We were thrilled to hear from the Tech Task Force and their work in creating a new AFGC website and Facebook page. There's a whole new generation rising in Arizona and throughout the world that can best be met through this medium.

Registration will open soon for our April AFGC Biennial Convention and Petite Flower Show, "Boots and Blooms." Details were presented along with a fun discussion of the different themes, events, and programs. You won't want to miss this 3-day meeting — the event of the year!

We felt honored to have Lana Finegold join us from the State of Washington. She is the current Director of the Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs and a Master Flower Show Judge.

She taught us many lessons from the pulpit as well as demonstrating rules and techniques by creating three different floral designs. (See below.)





Judy Kennedy (left) and Lana Finegold,
With Lana's creations

It was a great meeting! Scottsdale Garden Club had quite a few members attending but I also found myself getting to know many new faces and friends.

Saguaro Facts | Aurien Preiss

A few Saguaro facts:

- *Carnegiea gigantea* only grow in the Sonoran Desert.
- Very slow growing, it reaches 1-1.5 inches in the first 8 years of its life
- Begins to produce flowers at 35 years of age.
- Average life span of a Saguaro is probably 150-175 years.
- The pleats of a Saguaro expand like an accordion to store water.
- An adult plant may weigh 6 tons or more.
- From late April to mid-June, large creamy white flowers appear, and when pollinated, produce fruit for candy, jelly & even wine.

AFGC Annual Convention

Planning for the 2023 annual convention is well underway. The theme this year is "Blooms and Boots". With speakers, tours, and educational sessions, this is a great way to learn and socialize with other Arizona gardeners and designers.

For a full list of activities and to reserve your spot at the convention, click [here](#).

Blooms and Boots
Yippee, it's Convention Time again!

<p>Save The Date</p> <p>April 14-16, 2023</p> <p>DoubleTree by Hilton Tempe 2100 S Priest Drive</p>	 <p>AFGC Convention 2023 BLOOMS AND BOOTS</p>
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All Arizona Garden Club and Plant Society Members are welcome!

Celebrate, learn and socialize during 3 days of fun-filled programs and events.

Have a suggestion for speakers, tours, vendors Or educational sessions?
Send your idea to kim@rosenlof.com

Friday theme... Western
FREE Tote Bag and Friday Swag Gift
Petite Flower Show Judging
Club Officer Training / Leadership Workshop
Tour of ASU Natural History Collection
Presidents' Club Reception
Dinner, Music & Line Dancing

Saturday theme... Gardening
AFGC Annual Meeting
People's Choice Competition
Petite Flower Show Displays
Education Sessions & Workshops
Rose Grafting Workshop
Tours and Spouse Activities
Shopping at Silent Auction & Vendors
Enter to WIN Cash & Basket Raffles
Dinner with NGC President Mary Warshauer

Sunday theme... Hiking
Sunday Breakfast with Speaker
Floral Design Workshops
Tour of MCC Rose Garden
South Mtn Environmental Education Center
and optional Outdoor Native Species Hike

Convention Registration opens October 2022.
Book Your Hotel Room NOW to Get the Discounted Rate... [CLICK HERE](#)



October 2022 Meeting Minutes |

Sherry Baer

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
October 3, 2022



President **Diane Davis** called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m.

She welcomed all members and recognized those members with October birthdays. She then asked members who brought guests to introduce them.

Corresponding Secretary **Jen Donovan** announced that she would pass around “Thinking of You” cards for **Jan Riedel** and **Sharon Davis** during lunch so that members can sign them. **Susan Salembier** asked those interested in acting as clerks for the 2023 Flower Show to sign up with her. **Carol Parrott** urged members to get their reservations in for the AFGC Central/Eastern District meeting on November 15th. Diane reminded members that the AFGC Fall Executive Board Meeting is on October 26th. **Judy Kennedy** noted that there are flyers on the tables announcing the Arizona Flower Show Judges Council program on January 24, 2023.

Diane thanked **Judy Kennedy** and **Charlotte Spiers** for the centerpieces.

Evie Campbell delivered the Blessing. Lunch was served.

Following the program, “The Monarch Butterfly”, presented by **Gail Morris**, Coordinator of the Southwest Monarch Study, Diane began the business meeting.

Recording Secretary **Sherry Baer** asked if there were any changes or additions to the Minutes of May 2, 2022. There were none and the minutes were filed as written. **Sherry** also asked members to check their personal information in the 2022-23 yearbook and report any errors to her.

Treasurer **Karon Quigg** introduced the Proposed Budget for 2022-23. After discussion, **Sophia Gawron** moved that the Proposed Budget be accepted as presented; **Millie Wilson** seconded the motion. The motion carried. **Karon** then asked if there were questions on the Financial Report of May 2022. There were none and **Helen Griller** moved to accept the report as written; **Sophia Gawron** seconded the motion and it carried. **Karon** presented the Financial Report for June-September 2022. There were no questions and **Carol Parrott** moved to accept the report as written; **Elaine Gunderson** seconded the motion and it carried. **Karon** also announced that the NGC “Visions of Beauty” calendar for 2023 would cost \$12.

Second Vice-President **DeAnna Twigg** asked that today’s guests return the information forms she gave them on arrival by the end of the meeting. She also noted that one guest reported a problem with the request for information capability on the Scottsdale Garden Club website. **Sherry Baer** will investigate the problem.

Garden Therapy Project Leader **Evie Campbell** outlined the activities involved in this project and recruited volunteers for the first of the five planned craft projects at the Acacia Health Center on November 2nd. Any members interested in participating must be fully vaccinated for COVID and send a digital copy of their vaccination cards to her in advance.



Evie, who is also the Project Leader for the Medication Recycling project, explained what is needed for this project and who the recipients of our contributions are.

Diane called for new business.

Judy Shelton announced a plant sale as part of the November 7th meeting. Members are encouraged to bring cuttings, seeds, and containers to donate for the sale.

Diane opened discussion on how the club wants to handle the creation of a basket for the AFGC Central/Eastern District Meeting on November 15th. Barbara Mlnarik moved that the money in the budget should be used to purchase restaurant gift cards and that members should be asked to bring appropriate items for both the AFGC Central/Eastern District Meeting basket and for the basket for the AFGC State Convention in April 2023. Karon Quigg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sophia Gawron, Hospitality Chairperson, reminded members that reservations for luncheons must be to Treasurer Karon Quigg by the Wednesday before each meeting. Cancellations must also be in by that date.

Diane adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Baer, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report |

Karon Quigg

As of September 2022



Starting Checking Balance	\$7,021.84
<u>Income</u>	
Luncheons	<u>2,142.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$2,142.00</u>

<u>Expenses</u>	
June	0
July	0
August	0
GoDaddy Website	156.25
GoDaddy Domain	21.17
AFGC Scholarship	<u>25.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$202.42</u>

Ending Balance Checking **\$8,961.42**

Starting Savings Balance **\$6,869.35**

Interest 0.18

Ending Savings Balance **\$6,869.53**



Gallery | *Jamie Dick, Photographer*



Gail Morris, Coordinator of the Southwest Monarch Study, discussing the plight of the Monarch butterfly.

Below, Members and Guests at the October 3rd Meeting



More Members and Guests at the October 3 Meeting



AFGC Semiannual Board Meeting on October 26th



AFGC Board Members



AFGC 1st VP Judy Kennedy



SGC President Diane Davis (on left)
and Orvalita Hopkins, Central
District Alternate Director

Little Miss Sunshine,
Broken Arrow,
Tombstone,
and *Thelma & Louise*
are films which were shot, wholly
or in part, in Arizona

AND

each is the name of a Design Class
in our club's Standard Flower
Show "The Reel Arizona", March
11 – 12, 2023.

Start planning your design or
horticulture entries today!

