

# Arizona Blooms

## News from Scottsdale Garden Club

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### President's Corner | Carol Parrott



Dear Garden Club Members,

It was great to see you all at our October Garden Club meeting.

And November will be even better as more of our members return to the valley.

We've got a busy Garden Club season ahead of us as we prepare for our March Flower Show, "New Directions: Celebrating Scottsdale's Sister Cities."

At October's Meeting **Lisa White** presented a program on Scottsdale's Sister Cities organization which explained their mission: "Building bridges of international understanding and goodwill."

We are proud to partner with this worthy organization in our 2025 Flower Show. Just imagine what beautiful designs and gorgeous horticulture samplings can be showcased from the following Scottsdale Sister Cities:

- Alamos - Sonora, Mexico
- Cairns - Queensland, Australia
- Kingston - Ontario, Canada
- Interlaken - Switzerland
- Haikou - Hainan, China

Marrakech - Morocco,  
Uasin Gishu - Kenya  
Killarney - Ireland.

It's going to be an exciting season. Our November guest speaker is **Kim Gray**, Executive Director of Boyce Thompson Arboretum. I hope to see you there!

Fondly,  
Carol

**For November's Meeting  
Deadline to Sign up or Cancel:**

**Wednesday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 by Noon**  
**RSVP via Email or Text:**  
[susansalembier14@gmail.com](mailto:susansalembier14@gmail.com)  
**or 602-743-9133**

**If you have pre-paid, you must cancel, or  
your account will be charged.**

**Pay by Check, Cash or Zelle  
(sgcTreasurer100@gmail.com)**

**\$39 per lunch incl tax & tip**

### Thought for the Day

"There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments."

—Janet Kilburn Phillips

## November Meeting Preview |

Jeanne Isbell



### “All About Conservation”

Kim Gray, Executive Director of Boyce Thompson Arboretum, will discuss how

the Arboretum works to fulfill its mission to “inspire appreciation and stewardship of desert plants, wildlife, and ecosystems”.

Tablespaces will be contributed by **MJ Sobota, Amy Emary, and Rea Heesch.**

## Now Transfer Money Digitally to SGC! | Susan Salembier



VOILA! You can now use the digital payment app Zelle® to transfer money digitally to Scottsdale Garden Club.

Use your banking app, or the Zelle App, to pay your monthly luncheon fees, yearly dues, centerpiece purchases, etc. to SCOTTSDALE GARDEN CLUB. Just specify this e-mail address: [sgcTreasurer100@gmail.com](mailto:sgcTreasurer100@gmail.com)

Your funds go directly into the Wells Fargo Bank account maintained by the Scottsdale Garden Club, and the SGC Treasurer is notified of your deposit.

It's instantaneous! And greatly streamlines the Treasurer's job!.

Of course, checks and cash are still welcome!

## Mark Your Calendar

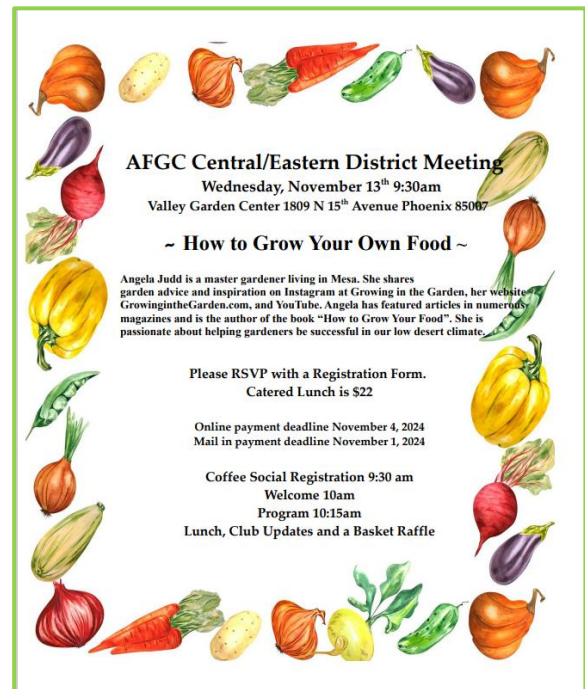
November 13

AFGC Central-Eastern District Meeting  
9:30 am

Valley Garden Center

1809 N 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007

See the AFGC website for more information and online registration. Click [here](#).



**AFGC Central/Eastern District Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30am  
Valley Garden Center 1809 N 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Phoenix 85007

~ How to Grow Your Own Food ~

Angela Judd is a master gardener living in Mesa. She shares garden advice and inspiration on Instagram at Growing in the Garden, her website GrowingintheGarden.com, and YouTube. Angela has featured articles in numerous magazines and is the author of the book “How to Grow Your Food”. She is passionate about helping gardeners be successful in our low desert climate.

Please RSVP with a Registration Form.  
Catered Lunch is \$22

Online payment deadline November 4, 2024  
Mail in payment deadline November 1, 2024

Coffee Social Registration 9:30 am  
Welcome 10am  
Program 10:15am  
Lunch, Club Updates and a Basket Raffle

November 22-23, 2024

Phoenix Chrysanthemum Society & AFGC  
Standard Flower Show (“Treasurers of the  
Garden”)

Mountain View Presbyterian Church  
8050 E Mountainview Road, Scottsdale



## Newest Blue & Gold Star Memorials | Carol Parrott



On June 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 Cerbat Garden Club in Kingman dedicated their 1<sup>st</sup> Blue Star Memorial. They incorporated the folding of the flag and the stories behind this ritual into their ceremony. It was a very moving moment.

Gold Canyon Garden Club received approval for their Blue Star By-Way from the City of Apache Junction recently. They ordered and are in possession of the By-Way. They will be scheduling the dedication at Silly Mountain in early 2025. This will make three Blue Stars for the Club.

The Yuma Orchid and African Violet Society will soon dedicate the very first Gold Star Memorial By-Way in Arizona.

AFGC has ordered its first Blue Star Memorial for the Blue Star Moms of the Southwest Valley. It will be placed in the newly created Litchfield Park City Center.

NGC has expanded the Blue Star program to include Gold Star Memorials and By-Ways.

The addition of the Gold Star Memorials has generated much interest from the Gold Star community; I anticipate many Gold Stars orders in our future.

A Blue Star honors all men and woman who are serving, have served and will serve in our United States Armed Forces. A Gold Star represents those who lost their lives. NGC clubs work with Gold Star Families to honor

our fallen heroes with Gold Star Markers.

I encourage our clubs to honor those who stand ready to defend our beloved nation by sponsoring a Blue Star Memorial and honoring our fallen heroes by sponsoring a Gold Star. It is always a timely project.

(Carol Parrott is AFGC Blue Star Memorial Chairman.)

## November Birthdays

Best Wishes to our members with a November Birthday!



**Marilyn Stone**  
**Jan Riedel**  
**Diane Davis**

**November 6**  
**November 8**  
**November 30**



## SGC Donates to NGC Path of Success

The NGC Path of Success is a new quarter-mile walking path on the grounds of the National Garden Clubs Headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. It links the NGC Headquarters to the Missouri Botanical Gardens to increase awareness of the role of NGC. The Path will be dedicated at the Fall Meeting of NGC.

Scottsdale's contribution will be recognized with a 4 x 8-inch paver engraved with "Scottsdale Garden Club"; our paver will be in the Arizona section of the walkway.



The SGC donation of \$250 was approved by the SGC Board of Directors at their meeting on October 7, 2024.

## AFGC Scholarship Update |

*Jamie Dick*

Last month, I reported the name of the recipient of AFGC's 2024-2025 Scholarship, **Sophia Page**.

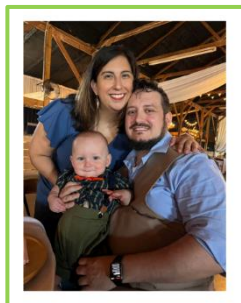


Now the AFGC Scholarship Committee has also selected two more outstanding students as recipients of the Gertrude Claypool Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. We are proud to support students who are committed to helping our environment and warmly welcome them to our AFGC family.



Our ASU Gertrude Claypool Scholarship award for the 2024-2025 academic year went to **Mario Torres Gasco** who is a Civil Engineer major.

And to **Alexis Nelson**, who is majoring in Sustainability. Their academic performance, hard work and dedication to our environment truly set them apart. We wish them much success on their career paths.



Thanks again to the garden club members serving on the AFGC Scholarship Committee:

**Sharon Davis, Judy Kennedy, Jamie Dick, and Jennifer Moreland.**

## Jalapeno Peppers Galore! | *Aurien Preiss*

The only plant to survive this summer besides basil was my jalapeno pepper plant. During the hottest part of the summer (110+), it stopped blooming, but since we've had a respite from the hot days and nights, it's beginning to really produce those peppers!

This picture is just from one initial picking. There's so many, that I'll be doing some pickling and making a favorite appetizer of jalapeno poppers!



First, let me share with you a little about these peppers.

The name "jalapeno" comes from the Spanish word "Jalapa" or (Xalapa) the capital of Veracruz, Mexico. Jalapenos were originally grown there, hence the name.

On the "heat" scale (Scoville Heat Units) they are usually between 2000-8000 SHU which is considered pretty mild when it comes to hot peppers.

Capsaicin, the chemical that makes chili peppers hot, is found in the membranes that hold the seeds. So, if you'd like to keep things mild, just remove them along with the seeds.



Let's pickle those Peppers! For a Quart size jar or 2 pint-jars, you'll need:

Ingredients:

- 1 cup white vinegar
- 1 cup water
- 1-2 smashed garlic cloves
- 1 Tablespoon salt
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon black peppercorns
- 1 bay leaf
- A bunch of jalapeno peppers sliced into rings and placed in clean jar(s).

Heat the liquid with seasonings just until boiling, then remove and cool slightly.

Carefully pour the warm liquid over the sliced jalapenos. Be sure to add the seasonings to the jar as well. Put the lid on and when completely cool, place in the refrigerator.

They'll be ready to eat in a couple of days! Enjoy!!



## Treasurer's Report | Susan Salembier

September 2024

### Starting Balances (06/01/24)

Checking/Savings \$7,600.75 / \$879.01

### INCOME

Dues 245.00

Savings Interest 0.03

**TOTAL INCOME** 245.00 / 0.03

### EXPENSES

AFGC Dues 475.00

Stamps 48.17

Yearbook Printing 268.58

GoDaddy Website 191.60

**TOTAL EXPENSES** 983.35

### Ending Balances (09/30/24)

Checking/Savings \$6,862.40 / \$879.04

CD \$6,275.66  
(Includes \$275.66 CD Interest Credit on 9/2/24;  
CD Renewed until 04/02/2025)

## Meeting Minutes | Joan Yagoda

McCormick Ranch Golf Club

October 7, 2024

The first meeting of 2024/2025 started promptly at noon at McCormick Ranch Golf Club.

We had 5 birthdays, but **Judy Kennedy** was the only birthday girl in attendance so she was given the birthday crown to wear.

We welcomed 6 guests.



The gorgeous tablescapes (fresh pumpkins filled with chrysanthemums) were arranged by **Aurien Preiss**.

Our blessing was given by **Evie Campbell**. She is collecting medical supplies for New Birth Mission in Rocky Point Mexico.

Lunch was served.

The very interesting and informative program, Celebrating Scottsdale's Sister Cities, was presented by **Lisa White**, Secretary of Scottsdale Sister Cities Assn. Scottsdale has 8 sister cities. Depending on interests and needs, they participate in student visits, art and cultural exchanges, community service projects, medical and municipal exchanges, supplies and training, golf, business connections, art and photography.

Minutes from our May meeting were accepted.

**Susan Salembier** gave the treasurer's report. We will soon be able to pay for our lunches online through our account at Wells Fargo. Susan will also be digitizing past yearbooks. **Judy Shelton** has agreed to help identify people in pictures for this project.

**DeAnna Twigg** presented on membership.

**Judy Kennedy** discussed our upcoming Flower Show, "Celebrating Scottsdale's Sister Cities". It will be held March 1-2, 2025 at Mustang Library, 10101 N 90<sup>th</sup> St., Scottsdale. We will have a donation container available.

**Judy Kennedy** gave us information about AFGC. They will have their convention April 27, 2025 in Tempe. The Phoenix Chrysanthemum Society and AFGC will have

a flower show Nov. 22 and 23. There will be a Gold Star Memorial dedication in Yuma Nov. 7.

**Sherry Baer** informed us that all members at the meeting received a yearbook. The By-Laws and Standing Rules are no longer in the printed yearbook and can be found on our website.

**Carol Parrot** presented Horticulture. We learned about the Tea Tree plant. She also showed us how to use a Horticulture label for our upcoming Flower Show.

Please bring items for a Wine Basket if you wish, for the October 23 AFGC Members and BOD meeting.

Nov. 13 is Central Eastern District Meeting.

**Lucy Samuels** has a new email address: [lucysamuels527@gmail.com](mailto:lucysamuels527@gmail.com).

Meeting was adjourned 2:30 PM.



Gallery



Guest Speaker **Lisa White** (left) with **Susan Salembier**



A Floral Design in Mexico's Flag Colors



NGC's Path of Success at its Headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri

Remember these?



1981 US Stamps

The Barrel Cactus, Agave Cactus, Beavertail Cactus and Saguaro Cactus.

