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President's Corner | Carol Parrott



Dear Garden Club Members,

It's been a busy time in our garden club season. Scottsdale Sister Cities gave a lovely cocktail party and six of our members attended. The Sister Cities Association is really excited about our Flower Show.

As Arizona's Blue and Gold Star Chairman, I attended the dedication in Yuma of the 1st Gold Star Memorial in Arizona. It was sponsored by the Yuma Orchid and African Violet Society. They have 16 members!

Both **Judy Kennedy** and I participated in the service. A Gold Star honors those who have lost their lives in service to our country along with the Gold Star Families left behind. It was the most emotional dedication ever. We might consider sponsoring a Gold Star in our future.

Eleven Scottsdale Garden Club Members attended our Central Eastern District Meeting. The fabulous speaker, **Angela Judd**, presented a program on growing vegetables and herbs in our desert gardens. We certainly were a lucky group as most of us came home with a basket or table design.

Save the Date!

March 1-2, 2025



SGC's Standard Flower Show
Mustang Library, Scottsdale, AZ

At the December 2nd meeting we will be passing around a sign-up sheet to ensure that our members have 1st choice on the Combination Planting and the Botanical Arts Divisions.

Our December meeting includes a raffle of Christmas Floral arrangements and a surprise from Secret Santa!

See you in the garden,
Carol

Thought for the Day

"Some plants become weeds simply by virtue of their success rather than any other factor. You merely want less of them."

—Monty Don

For
the December 2, 2024, Meeting
Deadline to Sign up or Cancel:

Wednesday, Nov 27th, 2024, by Noon
RSVP via Email or Text:
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

December 2nd Meeting Preview |

Jeanne Isbell



“Christmas Floral Design”

Garden Club Designers **Lucy Samuels, Lenda Sundene,** and **Carol Parrott** will

demonstrate how to create a lovely floral design for your home.

The completed designs will be raffled off to benefit the club.

Tablescapes will be contributed by **Barb Dimuria** and **Judy Shelton**.

Mark Your Calendar

January 6, 2025

Scottsdale Garden Club lunch & meeting
McCormick Ranch Golf Club 11:30-3:00

Flower Show 2025

Plans for SGC’s Flower Show 2025, “New Directions – Celebrating Sister Cities”, are already underway.



It’s time for us all to start planning now to enter our horticulture specimens and/or floral designs.

Floral Design classes will focus on a particular Sister City or a Sister City of the designer’s choice; the Show Schedule will dictate the design style. The Horticulture section will be your chance to show off specimens from your own garden. So, get growing!

The theme of **DeAnna Twigg’s** Educational Exhibit will be Unity Through Nature and will depict Sister City native plants and flowers and how we grow them here.

So, mark your calendars – March 1-2, 2025!

December Birthdays

Our best to all our members with a December Birthday!



Karen Kelley
Carol Henry
DeAnna Twigg
Amy Emary
Aurien Preiss
Judy Shelton

December 4
December 9
December 14
December 26
December 30
December 30



Garden 'Volunteer' | Sherry Baer

We've probably all experienced the appearance of a 'volunteer' in our gardens, sometimes welcome, other times, not so.

New to Arizona gardening, this past spring I had just such a 'volunteer' visit my small garden. After sending several pictures (Items 1 & 2) to the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension, I received a note from Master Gardener **Peggy T.** explaining that I'd welcomed a Skeleton Weed (*Eriogonum*).



Item 1



Item 2

Peggy T. added that the plant would have 1/20th to 1/18th inch drooping flowers which would turn red as they mature. The Skeleton weed is in the Buckwheat family, is not poisonous and is listed in Arizona wildflower ID books.

My curiosity is letting it complete its life cycle. Its tiny flowers have changed from white to pink and are just starting to drop (At right).



It has certainly been fun to watch and learn!

Treasurer's Report | Susan Salembier

October 2024

Starting Balances (10/01/24)

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

INCOME

Table Centerpieces 42.00

Plant a Tree Collection 36.00

Donation 1.00

TOTAL INCOME 79.00 / 0.01

EXPENSES

Speaker Lunches 78.00

NGC Paver 250.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 328.00

LUNCH RECONCILIATION

October Income 3,549.00

Members' Lunches -1,131.47

Ending Balances (10/31/24)

Checking/Savings \$9,030.93 / \$879.05

CD \$6,275.66

Meeting Minutes | Joan Yagoda

McCormick Ranch

Golf Club

November 4, 2024



The meeting was

called to order at noon by our president, **Carol Parrott.**

Guests were introduced. Our speaker, **Kim Gray**, Executive Director of Boyce Thompson



Arboretum and **Allison Lester**, Director of Development at the Arboretum, were also introduced.

Diane Davis was our birthday person and wore the Birthday Crown. **Marilyn Stone** and **Jan Riedel**, who were not present, also have birthdays this month.

MJ Sobota, **Amy Emary** and **Rea Heesh** supplied the beautiful mums tablescapes.

Evie Campbell gave the blessing.

Lunch (Thanksgiving turkey etc!!!) was served.

Kim Gray presented the program: Boyce Thompson Arboretum. This year the Arboretum celebrates its 100th anniversary. Wow! It was founded by Boyce Thompson, a mining magnate, in 1924. It comprises 42 acres and has many walking paths. There is an impressive aloe collection scattered throughout the garden and 93 eucalyptus trees (including Mr. Big who is over 100 years old). Many blooming plants provide color every season. Speaking of color and seasons, fall leaves will soon be on display. The Desert Legume Program is a seed bank run by the Arboretum. Established in 1988, it freezes legume seeds from 67 arid and semi-arid countries and distributes these seeds without charge to individuals and organizations to help with research for propagation. There are ongoing programs monitoring how plants survive escalating heat, water conservation, and propagation. Their extensive plant shop is open to all. The Arboretum is a worthy excursion!

Business Meeting:

October's minutes were approved.

Treasurer **Susan Salembier** gave a monthly report. The Budget was accepted. Plant a Tree jar was circulated for donations. Through Zelle, we can now accept digital payments for lunch, dues, etc. The payment address to use is: sgctreasurer100@gmail.com

Wednesday 11/6 is a Sister Cities Happy Hour Party. **Susan Salembier** can give you more information and include you if you are interested.

Judy Kennedy gave information about our upcoming Flower Show. **Sally Bradford** and **Christine Morgan** are circulating a sign-up sheet for Design Section for the Flower Show.

Our Design Moment, presented by **Carol Parrott**, showed a small, very attractive arrangement, 8-10", in a tuna can.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10PM



Happy Thanksgiving!



Gallery



SGC President **Carol Parrott**



Tablescapes by **MJ Sabota, Amy Emary,**
and **Rea Heesch**



Carol Parrott, Judy Kennedy, Kim Gray, Executive Director of Boyce Thompson Arboretum, and **Allison Lester**, Director of Development at the Arboretum

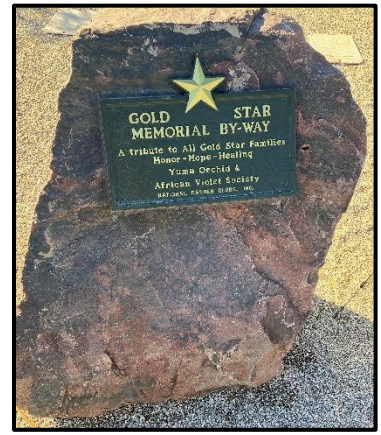




Diane Davis Celebrated Her Birthday on Nov 30th



Carol Parrott's Example of a Small Design



Arizona's First Gold Star Memorial



SGC's Attendees at the AFGC Central-Eastern District Meeting on November 13th

