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President's Corner | Carol Parrott



Dear Garden Club Members,

Wishing you a glorious holiday season filled with peace, love and joy.

May 2025 bring you good health, good fortune and happy days shared with friends and family.

Oprah Winfrey said it best,
"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

Safe travels. Thank you for a lovely year!

With Love,
Carol and Scarlett



**For
the January 6, 2025, Meeting
Deadline to Sign up or Cancel:**

**Thursday, Jan 2nd, 2025, 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

January 6th Meeting Preview |

Jeanne Isbell

"Wonderful Designs"

Mickie Rustad, Winner of the 2024 Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs Doris Helvig Creative Design Award and former member of Scottsdale Garden Club, will share her talent for design with us.



Tablescapes will be contributed by **Betty McMichael** and **Joan Yagoda**.

Thought for the Day

“Gardeners, I think, dream bigger dreams than emperors.”

—Mary Cantwell

Mark Your Calendar

January 10-12, 2025

Maricopa Home & Garden Show
Arizona State Fairgrounds
Phoenix, AZ

The Gift of Scholarship | *Jamie Dick*



As the season of giving is upon us, consider spreading the word of our own AFGC \$5,000 scholarship that can change the life of a family member or friend forever.

Our Arizona Sponsored Scholarship plays a critical role in the lives of hardworking students and can make a difference between a student being able to attend college or not.

NOW is the time for qualifying students to submit their applications through the AFGC website under the [“Programs” tab](#). The deadline to apply is February 1, 2025.

AFGC’s remarkable act of kindness in helping students achieve their dreams is one of the best gifts you can give this year. It will leave a lasting legacy for years to come. Through your involvement, we hope to reach as many deserving students as possible.

Thank you for spreading the word and offering the gift of scholarship with all you know. It truly is a gift that keeps on giving.

New Directions – Celebrating Sister Cities

How are your plans coming along for the SGC 2025 Flower Show?

March will be upon us in no time so now’s the time to begin planning your floral design, botanical arts and horticulture entries.

Mark your calendars – March 1-2, 2025!



Annual Chrysanthemum Society Show | *Carol Parrott*

The Phoenix Chrysanthemum Society held their annual Show November 22-23 at Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale. The mums were magnificent. Garden club members from around the state provided floral designs where Mums must be the dominant flower.

Our very own **Amy Emery** won the Petite Award for her charming “Night Garden” Petite Reflective Design, at right. A Reflective Design is a Creative Design containing reflective material giving back images of light to the viewer.





Lydia Riebel from Yuma won the Designer's Choice Award for her gorgeous Cascade Design, at left. A Cascade Design has an emphasis on the downward rhythmic movement.

We were pleased to learn that some Scottsdale Garden Club members came to the show and commented on how beautiful the show was in such an idyllic setting.

We are all looking forward to next year's Chrysanthemum show. Check out additional pictures from this year's show in the Gallery section of the newsletter.

Cycads are so valued that when Hurricane Andrew hit Florida it devastated a botanical garden's vast collection of Cycads. The Missouri Botanical Garden sent a Horticultural Swat Team in by helicopter to gather the cycads and take them back to Missouri. They returned them a few years later in pristine condition.

If you have a **SEGO PALM** (*Cycas revoluta*), you have a Cycad which is available at any nursery.

Lucky you!



Horticulture | Carol Parrott

Cycads appeared on earth before the dinosaurs. There were no flowering plants at the time, only Gymnosperms which reproduce by naked seeds. Gymnosperms include Pines, Junipers, Spruces, cedar, redwood and Cycads. Along with ferns that reproduce by airborne spores, Gymnosperms ruled the plant world until Angiosperms, flowering and fruit bearing plants, and insects appeared.

In Phoenix, Cycads prefer light shade and deep watering in well-drained soil.

Cycads can heat up and release an offensive odor that discourages the wrong pollinators from eating the seeds. Small bees, beetles and birds can digest their highly poisonous red, purple and yellow seeds. Cycads grow very slowly but they can live 1,000 years.



Happy New Year!



Treasurer's Report | Susan Salembier

November 2024
(Amended)

Starting Balances (11/01/24)

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

INCOME

Table Centerpieces	55.00		
Plant a Tree Collection	22.00		
Donation Proceeds	143.00		
TOTAL INCOME	220.00	/	0.01

EXPENSES

Speaker Lunches	39.00		
<u>Postage</u>	<u>5.31</u>		
TOTAL EXPENSES	44.31		

Ending Balances (11/30/24)

Checking/Savings	\$8,660.23 / \$879.06
CD	\$6,275.66

LUNCH RECONCILIATION

Prepays as of Oct 31	2,417.53
November Income	+429.00
Members' Lunches	<u>-1,131.47</u>
	\$1,871.14

Meeting Minutes | Carol Parrott

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
December 2, 2024

President **Carol Parrott** called the meeting to order at 12:00.

Birthdays were acknowledged and guests were introduced.

The centerpieces were designed by **Barbie Dimuria** and **Judy Shelton**.

The blessing was given by **Evie Campbell**. Luncheon was served from 12:00 – 1:00.

Our program was our raffle and included Christmas table designs by **Lenda Sundene** and **Carol Parrott**. **Jeanne Isbell** donated a large **Ken Schwartz** metal design structure which generated much interest among our designers. A Secret Santa \$50 cash donation topped off a fun program.

November minutes were approved as published.

Susan Salembier gave the Treasurer's report. She collected donations for Plant A Tree. Carol spoke about the very successful Chrysanthemum Society flower show and our club's outstanding participation. Everyone was pleased that our very own **Amy Emery** won the highest award in the miniature floral design section.

Members had the opportunity to sign up to enter a Horticulture or a Botanical Arts and Artistic Crafts exhibit for our "New Directions: Celebrating Scottsdale's Sister Cities" Flower Show."

Carol updated us on the By Law revisions. **Diane Davis** spoke of the Nominating Committee Progress.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.



Gallery

December 2, 2024 – “Christmas Floral Design”



Raffled Items, from left, Sculpture given by **Jeanne Isbell**, Design by **Carol Parrott**, Secret Santa Surprise, and Design by **Lenda Sundene**
Lucky Winners, from left, **Lenda Sundene**, **Evie Campbell**, **Sherry Baer** and **Betty McMichael**

Other Pictures from the Chrysanthemum Society Show

