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President's Corner | Carol Parrott



Dear Garden Club Members,

According to the Chinese Zodiac, 2025 is the year of the snake. The snake is the symbol of happiness and good luck. People born in the

year of the snake are said to be wise and charming

Here is a list of previous Snake years: 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, and 2025.

Why am I telling you this? Well, Scottsdale Garden Club was born in 1977 which makes our Zodiac symbol a snake and explains why we are so wise and charming. Get ready to share our knowledge and be our charming selves as we start into a new year.

Here's what I'll share. Winter came late this year, freezing temperatures first appeared in the middle of January and rain has yet to come. Our beloved desert looks tired. Some say, "Get used to it, this is as good as it gets."

We need to pay extra attention to our own plants and protect them from frost and deep water them when needed. With a little more care, we can have a glorious spring.

See you in the garden.

Fondly, Carol

For
the February 3, 2025, Meeting
Deadline to Sign up or Cancel:

Wednesday, Jan 29th, 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

February 3rd Meeting Preview |

Jeanne Isbell



"We're Having a Flower Show"

Yes, it's Flower Show time!
And we want all our members
to be on board.

This program will give us the opportunity to
preview the inner workings of how a flower
show is put together.

Tablescapes will be contributed by **Helen
Griller** and **Diane Davis**.

Thought for the Day

“One planet, one experiment.”

-Edward O. Wilson

Mark Your Calendar

March 1-2, 2025

SGC Flower Show “New Directions:
Celebrating Our Sister Cities”
Scottsdale Mustang Library
10101 N 90th St, Scottsdale, 85258



March 3, 2025

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

Xeriscape Does Not Mean Zero Scape | Carol Parrott

It's predawn and I'm sitting in my garden watching crayon pinks streak the morning sky. Overhead birds in silhouette crisscross the horizon greeting a new day.

The garden is coming alive with activity. Tree branches are gently shaking as birds chirp gayly, welcoming each other. It's going to be a lovely day!

I hear the irrigation system start to run. It is watering in my ICU Unit located close to my house. ICU stands for "I see you and I will take care of you." This is where I grow all my plants that simply don't belong in my garden, but I just have to have. Some of them are perennials, but here in the Arizona desert they grow as annuals. A good example is my collection of geraniums. They thrive until the heat reaches 100+ at which time they succumb to the weather. This area is six square feet and simple emitter changes allow for an increase in water flow to these beloved plants.

This is the beauty of Xeriscaping; it indulges the gardener with plant lust! Xeriscape is a landscaping method developed especially for arid and semi-arid climates. Here are some Principles of Xeriscape from the Denver Water District which coined the word "Xeriscape" in 1981.

1. Develop a Design plan.
2. Develop a plant plan.
3. Determine soil improvements for non-native plants.
4. Water deeply and infrequently to develop deep roots.
5. To minimize water waste, group together plants with similar light and water needs.
6. Mulch keeps plant roots cool, helps prevent evaporation, and deters weeds.
7. Maintenance will decrease over time.
8. You will save money!



Xeriscape gardens attract local wildlife and valued pollinators because there is a large emphasis on choosing native plants which provide shelter and food thus contributing to the biodiversity of the region.



Carol's Garden

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February Birthdays

Our best to all our members with a February Birthday!



Elaine Gunderson	February 2
Carol Parrott	February 5
Karon Quigg	February 24



Treasurer's Report | Susan Salembier

December 2024



Starting Balances (12/01/24)

Checking/Savings \$8,660.23 / \$879.06

INCOME

Table Centerpieces 42.00

Plant a Tree Collection 17.00

Holiday Raffle 120.00

TOTAL INCOME 179.00 / 0.00

EXPENSES

None except lunches 0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 0.00

Ending Balances (12/31/24)

Checking/Savings \$8,399.85 / \$879.06

CD \$6,275.66

LUNCH RECONCILIATION

Prepays as of Nov 30 1,871.14

November Income +536.00

Members' Lunches -975.38

\$1,431.76



Meeting Minutes | Joan Yagoda

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
January 6, 2025



The meeting was called to order at noon by **Carol Parrott**.

The beautiful tablescapes were created by **Betty McMichael**. **Evie Campbell** led an inspiring blessing.

Mickie Rustad gave the presentation: "Wonderful Designs". She demonstrated how to create a floral design for a flower show. Also, she gave us important tips and reminders:

Be sure you come on the correct date!

Plan ahead and come as early as possible.

When you sign up for a design be sure to bring it because your entire category will be disqualified if it is missing a design.

Read carefully the parameters of your design including the size and color of backdrop and exact size allowed for your creation.

When the flower show is over we all need to pitch in to dismantle and remove everything.

Our treasurer, **Susan Salembier**, gave the Treasurer's Report. She also discussed Plant a Tree and Sister Cities events.

January 28, 4-6PM – Sister Cities Happy Hour to celebrate Chinese New Year at Ling and Louie's Asian Bar and Grill in Scottsdale.

February 13, 7-9PM – A Sister Cities event: an operatic tenor and a soprano, plus a composer and pianist, all from Sonora, Mexico, will perform at ASU Kerr Cultural Center.

More information, RSVP and tickets to these events are available on ScottsdaleSisterCities.com.

Applications for Youth Ambassadors and/or hosts to Marrakech, Morocco and from Alamos, Sonora, Mexico can be accessed on ScottsdaleSisterCities.com

Jen Donovan, Corresponding Secretary, has been ill. Her address is: 7508 E. Minnezona Ave., Scottsdale 85251. I'm sure she'd love a note!

Nominating Committee for the upcoming slate of officers is **Diane Davis**, **Sally Bradford** and **Helen Griller**.

Judy Kennedy, Flower Show chairman, spoke about the upcoming show.

Jamie Dick discussed AFGC Scholarships and encouraged us to inform others of this program. More information is available at azgardenclubs.com

Our Flower Show is March 1-2, 2025, at Mustang Library, 10101 N 90th St., Scottsdale.

Meeting was adjourned by **Carol Parrott** at 3PM.



Gallery | *Jamie Dick and Carol Parrott, Photographers*

January 6th, 2025 – “Wonderful Designs”



Three Designs by Guest Speaker Mickie Rustad

Examples of Xeroscape Design

