



# Arizona Blooms

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## President's Corner | Carol Parrott



Dear Garden Club Members,

It's March and our beloved Sonoran Desert is waking up.

There is a charming children's poem that says it all:

Spring is sprung, the grass is riz.  
I wonder where the birdies is.  
They say the birdies on the wing, but that's absurd.  
I always thought the wing was on the bird.

Phoenix is on the migration path for wintering birds who begin leaving in late February. By providing a stopover habitat, or a place where birds can rest and refuel, you are supporting bird conservation.

Want to attract birds to your garden? You can find a list of plants compiled by our local "Audubon Phoenix." Love Hummingbirds? Be sure to include some plants with tubular flowers. And don't forget to provide a clean water source.

What can birds do for you? They provide pest control, pollination, seed dispersal, plant fertilization and they weed your garden! Studies have shown that birds provide mental health benefits, lower our stress level and increase our physical activity.

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

**Wednesday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, by Noon  
RSVP via Email or Text:  
[jkarteaux@yahoo.com](mailto:jkarteaux@yahoo.com)  
or 812-350-6795**

**Send Check to  
6411 E Carolina Dr. Scottsdale, AZ 85254  
or pay by Zelle  
(sgcTreasurer100@gmail com)**

**\$39 per lunch incl tax & tip  
If you have pre-paid, you must cancel, or  
your account will be charged.**

Personally, I feel they bring great joy and hearing their morning songs is simply enchanting. Male birds sing to claim their territory and attract mates. Birds sing to warm up and announce the arrival of a new season, such as spring.

So, enjoy your morning coffee outside in your garden and listen to their "dawn Chorus" as they serenade you with their songs.

Happy spring!

Fondly,  
Carol

## March 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Preview |

*Jeanne Isbell*

### “Waste Less, Work Less – Project Relevance”

Diane Doster of R City Mill will explain the easy, odorless way to end food waste in the Phoenix Valley.



Tablescapes will be contributed by **Lenda Sundene**.

### Thought for the Day

"Happiness is to hold flowers in both hands."  
-Japanese Proverb

### Mark Your Calendar

February 28 – March 2, 2025

Maricopa County Home & Landscape Show  
State Farm Stadium, Phoenix

March 1-2, 2025

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



March 14-17, 2025

Desert Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale  
Reservations required; 7am – 3 pm  
(March 14 – DBG members only)



### Aloes, Underappreciated Plant with History

*| Carol Parrott*

Aloes ... the plant we  
take for granted.

Aloes are everywhere!  
We plant them and  
then we yank them out  
because they have multiplied and are taking  
over our garden.



There are over 650 species of Aloes. They thrive in full sun, require good drainage with only weekly watering during our hot summers. Aloes hail from Africa and in Phoenix they bloom in late winter and early spring. They have been valued for their cosmetic and medicinal qualities for centuries.



Cleopatra credited the Aloe with keeping her skin flawless and smooth. If alive today, she would be the poster girl for Aloe vera!

When Alexander the Great turned thirteen, his father asked Aristotle to begin his education which included Philosophy, politics, and ethics. This helped shape Alexander's personality and his aspirations. And so began a lifetime of friendship between teacher and student.

Later, when Alexander began his quest, Aristotle asked him to conquer the Island of Socotra, east of the Horn of Africa, as it was rich in Aloes. Alexander ordered some wagons to be fitted with soil to transport Aloes. They accompanied Alexander's army into battle and were used to treat the soldiers' wounds.

So, when you're digging up your Aloes, please treat them with the respect they deserve. Their flower gaily announces that spring is on its way and that all is right in the world.

(Aloe picture by **Carol Parrott**; see additional Aloe pictures courtesy of Carol and **Bob Lindholm**, Boyce Thompson Arboretum, in the Gallery.)

### March Birthdays



Happy Birthday to our March Birthday Members!

<b>Jen Donovan</b>	<b>March 6</b>
<b>Jamie Dick</b>	<b>March 10</b>
<b>Sharon Davis</b>	<b>March 13</b>
<b>Anne Lyons</b>	<b>March 20</b>

## Treasurer's Report | Susan Salembier

January 2025



Starting Balances (01/01/25)

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

### INCOME

Table Centerpieces 35.00

Plant a Tree Collection 29.00

**TOTAL INCOME** 64.00 / 0.01

### EXPENSES

Speaker Fee & Lunch 89.00

Flower Show 967.89

Check Printing 42.09

**TOTAL EXPENSES** 1,098.98 / 0.00

Ending Balances (12/31/24)

Checking/Savings \$7,247.49 / \$879.07

CD \$6,275.66

### LUNCH RECONCILIATION

Prepays as of Dec 31 1,431.76

November Income +819.00

Members' Lunches -936.38

\$1,314.38



## Meeting Minutes | Joan Yagoda

McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
February 3, 2025



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

She introduced two guests.

Birthdays were acknowledged and **Karen Quigg** looked fetching wearing the Birthday Crown.

Beautiful Valentine/Tulip centerpieces were created by **Helen Griller** and **Diane Davis**.

The blessing of Faith, Love and Hope was given by **Evie Campbell**. She informed us that **Marilyn Stone** is doing better, and left us with a Valentine thought: "All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then helps!"

After lunch **Judy Kennedy** presented information about the Flower Show "New Directions: Celebrating Scottsdale's Sister Cities".

### **IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR DESIGN**

**ENTRIES:** Email to **Sharon Davis** [gardengatedesign@icloud.com](mailto:gardengatedesign@icloud.com) 2 or 3 sentences describing your thoughts when designing your entry. Sharon will type this and include it with your entry at the flower show, helping the judges better understand your design.

**Carol Parrott** showed us how to prep and present Horticulture entries. We are all encouraged to bring horticulture from our gardens.

**Judy Shelton** explained the Horticulture entry cards and suggested filling out cards in pencil so mistakes can be corrected.

Very helpful handout "Entering Horticulture Made Easy" was distributed to all.

Dates and times for Flower Show:

Fri. 2/28, 3-5PM **Entries** may be brought to Mustang Library – door to right of main entrance

Sat. 3/1, 7-9AM **Entries** may be brought to Mustang Library – door to right of main entrance.

Sat. 3/1, 10AM-12PM **Judging**

Sat. 3/1 **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Sun. 3/2, 4PM **REMOVAL – EVERYONE MUST HELP!!**

January's minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by **Susan Salembier**. Susan will be away next month (on a fabulous trip!) and **Jeanne Isbell** will sub for her. Thank you, Jeanne!

Membership and Corresponding Secretary had no reports.

**Diane Davis** sold 50/25/25 raffle tickets for the Convention.

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



More Aloes!

