



# Arizona Blooms

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## President's Corner | Jeanne Isbell



Hello Garden Club Members,

Hope your Christmas was merry and bright and that the New Year will bring health, happiness and peace.

The weather in December has been delightful. December 21<sup>st</sup> set a record for Phoenix with a high of 81 degrees! Although we always need rain, I am hoping the forecast for Christmas Eve, with an 80% chance of rain, and Christmas Day, with a 90% chance, is inaccurate or that at least it rains only during the wee hours of the morning.

In January, we request members bring canned food or other unperishable food items for a local food bank (TBD). **Susan Salambier** will have a basket to place your item(s) when you check in.

**DeAnna Twigg**, one of our own, will present the January program: All About Oregano.

For  
the January 5<sup>th</sup>, Meeting  
Deadline to Sign up or Cancel is:

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, 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

As **Carol Parrott** quoted **Opah Winfrey** and it bears repeating, "Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right."

See you January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Happy New Year,

Jeanne



## January Program Preview |

DeAnna Twigg



### All About Oregano

DeAnna will give a presentation on planting, harvesting, health benefits and uses of this herb.

There is more to oregano than spaghetti sauce!

It is easy to grow from seeds gathered from your own plants. It doesn't require a lot of water and it's good for your health.

### Thought for the Day

"Never think a word or action is too small. Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

- Theodore Roosevelt

### Mark Your Calendar

March 14-15, 2026

Tucson Garden Club Small Standard Flower Show

March 21-22, 2026

Desert Designers Standard Flower Show at Boyce Thompson Arboretum

April 23, 2026

AFGC Annual Spring Meeting  
Valley Garden Center  
1809 N 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007

### Have YOU taken the Challenge yet?



AFGC President **Jennifer Moreland** is challenging all Arizona garden club members to get inspired and enrich your knowledge of four key areas in the conservation of land, water and soil in Arizona.

Visit the AFGC website and participate in the Challenge Wall. The Challenge features a series of "quick definitions, quick links and featured articles", focusing on four conservation areas:

- Sustainability
- Reforestation
- Arbor Day Tree Planting
- Firewise Communities / Fire Safety

Clubs whose members participate will be recognized at AFGC Annual Meeting.

Click [here](#) to get started!



## Following Up: December Gift Exchange

The December meeting's Gift Exchange rewarded **Jo Waterman** with a very pleasant surprise. **Jo** received a waxed Amaryllis bulb from her Secret Santa.

In just a few days, the bulb produced three beautiful blossoms.



**Jo** says a "big thank you to whoever brought this!"

Hopefully, everyone enjoyed a similar "pleasant surprise".

## Meeting Minutes | *Joan Yagoda*

McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
December 8, 2025



**Jeanne Carteaux** called the meeting to order at noon.

December birthdays were acknowledged: **Karen Kelly, Aurien Preiss, Judy Shelton, DeAnna Twigg.**

Very popular and twinkly holiday centerpieces were crafted by **DeAnna Twigg** and **Joan Yagoda**.

**Helen Griller** delivered a Moment of Gratitude.

**DeAnna Twigg** introduced **Viri Quinonez** who represents the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. She discussed the condition of the Arizona forests.

The department has divided the state into five districts. In each district they detect, monitor and evaluate the condition of the forests in a standardized manner using a computer program. The ongoing drought in AZ has caused many trees to weaken, which allows insects and disease to flourish. We were shown samples of the tiny insects that cause so much damage. For more information visit their website: <http://dffm.az.gov>.

Everyone participated in the Pick a Bag gift exchange, organized by **DeAnna Twigg**.

The Design Moment was presented by **Rea Heesch**, with assistance from **Amy Emery**. Petite Flower Designs were shown. Dried flowers may be used in these designs; they



may be painted if you wish. Fresh flowers can be dried using silica. Amy and Rea displayed stunning first and second place arrangements they had created.

**Helen Griller** moved and **Judy Shelton** seconded approval of November minutes.

**Susan Salembier** presented the Treasurer's Report. Our new Certificate of Deposit (\$6566.60 @ 3.64% interest) will mature on June 2, 2026. There were 7 unused lunches for which SGG was obligated to pay. They were available to take home for a donation.

**Christine Wolff** (Membership) gave each member a few very attractive SGC business cards which were made by **Sherry Baer**. We are encouraged to place them on bulletin boards in coffee shops, garden centers etc., and to give them to interested people.

We need a chairman for the March 15 fundraiser. We do not have Chairs for Historian and Publicity.

The November 18<sup>th</sup> field trip to Berridge's and lunch was attended by 11 members. The next field trip will be to the Japanese Friendship Garden.

**Jeanne Carteaux** reported on the fall district meeting.

We are all encouraged to participate in the Conservation Quiz which can be accessed at: [AFGC Challenge](#).

**Carol Parrott** encouraged all Members of SGC to participate in Desert Designers Flower Show, co-sponsored by Gold Canyon Garden Club, March 21-22 at Boyce Thompson Arboretum.

Dates to remember:

March 15 SGC Fundraiser?

March 14-15 Tucson Garden Club Flower Show

March 21-22 Desert Designers Flower Show at Boyce Thompson Arboretum  
Meeting was adjourned 2:30PM

## **Treasurer's Report | Susan Salembier**



### **STARTING BALANCES (11/01/25)**

Checking/Savings	\$4,206.04/	\$879.14
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### **INCOME**

Centerpieces	90.00
Plant A Tree	19.00
<u>From AFGC/Convention</u>	<u>362.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>471.00</b>
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### **EXPENSES**

<u>Postage</u>	<u>7.49</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7.49</b>

### **ENDING BALANCES (11/30/2025)**

Checking/Savings	\$4,475.55 /	\$879.14
CD		\$6,566.60

### **LUNCH RECONCILIATION**

Prepays as of 10/31	\$1,170.00
Lunch Income	781.00
Paid to Club	<u>- 975.00</u>
Prepays as of 11/30	\$ 976.00



**Gallery |** *Photographs Contributed by Sherry Baer.*



Guest Speaker **Viri Quinonez** delivering her talk on the state of Arizona's forests

December's centerpieces were contributed by **DeAnna Twigg and Joan Yagoda**



Bags awaiting the December "Pick a Bag" Gift Exchange





Design Committee Chair **Rea Heesch** delivering the Design Moment for December



Petite Designs by **Rea Heesch** (left) and **Amy Emory**

