

# Arizona Blooms

## News from Scottsdale Garden Club

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### President's Corner | Jeanne Isbell

Hello Garden Club Members,



How about this incredibly warm winter. Isn't it delightful?

My hyacinths have come up along with the tulip bulb our horticulture chairman **Jamie Dick** gave us all at our November meeting. Can't wait till they bloom. Hope all of you have had success with yours.

Our food drive at the January meeting was quite successful. **Susan Salembier** reported that our contribution to the Vista del Camino at 7700 E Roosevelt St. weighed in at 32 pounds.

Let's see if we can match or exceed that at the February meeting.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the SGC Garden Tour and Happy Hour on March 15<sup>th</sup>. It will begin with a garden tour at **Judy Shelton's** from 3-4 pm followed by a Happy Hour at the McDowell Mountain Ranch Club House from 4-6 pm. The price will be \$25.00 per member and guest. All active members are encouraged to attend and bring an appetizer

For  
the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Meeting  
Deadline to Sign up or Cancel is:

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 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

which you can drop off at the McDowell Mountain Ranch Club House before you tour Judy's nearby garden.

Reservations can be made starting at the February meeting by signing up at the check-in table.

If you have questions call me.

Our February program will be Planting and Designing a Beautiful Container Garden by our own **Judy Shelton**.

Here is a little play on words: "Lettuce Turnip the Beet".

Hope to see you all on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jeanne

## February Program Preview |

*DeAnna Twigg*



### Beautiful Container Gardens

Our own **Judy Shelton** will showcase her expertise in planting container gardens and individual plants that can be enjoyed for months.

She won multiple ribbons in our last flower show for her beautiful plants. Her tips and tricks will help all of us achieve success in container planting.

The program will include a Design Moment by **Rea Heesch**.

Tablescapes will be contributed by **Nancy Jones** and **Betty McMichael**.

### Thought for the Day

"In every gardener there is a child who believes in possibilities."

--Rudyard Kipling

### Mark Your Calendar

March 14-15, 2026

Tucson Garden Club Small Standard Flower Show

March 15, 2026

SGC Garden Tour & Social Hour – 3pm

March 21-22, 2026

Standard Flower Show – Sponsored by  
Desert Designers & Gold Canyon Garden  
Clubs – At Boyce Thompson Arboretum

April 23, 2026

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

### Did you know... | *Sherry Baer*

...that there are about 435,000 miles of hedges in Great Britain? That's enough to circle the earth more than 17 times!

Hedges, or hedgerows to our UK friends, are a defining feature of the British landscape according to **Peter Ross** in the Smithsonian magazine (November 2020). That seems to make them equivalent to saguaros for Arizona.

And like the saguaro, hedges have very old origins; they were certainly in use during the Roman and Saxon periods and even much earlier. Then, they were used primarily to corral animals, keeping them separate from the crops.

Today, they more often set boundaries around gardens and separate domestic and public spaces, similar to the 'picket fence' in traditional American culture. Hedges were serious business; in England, a 1567 law forbade breaking a hedge. The law mandated a



punishment of at least two hours 'in the stocks' for offenders.

British hedges were and still are created using a variety of shrub or tree material. One of the best-known hedges is the Phoenix Hedge, an 800-year-old specimen located in the outskirts of Bristol, England, which is 295 feet long and composed of ash, elm, and dog rose (*Rosa canina*). (See below.)



Picture, with dedication sign, from the website of Phoenix Hedge Preservation Group.)

By using natural material, hedges can help reduce the effects of climate change; "a mile of new hedgerow can store up to 2,800 pounds of carbon dioxide a year for as long as 20 years", according to **Mr. Ross**.



Happy Valentines' Day!

## Meeting Minutes | Joan Yagoda

McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
January 7, 2026



The meeting was called to order at noon by Pres.

**Jeanne Isbell.**

The graceful centerpieces were made by **Susan Salembier** and **Sherry Baer**. Susan told us that the vases had belonged to her deceased sister who collected them. They are created by Lefton, a Japanese brand.

**Helen Griller** spoke about the New Year in her Invocation.

**DeAnna Twigg** presented the program: All About Oregano. There are five kinds of oregano: Italian, Greek, Syrian, Mexican and Cuban. It is in the mint family, is anti-inflammatory, good for digestion and combats bacteria and viruses in addition to its culinary uses. It grows well in our climate.

**Jamie Dick** gave us all wildflower seeds as part of the Horticulture Moment. We also received a handout about Growing in the Garden, a gardening website.

The December minutes were approved as presented.

**Susan Salembier's** Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. There were 3 lunches available for purchase. The club is obligated to pay for these lunches even if unused.

Feb. 1 is the deadline to apply for a scholarship. Applications are on the AFGC website or Scholarship Universe.



Dates to remember:

Sunday March 15 Scottsdale Garden Club  
Garden Tour and Happy Hour at McDowell  
Mountain Ranch Clubhouse. The garden tour  
will be at **Judy Shelton's** home.

All members are requested to bring an  
appetizer or dessert to the clubhouse.

March 14-15 Tucson Garden Club Flower  
Show

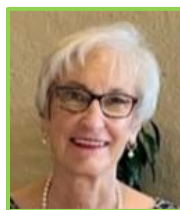
March 21-22 Desert Designers and Gold  
Canyon Flower Show, Boyce Thompson  
Arboretum

Meeting was adjourned at 2PM.



**Jo Waterman's** Amaryllis has bloomed a  
second time!

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



### **STARTING BALANCES (12/01/25)**

Checking/Savings      \$4,475.55/ \$879.14

### **INCOME**

Centerpieces      90.00

**TOTAL INCOME**      **90.00**      /      0.01

### **EXPENSES**

Speaker Fee/Lunch      89.00

District Mtg/Paper      58.91

Printing      27.49

**TOTAL EXPENSES**      **175.40**

### **ENDING BALANCES (12/31/2025)**

Checking/Savings      \$4,090.15/ \$879.15

### **LUNCH RECONCILIATION**

Prepays as of 11/30      \$976.00

Lunch Income in Dec      636.00

(includes \$90 of donations)

Paid to Golf Club      - 936.00

Prepays as of 11/30      \$ 676.00





## Gallery | *Photographs Contributed by Jamie Dick and Sherry Baer*



**DeAnna Twigg**, on right, was January's guest speaker;  
**Linda Eggink**, on left, holds an Oregano sample which **DeAnna** brought from her garden;  
And SGC President **Jeanne Isbell**, center.



**Jamie Dick**, Horticulture Committee Chair,  
gave the Horticulture Moment and distributed  
packets of Wildflower Seeds to members.



Tablescapes were supplied by **Susan Salembier**  
(above, left) and **Sherry Baer**. **Karon Quigg**, on  
right, purchased a vase. Vases were donated by  
**Susan**.

