

Arizona Blooms

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President's Corner | Jeanne Isbell



Hello Garden Club Members,

Hope your month has gone well and you are looking forward to the best month of the year here in the valley of the sun, March.

One of my favorite things about March is the smell of the citrus blooms that permeates the air in many locations in the valley.

Arizona is one of only four states, including California, Texas and Florida able to grow citrus in the United States.

Here are some fun citrus facts:

*Citrus are considered Evergreens as they keep their leaves year around.

*There is more fiber in an orange than in most other fruits and vegetables.

*One lemon contains a full day's supply of vitamin C with 33% in the peel.

*Grapefruit can help lower cholesterol.

*A citrus tree blooms while also bearing fruit.

*Citrus fruits can be left on the tree without becoming overripe. Fruit does not continue to ripen after being picked. The longer citrus

For
the March 2nd, Meeting
Deadline to Sign up or Cancel is:

Wednesday, February 25th, 2026, 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)

fruit ripens on the tree the sweeter and less acidic it will be.

*Most trees flower in February and March.

*With proper care a citrus tree can produce fruit for over fifty years.

We have a fruit cocktail tree that at first produced grapefruit, lemons and oranges. This year it produced grapefruits and four lemons. We were told that over time one fruit would dominate, with ours it is grapefruit.

Don't forget to get your reservations and payment for our March 15th Garden Tour and Happy Hour to **Susan Salambier**.

Hope to see you all at the March 2nd meeting.

Till then,
Jeanne

Thought for the Day

“The felling of the first tree is the beginning of human civilization. The felling of the last is its end.”

-August Wilhelm Eichler
German Botanist

March Program Preview |



DeAnna Twigg

Regenerative Gardening And Seeds

Susan Stoltz, The Retired Gardener, has a Master Gardener Certification from the University of Arizona and is scheduled to attend Cornell University’s Medicinal Plants Program. She will discuss regenerative gardening and her work in adapting seeds to warmer climates.



Seed packets will be available for purchase.

The program will include a Horticulture Moment by **Jamie Dick**.

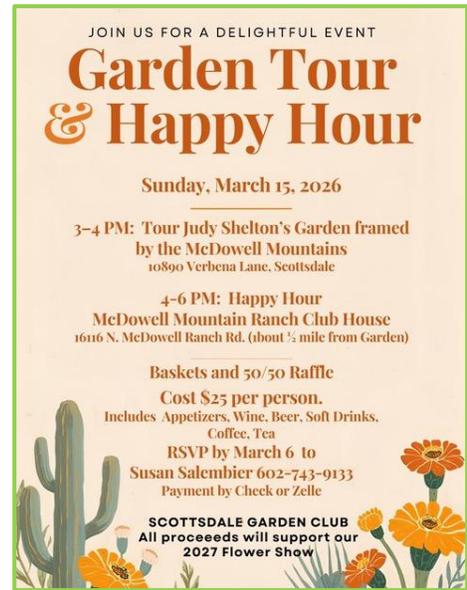
Tablescapes will be contributed by **Diane Davis** and **Helen Griller**.

Dates to Remember

March 14-15, 2026

Tucson Garden Club Small Standard Flower Show

March 15, 2026



March 21-22, 2026

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



March Birthdays

- Jen Donovan** March 6
- Jamie Dick** March 10
- Sharon Davis** March 13
- Anne Lyons** March 20



“Farm-to-Table”

Jaime Dick shared her “Farm-to-Table” success story!



Grow

Harvest



Serve

Meeting Minutes | Joan Yagoda

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
February 2, 2026



Meeting was called to order
by President **Jeanne Isbell** at
noon.

Announcement: **Lucy Samuels’** Memorial
Service will be February 22nd, 11AM at
Messinger’s Mortuary, 7601 E. Indian School
Rd. Scottsdale.

Introduction of 6 guests.

Two of our members had birthdays this
month: **Carol Parrott** and **Karon Quigg**

We all enjoyed the lovely Valentine table
arrangements made by **Nancy Jones** and **Betty
McMichael**.

Judy Shelton presented “Designing and
Planting a Beautiful Container Garden”. She
demonstrated how to design a 12” dish
planter, which is the size required in AFGC
flower shows. Among her gardening tips was
using Miracle Grow “Quick start” to give
plants a good start.

For the Design Moment **Rea Heesch** showed
how to make the staging frames needed for
flower show displays. She also passed a sign-
up sheet for baskets for the Fundraiser
March 15th.

Aurien Preiss reported that she and Judy
Shelton weeded the garden plot at Redfield
Elementary School. Also, she is submitting
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters for State
and Regional AFGC awards.



December minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: **Susan Salembier** reported the January 31 balance for checking account is \$4329.15; for savings account is \$879.16. The financial report was approved as presented. Also, the club received \$85 from the proceeds of **Lucy Samuels'** floral design items which **Judy Kennedy** brought to the meeting.

Garden Show and Happy Hour Fundraiser will be Sunday March 15, 3-6PM. The Garden Tour will be at **Judy Shelton's** home, 10890 E. Verbena Lane, Scottsdale 85255 3-4PM; Happy Hour at McDowell Mountain Ranch Clubhouse 4-6PM. **Jeanne Isbell** reported that **Susan Salembier** is taking reservations for the event which is \$25. A sign-up sheet for food was passed around.

New Member Coffee has been postponed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45PM.

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

Diane Davis shared a picture of her tulips.
Happy Spring!



Treasurer's Report | Susan Salembier



STARTING BALANCES (01/01/26)

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

INCOME

Centerpieces 60.00

TOTAL INCOME 60.00 / 0.01

EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES 0

ENDING BALANCES (01/31/2026)

Checking/Savings \$4,329.15/ \$879.16

LUNCH RECONCILIATION

Prepays as of 11/30 \$676.00

Lunch Income in Jan. 1154.00

(includes \$62 of donations)

Paid to Golf Club - 975.00

Prepays as of 01/31 \$ 855.00



Gallery | *Photographs Contributed by Jamie Dick*



Guest Speaker **Judy Shelton** Demonstrated Container Gardening and Shared Tips



February Tablescape



Tablescapes Creators **Betty McMichael & Nancy Jones**

