

Arizona Blooms

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President's Corner | Jeanne Isbell



Hello SGC Members,

Here we are at the end of our garden club year. This summer we will continue to meet for lunch at McCormick Ranch Golf Club on the first Monday of the month, June through September to stay in touch. Hope to see many of you there.

Starting in October Scottsdale Garden Club will relocate and change the format of our monthly meetings. The new location will be the First Christian Church at 7405 E. McDonald Drive in Scottsdale. We will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month October through May but it will be a morning meeting probably starting around 10:00 am and lasting a couple of hours until around noon.

McCormick Ranch Golf Club has been a wonderful location for our meetings. Their service has been fantastic, and it is beautiful, but sadly it is no longer feasible to continue meeting there. The reasons are both financial and membership recruitment efforts.

With our membership dwindling, we can no longer meet our contractual obligations with the Golf Club. We have a minimum guarantee

For
the May 4th, Meeting
Deadline to Sign up or Cancel is:

Wednesday, April 29th, 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)

\$39 per lunch incl tax & tip

of 25 lunches and have only met that number once this year. We must look to recruiting new members to sustain our club.

With the help of **Susan Salembier, Joan Yagoda, Chris Wolff, Sharon Davis** and **Sophia Gawron** we have contacted and or visited 14 locations and believe the First Christian Church best fits our needs at this time.

We envision a social time with maybe coffee and donuts, a business meeting followed by a program with a speaker and sometimes workshops. With more than 10 restaurants within a few blocks, you can than choose to go to lunch at your pleasure.

Lots of details have yet to be worked out and we invite YOUR input into shaping how you'd like to see our meetings structured. The Board will be meeting on May 7 at 9:30 am at my home to work out these details and we invite you to attend and provide your ideas and leadership.

The Board sees this as a positive opportunity to refresh and rebuild the Scottsdale Garden Club toward fulfilling our Mission of:

- promoting interest in beautifying the home and community
- stimulating knowledge and love of gardening and
- encouraging and aiding in the conservation and protection of our natural resources.

Hope to see you at our May 4th meeting.

Fondly,
Jeanne

Thought for the Day

“Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”

Warren Buffett

May Birthdays

Best Wishes to:



Rea Heesch	May 1
Joan Yagoda	May 4
Evie Campbell	May 28

May Program Preview |

DeAnna Twigg



Flower Power

Scottsdale Garden Club members **Rea Heesch** and Amy Emary will be hosting a small Petite Flower Show.

Rea and Amy are both recipients of the Doris Helvig Creative Design Award. This award is “given annually to an AFGC member who is outstanding in furthering the art of creative floral design.”

This is a wonderful opportunity to show off your creativity and prepare for our next flower show.

Tablescapes will be contributed by **Amy Emary** and **Rea Heesch**.

Jamie Dick will deliver a Horticulture Moment.

Dates to Remember

May 4-6, 2026
 NGC Convention
 St Louis, MO
 Click [here](#) to register!

June – September 2026
 First Mondays, 12:00 noon
 Informal Lunches
 McCormick Ranch Golf Club



Mystery Plant Follow-up

After reading last month's newsletter article on my cactus find, **Susan Salembier** shared her similar experience with finding "tiny baby volunteer cacti" in her front yard. She relocated them and watched them grow from about 1 inch tall to their present size.

She notes that "the middle one broke off and re-sprouted a couple times."



Susan's Volunteer Cacti Garden Today

Susan used one volunteer cactus in her flower show entry in 2023. Based on her iPhone ID app, she labeled it: *Cereus tetragonus*. **Susan** added that, "It was about 4 inches then. Today it's 24" tall."



Susan's Flower Show Entry in 2023

And Another Follow-up

You may remember an article in the December 2025 issue highlighting **Linda Eggink's** new clover lawn makeover.

Linda just updated "*Arizona Blooms*" with a current picture of her clover lawn in full bloom, now a mass of tiny white flowers!



Meeting Minutes | Joan Yagoda

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
April 13, 2026



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

Two guests were acknowledged.

We had one birthday – **Jeanne Isbell**. Happy Birthday Jeanne!

Beautiful centerpiece bouquets of iris and tulips were crafted by **Sharon Davis** and **Chris Morgan**.

The Invocation, With Gratitude for Spring, was given by **Helen Griller**.

Sharon Davis, a member of SGC, gave the presentation, Captivating Chinese Gardens. While we were looking at stunning pictures of Chinese gardens, Sharon gave us information about the original Chinese gardens that were shaped by the philosophies of Confucius and Lao Tzu. She discussed the transitions from large gardens of the emperors to smaller



gardens today in various places including homes. Sharon has travelled in China multiple times and has extensive knowledge of their gardens.

Rea Heesh announced A Petite Design Flower Show to be held at the next meeting. All members are encouraged to participate.

March Minutes were approved as presented. **Susan Salembier's** Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Jeanne Isbell and **Christine Wolff** presented information about the search for a new future location for SGC meetings. It is not financially feasible to continue meeting at McCormick Ranch; we have not been able to cover the 25-person lunch minimum that McCormick Ranch requires. **Christine Wolff**, our Membership Chairman, reported she has had negative comments from prospective members that the monthly cost of our meetings is prohibitive for them.

A new venue, First Christian Church, 7405 E McDonald Dr., Scottsdale, has been found. An Analysis of Meeting Spaces was distributed to members showing venue options that were explored.

The Board will be meeting to work out the details of our meetings starting in October, on May 7 at 9:30AM at Jeanne's house. You are invited to attend to provide your ideas and leadership.

Jeanne Isbell announced that the Board approved raising annual dues to \$40.

Dates to remember:

April 21 – Earth Day Plant and Seed Sale, 4PM Arabian Library, Scottsdale

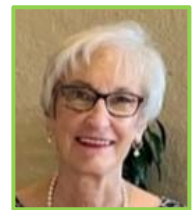
April 23 – AFGC Annual Meeting, 9AM Valley Garden Center, 1809 N 15th Ave, Phoenix

April 24 – Arbor Day Tree Planting, 9AM Eldorado Community Center, 7641 E Murray Ln, Scottsdale

May 4-6 – 2026 National Garden Convention, St. Louis MO

Treasurer's Report |

Susan Salembier



STARTING BALANCES (03/01/26)

Checking/Savings	\$4,439.15/	\$879.17
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INCOME

Centerpieces	30.00
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Sale - Mlinark's Supplies	40.00
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<u>Garden Tour & HH</u>	<u>3077.00</u>
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TOTAL INCOME	3147.00	/	0.00
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EXPENSES

Speaker (Fee & Lunch)	89.00
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<u>Garden Tour & HH</u>	<u>170.83</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSES	259.83
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ENDING BALANCES (03/31/2026)

Checking/Savings	\$7,102.32/	\$879.17
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LUNCH RECONCILIATION

Prepays as of 02/28	\$426.00
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Lunch Inc in March	+712.00
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<u>Paid to Golf Club</u>	<u>-936.00</u>
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Prepays as of 02/28	\$202.00
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Gallery | *Photographs Contributed by Jamie Dick,
Susan Salembier*

Sharon Davis delivered the April program
on Chinese Gardens.



SGC Members at the April meeting.



Following the April meeting, the 2027 Flower Show Committee met to begin planning.
Sharon Davis, in center, is the Flower Show Chairman.



Arbor Day 2026



SGC President **Jeanne Isbell** with
Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Representative



SGC members at the Arbor Day planting



Susan Salembier led SGC Arbor Day Project

