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President's Corner | Carol Parrott



Dear Garden Club Members,

It was wonderful to see you all at our October meeting

and share your enthusiasm for the coming Garden Club season.

November marks the end of the ideal weather for planting. Our field trip to Berridge Nursery on October 31st will give us the opportunity to buy our plants and seeds.

Cold weather vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, and herbs like cilantro, dill, parsley and garlic benefit from a November planting in our desert.

Don't forget to sprinkle seeds like Arizona bluebells, California poppies, nasturtiums and blanket flower for a spectacular bloom in the spring.

Happy Gardening,
Carol

November Meeting Preview |

Jeanne Isbell

Dr. Jenna Dye will present a program about medicinal plants and allergy remedies.



A board-certified Naturopathic Physician, she has a passion for pediatrics, adolescent, and women's health. And, as a primary care physician, she cares for the entire family.

Centerpieces for the November meeting will be provided by **Diane Davis & Helen Griller**.

Also, **Judy Shelton** asks that members please bring any plants, pots, or garden related items for our November Plant Sale which will take place at our November meeting.

Containers for floral design, books, tools, seeds etc. are always welcome!

And **Jen Donovan** still needs a few items for SGC's basket for the upcoming District meeting. To date we have wine, books, an olive oil sampler and a dining out gift card.

Reservations for November's meeting:

Please, don't forget that luncheon reservations and cancellations this month are due to the Treasurer, **Susan Salembier**, by October 31.

E-mail OR Text Susan Salembier that you are attending:
susansalembier14@gmail.com or 602-743-9133.

Then bring check for \$39.00 to meeting on November 6.

If you have pre-paid ahead for lunches, you will be included in the guaranteed count UNLESS you notify Susan that you are NOT attending for November.

Thought for the Day

Gardens are not made by singing "Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade.

-Rudyard Kipling

November Birthdays



Best Wishes to all those November Birthday members!

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| Marilyn Stone | November 6 |
| Jan Riedel | November 8 |
| Judy Kennedy | November 26 |
| Diane Davis | November 30 |

Upcoming Events

October 31, 2023

SGC Field Trip to Berridge Nursery
Meet at Berridge's Parking Lot 10:00 am
4647 E Camelback Road, Phoenix

November 14, 2023

AFGC Central/Eastern District Meeting
9-12:30 pm
Gold Canyon Golf Resort
6100 South Kings Ranch Road
Gold Canyon, AZ 85118

Plant Spotlight | *Aurien Preiss*

Blue Salvia, *Salvia farinacea* is a perennial plant with showy purplish blue flower spikes that run up and down the stems. Also known as mealycup sage, the plant is native to North America and part of the Salvia genus.

The leaves of the mealycup sage are shiny, elongated, and slightly serrated with a hint of gray on the underside.

This hardy perennial has lived in my garden for many years along a flower garden border.

It's approximately 36 inches tall, and despite my neglect has thrived and survived the summer providing blooms for the bees, hummingbirds, and finches.

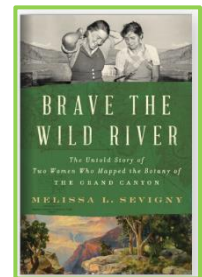


Fall and Spring is when you'll see it really come to life and deepen its bloom color.

An asset in every garden!

Have you read? | *Sherry Baer*

Brave the Wild River
The Untold Story of Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of THE GRAND CANYON
By **Melissa L. Sevigny**



Brave the Wild River is an exciting account of a 1938 trip through the Grand Canyon by the first women and first botanists to successfully 'run the river'. The women, **Elzada Clover** and **Lois Jotter**, both scientists at the University of Michigan, aimed to collect the flora of the



Canyon and test several botanical theories at the time: whether plants common in all three desert areas which intersect in the canyon lands were present in the Grand Canyon, what different plants would be found in the various elevations of the Canyon, and whether they would find 'relict flora', flora left over from an cooler, wetter environment from eons ago.

Clover's special interest was cacti while Jotter's was the evening primrose. It is fascinating to learn how they collected and prepared the specimens, then pressed them between newspaper pages. And despite the various boating mishaps, the collection apparently survived! The first plant Clover collected was the *Opuntia polyacantha* var. *hystricina* – the Plains prickly pear. How do you prepare this thorny wonder for pressing?

The author, **Melissa L. Sevigny**, is a science journalist at Arizona Public Radio, and a resident of Flagstaff. Her book is not only a riveting tale of surviving the multiple rapids of this formidable river but also a look into the early days of women in scientific careers.



October 2023 Meeting Minutes | Carol Parrott

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
October 2, 2023

President **Carol Parrott** called the meeting to order at 11:58 am.

Carol recognized our members who had October birthdays. She welcomed three guests who had found Scottsdale Garden Club through the Website.

Carol thanked **Betty McMichaels** and **Susan Salembier** for the centerpieces.

Evie Campbell gave the Blessing. Lunch was served.

Jeanne Carteaux Isbell introduced our speaker, **Vickie McDermott-Rupp** who presented "Bring Nature to your Kitchen with Herbs."

Recording Secretary **Sherry Baer** asked if there were any changes to the minutes of May 1, 2023. There were no changes and the minutes were filed as written.

Carol explained that the 2023-2024 Yearbook cost went from \$357 last year to \$457 this year. This is an increase of 28% and was the topic of the latest Board meeting. The Board recommends that we look at ways to lower the printing costs which with 35 SGC members equals \$13.05 per yearbook.

Treasurer **Susan Salembier** presented the 2023-2024 Budget as developed by the Board/ Finance Committee. After discussion, **Judy Shelton** moved that the proposed Budget be



accepted as presented. The motion carried. Susan presented the Financial Report for June – September 2023. There were no questions and the report was filed for audit. Susan explained how the interest on our savings account money is minuscular and that we will be better served in a CD.

Susan explained the Penny Pines program as the collection container was passed around. Susan took names of those who wanted to order The NGC “Visions of Beauty” calendar and will order if available.

The Membership Report was deferred until November.

Susan Salembier introduced a possible new project with the Scottsdale Library which is archiving SGC’s history. She will be meeting with them and reporting back shortly. She also asked for used garden tools, big and small to be used in Mexico, in response to a Sister City request.

Carol announced that our FUNdraiser will be held on March 10, 2024. **Judy Shelton** has reserved the McDowell Center. Club members brought in 2 bottles of wine, a sampling of olive oils and a historic book from the fifties for our District Meeting basket which Jen Donovan has graciously offered, once again, to design. **Judy Shelton** announced a plant sale at our November meeting. Members were encouraged to bring in plants, cuttings, seeds, containers, books and any other garden-related items. **Evie Campbell** asked for prescription or over the counter medications and all types of medical supplies and equipment for the New Birth Mexican Mission project.

Jamie Dick presented the President’s Album to Immediate Past-president **Diane Davis**. The membership had the opportunity to view the album which was a true piece of art.

Aurien Priess presented a ‘Horticulture Moment’; she showcased her Christmas Cactus and brought in cuttings to be taken home by the members and brought back for our November plant sale.

Carol thanked Diane for all her help and making it an easy transition. There was no more new business. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Treasurer’s Report | *Susan Salembier* June – September 2023

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| Starting Balance | | |
| Checking/Savings | \$4,528.24 | / \$6,875.15 |
| INCOME | | |
| Dues (39 members) | 215.00 | |
| Fundraiser Proceeds | -400.00 | |
| <u>Interest on Savings</u> | | 3.45 |
| TOTAL INCOME | -185.00 | / 3.45 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| AFGC Dues (39@\$12.50) | 487.50 | |
| AFGC Memorials | 50.00 | |
| Web Design/Maint | 178.63 | |
| Yearbook Printing | 457.00 | |
| Corresponding Secretary | 35.20 | |
| <u>Historian</u> | 218.72 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | -1,427.05 | / 0.00 |
| Ending Balance - | | |
| Checking/Savings | \$2,916.19 | / \$6,878.60 |



Gallery

*SGC October 2nd, 2023 Meeting
"Bring Nature to Your Kitchen with Herbs"*



President Carol Parrott Led the Meeting



Jamie Dick (right) Presented 2021-23 President Diane Davis with the President's Album



Centerpieces by Susan Salembier and Betty McMichael



1st VP Jeanne Isbell Introduced the Guest Speaker





Guest Speaker Vickie McDermott-Rupp



Aurien Preiss Presented 'A Horticulture Moment'



Betty McMichael Celebrated Her Birthday in October

