



# Arizona Blooms

## News from Scottsdale Garden Club

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### President's Corner | Carol Parrott



Dear Garden Club Members,

Thanks to all of you, our "Country Living" FUNdraiser was a success.

The raffle baskets were gorgeous and Bingo was exciting. We did learn that some people are luckier than others and this added to the fun. The food was plentiful and yummy. "A good time was had by all." Thanks to the generosity of our members that were unable to attend but gracefully donated, we did well.

What's next? We'll be planning our signature Flower Show and that means all hands on deck!

Please use the summer to save a few clear bottles to display your horticulture. If each of us enters two cuttings from our garden, we will have well over 60 horticulture entries which will make for a fabulous show.

It's finally pruning season. The risk of freeze is over but resist the temptation to prune if it has rained or there is a threat of rain. Why? Moisture encourages fungal and bacterial growth as it enters fresh cuts and harms the plant. It delays the healing of cut wounds.

April is a glorious time in our Sonoran Desert. Enjoy it! Fix a coffee or tea and get out in your

morning garden and enjoy Mother Nature's show.

Happy Gardening,  
Carol

**For April's Meeting  
Deadline to Sign up or Cancel:**

**Wednesday, Apr 3, 2024 by Noon**

**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.**

### April Meeting Preview |

*Jeanne Isbell*

#### "Photo Tour of Keukenhof"

Scottsdale Garden Club member and former AFGC President **Sharon Davis** will present a Photo Tour of



Keukenhof, also known as the Garden of Europe. One of the world's largest flower gardens, it is located in the Netherlands.

You will be amazed what extraordinary beauty can be created when forty gardeners plant seven million bulbs donated to the park by more than one hundred growers.

## Thought for the Day

“In nature, nothing exists alone.”

-Rachel Carson

## Upcoming Events

April 19-21, 2024

Maricopa County Home & Garden Show  
Westworld of Scottsdale

April 24, 2024

AFGC Spring Exec Board Meeting – 10:30  
AFGC Spring Board of Directors Mtg – 1:00  
Valley Garden Center  
1809 N 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007

April 27, 2024

Sedona Area Garden Club “Plants Galore  
And More” – 9:30 am – 1:30 pm  
280 Ridge Rock Road, Sedona, AZ 86351

## Scottsdale Earthfest | Susan Salembier



Scottsdale Garden Club will participate in Scottsdale City’s **EARTHFEST** on Saturday, April 20 at

Cactus Park in two ways: a Chinese Elm tree donated by our club will be planted and we will host an educational booth.

The ceremony will mark the 42nd year that Scottsdale has earned the Tree City USA designation.

**Please bring your family and friends to explore the sustainability-focused educational**

booths and learn about the City’s eco-friendly initiatives. And YOU can help plant our tree, too!

**Date:** Saturday, April 20, 2024

**Time:** 9 am to 11 am

**Place:** Cactus Park, 7202 E. Cactus Road (at Scottsdale Road)

**FREE**

**EARTHFEST** is the kick-off to a full line-up of events and activities for area residents looking to recognize our planet during Earth Week.

Details of events here:

<https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/news/scottsdale-earth-week-celebrates-city-s-commitment-to-sustainable-future>

## April Birthdays



Happy Birthday to our member with an April Birthday!

Jeanne Isbell

April 29

## New Member Profile | Carol Henry



Carol was born in Oklahoma three years before Steinbeck wrote “Grapes of Wrath”. Her earliest travel was at age

six when her parents were among those migrating to California to look for work during the war.



After working in the Naval Shipyard until the war ended, her parents moved to southwest Kansas where Carol completed elementary and high school. Her father grew up on a farm and always loved gardening including vegetables and flowers. Following retirement, her mother joined a Garden Club which she enjoyed for many years.

After graduating from Abilene Christian University in Texas, Carol married. Employment took the couple to San Francisco, Honolulu and Washington, DC. In 1975, looking for a healthier place to raise their children, they left the east coast for Arizona.

Carol became a Realtor and enjoyed her work for thirty-five years until the paperwork and other challenges became more than she was willing to deal with.

Cancer took her husband in 2019 and her son in 2023. Now, a great deal of her time is consumed with church work (silk flower arrangements in the sanctuary and activities that promote fellowship). Traveling has always been a hobby and she has visited all 50 states and six continents, leaving only Australia on her bucket list.

Needing a new interest, Carol checked the internet for a Garden Club and was fortunate to find SGC.

Her primary love is roses; she selects them for color and fragrance and currently has 31 plants.



Carol's Lasting Peace Rose

She loves a peaceful environment and hopes to improve her design capabilities so she can bring inside more of the pleasure she finds in her rose garden.

## Horticulture Moment | *Aurien Priess*



### Bees in Our World

I was enjoying a walk around my yard the other day and happened to notice all the bees buzzing around my citrus tree, collecting nectar and pollen. The air was heavy with blossom fragrance, and I started to get a headache and my nose started running (my allergies), so I went back inside. Ughh!

Three-fourths of all plants that produce flowers, seeds, and fruit need bees. Scientists say that one out of every 3 bites of food is made possible because of bees. I'm thankful for bees, *really*, I am.

After all the research I've done on them, I'm actually fond of bees. They are the **ONLY** insect that produces food humans can eat! Honey!! Yum!

**Honeybees and native bees are important pollinators.**

**They are an essential part of our ecosystem.**

I am concerned that our precious native bees are in danger. Loss of habitat, pesticides, global



warming, and competition for pollen & nectar from honeybees are the main reasons.

It does bother me that as early as 7 am, I begin to hear the landscaper's blowers removing leaves from the neighbor's perfect yard. A little bit of mess is okay and better for our native bees who nest in the ground. (Approximately 80% of them are ground nesters.) It saddens me that the American bumblebee has disappeared in 8 states!



Planting native trees, plants and flowers in our yards can help our fragile ecosystem and our native bees, such as the bee in this photo on a *Globe Mallow*. Soon the Palo Verde trees, brittle

bush and creosote will be blooming, and our desert will be full of... pollen...ugh, my allergies!



## Treasurer's Report | Susan Salembier

February 2024

### Starting Balances (02/01/24)

Checking/Savings \$4,972.77 / \$6,878.98

### INCOME

Dues New Members	15.00		
Table Centerpieces	30.00		
Penny Pines	28.00		
Fundraiser (Net)	950.00		
Lunches	1170.00		
<u>Interest on Savings</u>			<u>.01</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2210.00</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>.01</b>

### EXPENSES

A/V Equipment	50.98		
Name Tags	16.83		
Speaker Lunch	39.00		
Speaker Stipend	50.00		
New Member Gift	7.58		
<u>Lunches</u>	<u>1209.48</u>		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1373.87</b>		

### Ending Balances (02/29/24)

CD 6,000.00  
 Checking/Savings \$5,808.90 / \$878.99  
 (Includes \$1,286.00 of Prepaid Lunches)

## Meeting Minutes | M J Sobota

McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
 March 4, 2024

President **Carol Parrott** called the meeting to order at 12:00.



Birthdays were acknowledged and guests were introduced. The centerpieces were designed by **Christine Morgan** and **Nancy Jones**. The blessing was given by **Evie Campbell**. Luncheon was served from 12:00 – 1:00.

Garden Club member **Aurien Preiss** presented “Bees, Bees and Bees: The Importance of Bees” and shared a Horticulture moment.

February minutes were approved as published.

**Susan Salembier** gave the Treasurer’s Report and discussed the Arbor Day tree planting event. Susan invited all to attend on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Donations for Penny Pines were collected and Carol read an informative article from a

Payson Newspaper explaining how our Penny Pines funds were used in forest restoration.

**Jeanne Isbell** presented information on the field trip and luncheon at **Joan Baron’s** studio on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Updates were given by Corresponding Secretary **Jen Donovan** and Membership Chairman **DeAnna Twigg**.

**Diane Davis** reported on our Veteran’s Project and will accept items at our April meeting. The FUNdraiser committee, having met prior to our club meeting, shared last minute issues at our Garden Club meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11.

## Gallery

### March 4, 2024 – “Bees, the Importance of Bees”



Carol Parrott  
Leading the Meeting



Centerpiece by Chris Morgan  
& Nancy Jones



Susan Salembier– Treasurer’s  
Report





Speaker Aurien Preiss



Aurien's Slide Introducing Her Topic – Bees!

**Pictures from SGC's FUNdraiser – “Country Living”**





### SGC's Field Trip to Joan Baron's Edible Landscape & Food in the Alley Initiative



SGC Members (Past & Present) Participated in the Phoenix Sogetsu Ikebana Event



Christine Morgan



Lucy Samuels



Carol Parrott



Former SGC Member Mickie Rustad

