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President's Corner | Carol Parrott



Dear Members,

According to the Chinese Horoscope, 2024 is the year of the Wood Dragon, which

brings prosperity and good fortune along with evolution, improvement, and abundance, making it the perfect time for rejuvenated beginnings and setting the foundation for long-term success.

Wow! We're going to be busy. Prosperity has already started; we made \$220 on our Christmas Floral Design Raffle. Evolution is taking place right now with the launching of our new AFGC website. Improvement is demonstrated in the publication of our minutes in our fabulous Newsletter. Abundance is manifesting itself in our growing membership numbers.

Rejuvenated beginnings is represented by invigorated support of existing projects; Arbor Day tree planting, Veteran's Assistance, Conservation and Environmental Education, School Gardening, Recycling of Medication, Glasses, Hearing Aids and Cell Phones, Pennies for Pines and State Life Memberships.

Wait, there's more! Stay open to new project opportunities which will help set the foundation for long term success. I'm already aware of an awesome new project proposal.

All will be revealed in good time.
Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Fondly, Carol

January Meeting Preview |

Jeanne Isbell

"Grocery Store Special"

Have you ever been given a bouquet of flowers and have no clue how to arrange them?



Don't worry, help is on the way. **Kathie Henderson** is a plein air artist, Flower Show Judge, and talented floral designer who will share a secret with us that will transform a simple bouquet into a stunning floral arrangement. More design secrets will be revealed.

Our luncheon centerpieces for the January meeting will be provided by **Karon Quigg**.

Deadline: Wednesday, Jan 3, 2024 by Noon
Email or Text: susansalembier14@gmail.com
or 602-743-9133

Anyone pre-paid should also confirm or their account will be charged.

Thought for the Day

"The secret to change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

-Socrates

Upcoming Events

January 12-14, 2024

Maricopa County Home & Garden Show
Arizona State Fairgrounds

February 3-4, 2024

"A Century of Design"- A Small Standard
Flower Show
Boyce Thompson Arboretum
Superior, AZ 85173

Horticulture Moment | Carol Parrott

Deciduous or not?

So far this has been a most unusual winter. My Queen's Wreath is a deciduous vine but has failed to lose its leaves for 2 winters now.



Arizona Municipal Water Users Association Photo

Why is it important for plants to go dormant?

They need the time to take a rest from producing and survive by using the reserves that they have stored up to stay alive.

Is this what we can expect in the future? Time will tell.

Meanwhile, I encourage you to go out in your garden, walk around and observe. Do you have a deciduous plant or tree that still has its leaves? Is anything blooming that shouldn't be

blooming. Are you seeing signs of new growth in the dead of winter?

This, most likely, is our future. Plants will adjust, but will we?

Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs | Sherry Baer



What's new about the New AFGC Website?

Let's start with the Homepage. It's a new look which begins with the new AFGC logo (shown here) at the top of all website pages. The picture banners at the top of the pages were all contributed by garden club members. See if you can identify where they were taken.

The Greenleaf Newsletter has been transformed into the Greenleaf BLOG and is the first section of the new Homepage. This is a dynamic area which automatically changes as new BLOGs are added, so check back often. The full collection of BLOGs appears on a separate BLOG page and can be searched for those of interest to you.

The Homepage next features another dynamic area displaying the next three events on the AFGC calendar. The full calendar is shown on the What's Happening page. There you can search-by-category for events you might be interested in or just browse the list of upcoming activities. An online form for local



clubs to add their own events to the calendar is also in the works.

There is a Find-a-Club link on the Homepage to help attract potential members to local clubs. A click on Find-a-Club leads to a page with a map of the AFGC Districts and local clubs within those areas allowing individuals interested in gardening to find clubs near them.

The Homepage also has links to the various Member Resources now available to members without the hassle of entering a passcode! There are sections for AFGC Business Documents like the Bylaws, Meeting Minutes, and Procedures, as well as sections for Job Descriptions, Forms/Applications (like Penny Pines Donations and Special Event Insurance), Local Club Support, and the Greenleaf Archives, for those nostalgic for the retired Greenleaf Newsletter.

Some of the Forms are now interactive, allowing local clubs to conduct some business with AFGC totally online.

Check out the new site at [Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs](#).

AFGC is anxious to have your feedback so let them know if you find 'weeds' amongst their garden or just want to compliment them on the 'blooms' you find there!

TIP: To stay connected, create an AFGC website bookmark on your computer or tablet browser and on your smart phone!

December 2023 Meeting Minutes | *B Dimuria*

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
December 4, 2023

President **Carol Parrott** called the meeting to order at: 12:05 p.m.

She welcomed Members and guests and recognized members who have birthdays in December; **Karen Kelly, DeAnna Twigg, Amy Emary, Aurien Preiss** and **Judy Shelton**. She thanked **Jeanne Isbell** and **Aurien Preiss** for the beautiful centerpieces.

The Blessing was composed and delivered by **Evie Campbell** and luncheon was served.

Lenda Sundene, Lucy Samuels and **Carol Parrott** presented the Christmas Floral Design Demonstration. The floral arrangements were raffled off and **Rhea Heesch, Sophie Gawron** and **Helen Griller** took home the designs for the holiday season.

The minutes of the November meeting were adopted as published in the December newsletter.

Susan Salembier, Treasurer's Report:
Last Month's Plant Sale was hosted by **Judy Shelton**- the proceeds were: \$66.00
Savings Account include a \$6000.00 CD and
Regular Savings Balance: \$878.85
Report filed for Audit.

Susan shared the importance of calling in or emailing a lunch reservation. A problem occurs when someone is unable to attend and doesn't let Susan know. As a club we are required to have a minimum of 25



reservations. If that number of reservations are not paid for by members, Scottsdale Garden Club must make up the difference.

Membership: **DeAnna Twigg** reported that we had 3 guests: **Marsha Ronald, Carol Henry and Donna Westwood.**

Corresponding Secretary **Jen Donovan** reported that **Elaine Gunderson** was home after surgery and **Jan Riedel** is ill at this time, cards to follow.

Rhea Heesch won a Blue ribbon and **Carol Parrott** won a red in the Chrysanthemum Show. A Committee has been formed to plan our FUNdraiser.

Dates to remember are:

January 12-14, 2024 Maricopa County Home & Garden Show Arizona State Fairgrounds

February 3-4, 2024 Desert Designer Flower Show

March 10, 2024 SGC FUNraiser



Here's wishing you a Wonderful 2024!



Photo by Diane Davis

Treasurer's Report | *Susan Salembier* November 2023

Starting Balances			
Checking/Savings		\$4,080.77	/\$6,878.74
INCOME			
Table Centerpieces	35.00		
Calendars	46.02		
AFGC Refund	545.00		
Plant/Seed Sale	66.00		
<u>Interest on Savings</u>			<u>.11</u>
TOTAL INCOME	692.02	/	.11
Prepaid Lunches Used	-156.00		
EXPENSES			
Guest Speaker Lunch	39.00		
Guest Speaker Stipend	50.00		
NSF and No Show	78.00		
<u>Lunch Differential</u>			<u>.44</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	167.44	/	0.00
Ending Balances -			
CD			6,000.00
Checking/Savings		\$4,449.35	/\$878.85
(Includes Prepaid lunches of \$1,107.00)			



Gallery

December 4th, 2023 – Christmas Floral Design Demonstration



*Centerpiece
by Jeanne Isbell & Aurien Preiss*



Lenda Sundene (left) and Carol Parrott

Completed Arrangements by Lucy Samuels, Carol Parrott, and Lenda Sundene



WANTED: Amateur Photographer for Club Meetings
"Arizona Blooms" and www.Scottsdalegc.org are waiting to publish your work!



*Redwood City, CA has a coyote problem (and a sense of humor!)
Check out the fine print!*

