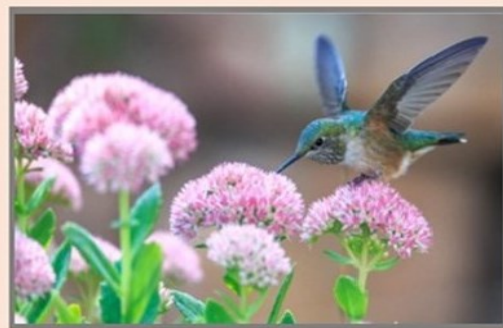


Sun Lakes Garden Club

May 2024 Newsletter

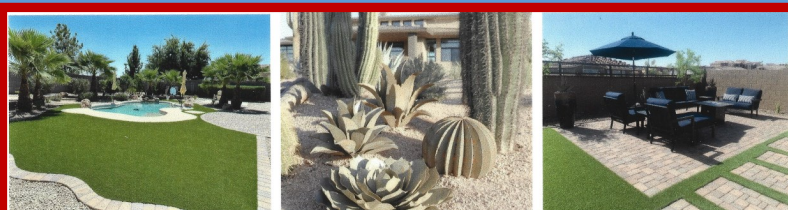
"Cultivating gardens and friendships"



Jayne Carbajal, of Brown Dog Landscaping, will be our featured speaker at our May 21st meeting.

We start at 9:30am at the Sun Lakes Chapel Center.

Jayne will answer your landscaping questions and share some of her BEFORE & AFTER photos of Projects she's done.



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Many of us had the pleasure of meeting Jayme at Lori Regni and Tom Gartner's home on the 2024 Annual Members' Garden Tour.



Jayme did a Southwest transformation of their yard, removing very old and leggy Bougainvillea along the garage wall on the right and removing the round river rocks that are not native to AZ. The old round rocks in the dry creek bed were removed and replaced with BROWN SHALE Rocks from AZ.

New mature "native" AZ plants were purchased from Desert Horizon Nursery in Queen Creek.



"We love what Jayme created for us!" Lori

It's Peach season and it's time to head back to Schnepf Farms!

Our last trip was May 27, 2021.

24810 S. Rittenhouse Rd. Queen Creek.

Thursday May 23rd.
2 Days after our
meeting.



We'll gather at our new carpool location at the flagpole area near Subway (sandwich shop), near Glenburn Dr. on Riggs Road at 9:45 AM on Thursday May 23rd. Departure is 10:00 AM sharp. **Check to see if your carpool will be staying afterward to do U-PICK peaches. They'll have containers for us to weigh to pay.**

Arizona Treasure Tour and lunch is \$24. PLEASE PAY PAT McCLINTIC, 1 WEEK IN ADVANCE.

Send a check now, written to Patrica McClintic at 9317 E. Crystal Drive, SL or **ZELLE to PatriciaMa-c1953@gmail.com**. Specify "Vegetarian" if you don't want Grilled Chicken on your salad.

We'll experience one of Arizona's top Agritourist locations and hear about this fourth generation family farm while enjoying a ride through the organic orchards and gardens and the Farmhouse Museum. Tour and lunch is 11:00am to 1:00pm. (We'll have approx.30 minutes to browse their Country Store /bakery before the tour). It's a guided Tour on a covered trolley around the farm as you hear about the 80 plus year history of this unique family farm. Lunch includes a Garden fresh grilled chicken salad with a warm dinner roll, topped off with a slice of peach pie and bottled water.



To Pre Order a Peach Pie to pick up, VISIT THEIR WEBSITE SchnepfFarms.com

SNEAK PEEK FOR JUNE 20th FIELD TRIP NEXT MONTH

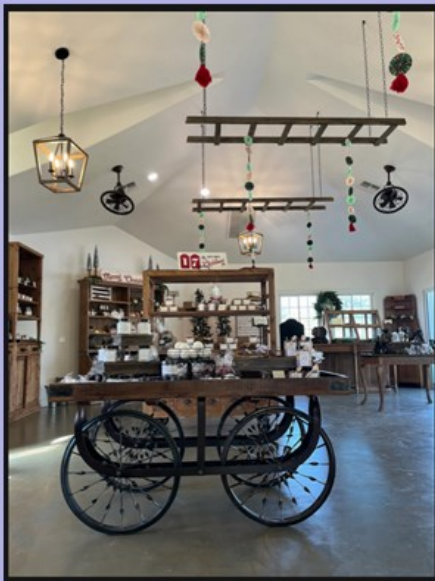


The Lavender Farm at Chateau De Vie. 1220 N Kyrene, Chandler

We'll gather at our new carpool location at the Flagpole area near Subway Sandwiches on Riggs Road, (near Glenburn Dr.) at 9:15 AM on THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH. (They're not open on Tuesday)
Departure is 9:30 AM sharp.



ENTRANCE FEE FOR THE 30 MINUTE TOUR IS \$20 AT THE DOOR. We'll have time to check out their gift shop and then gather for lunch.

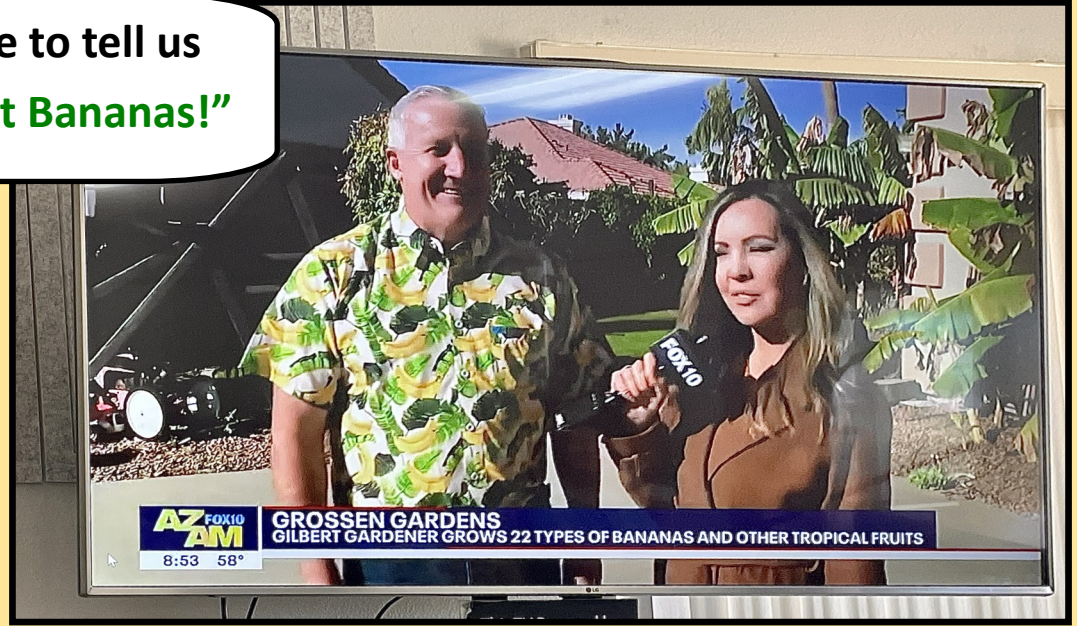


440 W. Warner Road Tempe/Chandler
(Highly recommended by Kim Rector)

HEALTHY
picazzo's
ITALIAN KITCHEN

Highlights from our April 16th Meeting. Our Speaker Coordinator, VP Barbara Kiley, introduced us to another interesting speaker.

Darrell Grossen is here to tell us how and why he **“Went Bananas!”**



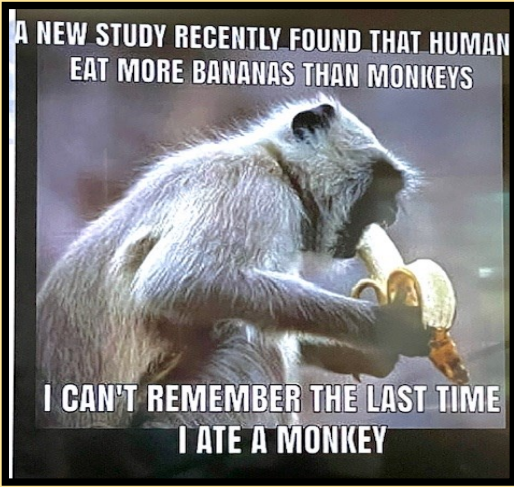
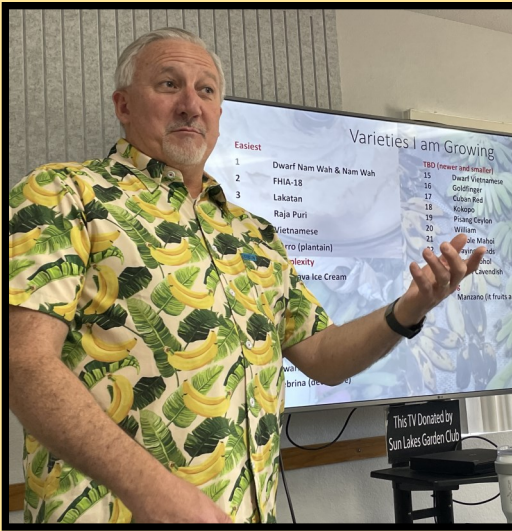
Darrell has grown many different banana varieties in his large yard in



Mesa. He also has Mangos, Papayas, and many varieties of citrus. He brought samples to pass around for us to try.

He was featured on AZ AM television and he played the segment.





We need a photograph of our photographer, Sonja Walcker, now and then. Karen Downing also shared pictures of this meeting.

CANDACE COX & KAT KARPINEN.

Our "Brand New Membership Team" were great welcoming our visitors and our newest member, Rose Stewart. We appreciate them "stepping Up" and Karen Downing taught her replacements well. We appreciate Karen so much! She's just retired from the Membership duties after many months and has volunteered to help with refreshments this summer for one of the months that Lelia will be in the UK. (I think Lelia's also needing a couple more volunteers to help.)



“Thank you” to our Refreshment Coordinator, Lelia Hall, and all of the volunteers who brought yummy food to our April meeting.

Pat McClintic made deviled eggs.



Nancy Bauer baked Pumpkin Oatmeal Protein Cookies.



Starla Kramer made lemon bars and brownies, including some gluten-free.



Patty Kimmet made Crabby Croissants.



Kathy Turner brought a platter with ham, crackers, and celery sticks stuffed with a savory cream cheese mix.



Lelia brought a big fruit bowl.



Marge Mogelnicki baked a coffeecake.



We had a great turnout for our April meeting.



Pat McClintic signed up members for the Schnepf Farms May 23rd lunch tour and the June 20th Chateau De Vie Lavender Farm/ Mansion Tour. She always needs a headcount for the restaurants.



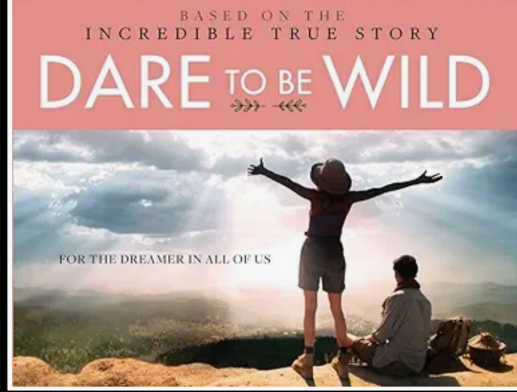
Marge Mogelnicki at our FREE STUFF table where she and other members donate plants, seeds, citrus etc. for our members.



Our Raffle Queen, Valerie Bishop, telling our new member, Cinda Sue, that our raffle ticket sales help support our \$100 Professional Speakers' fee. Our other Raffle Queen, Ginger Voltmer, (Valerie's sister) was missing due to knee surgery, but she tells us she's making progress.



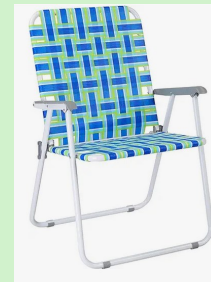
Congratulations to our April Raffle Winners. Mary Sample, Starla Kramer, Carrie Grochowski, & Alice Miller



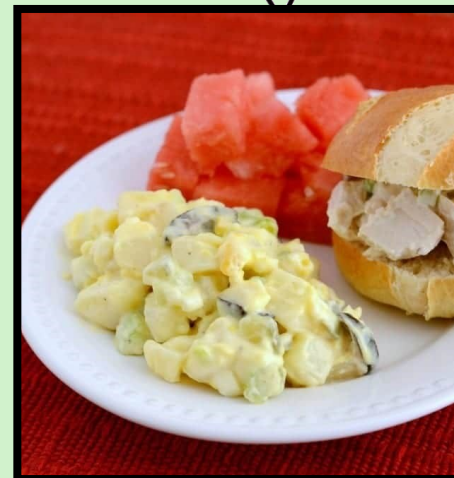
INDOOR FIELD TRIP PLANNED FOR TUESDAY JULY 23RD AT THE CHAPEL CENTER.

We'll gather at 11 am for a full length motion picture on the big screen. It's the true story of a 27 year old Irish girl; out-sider, Mary Reynolds who won the 2002 Chelsea Garden Show in London!

Bring a comfy chair unless you want to sit on the existing chairs in the Chapel Cen-



ter. We'll have a sign-up sheet so we don't get all watermelon and no potato salad. We may decide to pay \$5 and get sandwich



platters or fried chicken.

Mark your calendar now. Details coming.



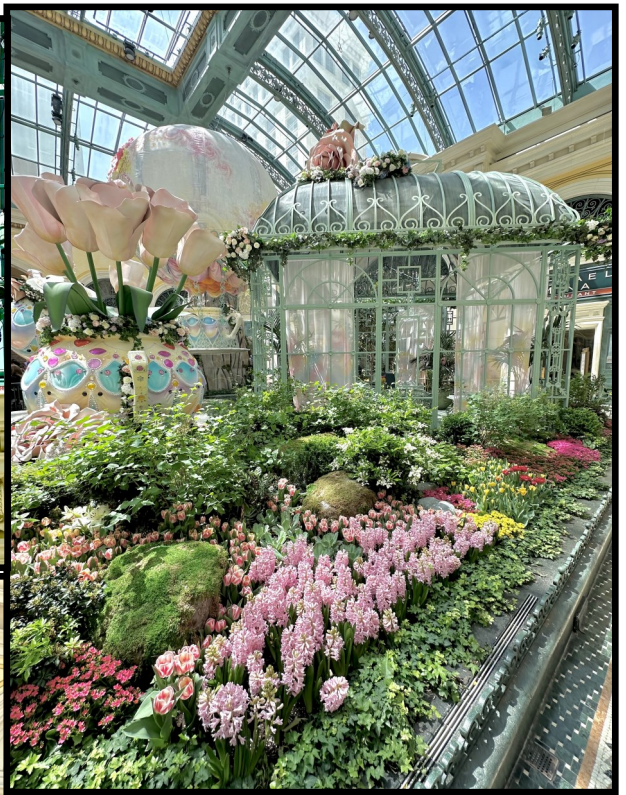
We saw hundreds of varieties of African violets at the African Violet Convention at the Doubletree Hilton in Tempe in April.



They had show categories for miniatures and design arrangement awards and a sales area.

And our lunch was great at Pita Jungle next to the Mesa Rose Garden where several of us explored.





**Member Sub-
mission from
Lori Regni.
She recently
visited the
Bellagio Casi-
no lobby and
shared her
amazing pho-
tos of the cur-
rent floral dis-
play in their
beautiful Con-
servatory.
Extraordi-
nary!**

Welcome Our Newest Member



Rose Stewart

“I was ‘almost’ a Master Gardener in South Dakota, but Zone 4 knowledge doesn’t help me here. I’m looking forward to learning more about Desert Gardening.

My daughter and I share a home in Sun Lakes. I enjoy reading and playing the keyboards. We are a cat family!”

Member Submission by Marge Mogelnicki:

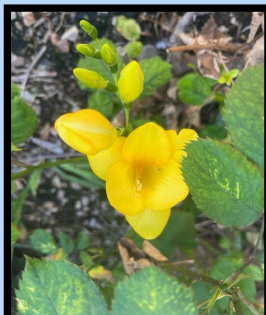


“We’ve been eating fresh artichokes from our backyard bush for 2 weeks and there are 9 more about to be picked!

I’ve had only red Freesia flowers from my bulbs for 11 years and a yellow one appeared this year. I love the Apricot scent!

I’m off to Michigan and wishing you all a great summer and I’ll see you in the Fall.”

Marge



Member Submission from Alice Traeger (our new Field Trip Co-Coordinator) .

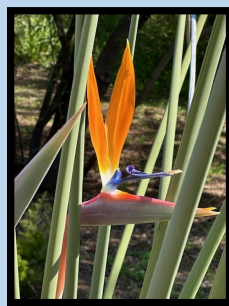
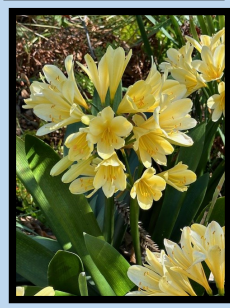
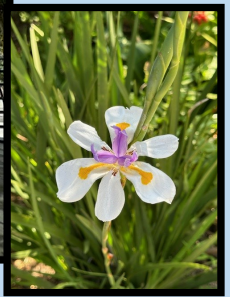
Alice shared these beautiful photos of the Floral Showcase at the Maricopa County Home & Garden Show.



Member Submission by Lori Regni of her Springtime visit to the

San Diego Botanical Garden. "This garden was foremost on my list to visit in California in March. Tom and I were amazed at the diversity in the different ecosystems there. They had examples of arid landscapes

which included our Arizona plants. The plants in their rainforest section were amazing." Lori



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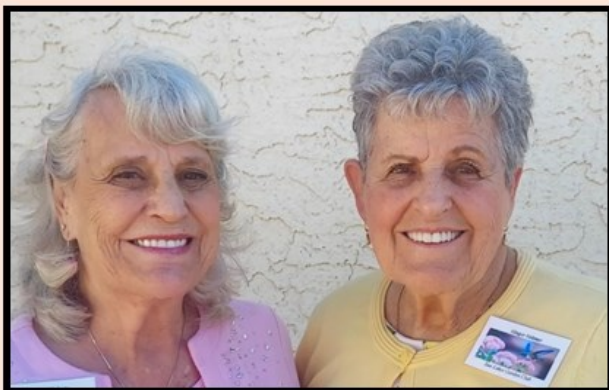
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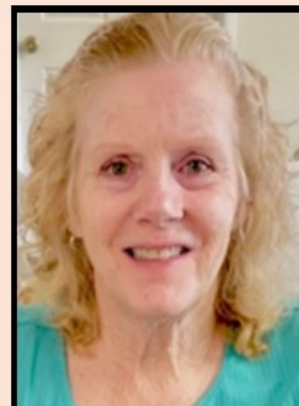
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Be sure to forward this to your friends who may want to visit us or become a member. Members may join from any town.

We meet all year on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We greet visitors and enjoy refreshments from 9:30am-10:00 am. We have a featured speaker and a club meeting until Noon. After the meeting, we invite everyone to join us for lunch (optional) at a selected restaurant nearby.

We meet in the Chapel Center at 9230 E. Sun Lakes Blvd. N., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. It is next door to Sun Lakes All Faiths Church and across the Street from the Sun Lakes Country Club.

Go to SunLakesGardenClub.org for more information.

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