

Sun Lakes Garden Club

April 2021 Newsletter

"Cultivating gardens and friendships"



We are back to meeting in person

Our speakers for the April 20th meeting will be Jeanine and Cameron McChesney, owners of GREENHOUSE GARDENS. They grow crops organically and sell their produce to the public on Saturday mornings. They also sell eggs from their chickens that roam around the garden at their location at 13103 E. Chandler Heights rd. They will be visiting us live and also sharing a video of the production at the gardens and answering gardening questions.

We will be gathering for socializing, refreshments and reviewing the raffle table at 9:30 am this Tuesday and the meeting will be called to order at 10AM. Visitors are welcome to attend and may be from any city with any level of experience.



It's been about 2 years since our club took a field trip to the Greenhouse Gardens and we have so many new members that haven't had the opportunity to learn about the Saturday Farmer's Market on Chandler Heights Rd.

I was very pleased to visit them and do a video tour to share with you and I know you'll enjoy meeting Cameron and Jeanine McChesney in person at our live meeting on Tuesday April 20.

Joan Adam-Speaker Coordinator



Let's give ourselves a "pat on the back!"

We had a "planting beautification gathering" in March, followed by breakfast at the clubhouse. We're pleased to have enough funds in our budget to give back to the congregations that share the All Faith's Community Church and Chapel Center and all of the golfers that drive past the back yard every few minutes!

The back of the Chapel Center needed some color around the Tipuana tree we donated in 2020. We added lots of colorful plants.....all selected and delivered by Julie B. Evans, our Secretary. Diane Beatty donated a bag of organic worm-castings to sprinkle in each hole. Jean Olenick, Susan Bliss, Butch Hall (the custodian of the Chapel Center) and the Chapel board Pres. Bill Townsend also helped. (I dug a couple of holes and took the pictures...Starla) 😊 The Chapel Center doesn't charge us any rent for our meetings because we maintain the garden in the front yard and we like to give back to the community when we can.



To: The 'Chapel' Garden Club
From: The Chapel Board

Once again, loving
thanks for your time
and effort to add
beauty to the back
yard at the Chapel Center.
In a year, it will
begin to look like
the front yard.
Some day we must have
a garden social there!



Thank you so very much
for your kindness.

Lilla Bengtson
Chapel Board member

We received
another nice
THANK YOU
card from the
Chapel Center
Board.

BEFORE



Highlights of the Olive Mill field trip



**Approximately
24 members at-
tended our
March field trip!**

**The weather was
cooler and the
food was great
and we had a
good tour guide teaching us
about olive oil and offered us
some samples.**



All expertly planned by Stevie Graves!

**(We were all visiting and eating after the
tour and so happy to finally be together
and no one took pictures of those eating
outside under the covered patio.)**

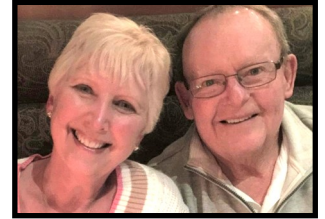


WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS.



Margaret "Peggy" Wacloff is a long time resident of Sun Lakes. She joined the club after being invited to our field trip to the OLIVE MILL, by her next-door neighbors, Glenn and Karen Downing. They all live on a lake and enjoy watching the wild life and sunsets.

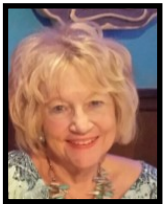
Peggy enjoys meeting new people and has many activities, but her grand children are her greatest joy!



Nancy Lupo is in the process of remodeling a home in Sun Lakes before she moves in. She'll be moving here with her sister Debbie, who works full time and is "not a gardener".

After being a guest on our field trip to the OLIVE MILL on March 23rd Nancy decided that day... that she wanted to join!

(Nancy doesn't know it yet, but she's "moving in" next door to another club member, Mary Sample).



Carolyn Lim-Warthman. I'm originally from the Garden City, Singapore and recently moved to Arizona. I love the desert landscape and I'm learning about its flora and fauna which is vastly different from the tropics. I love taking walks and admiring the beautiful gardens in the neighborhood. My other interests which fill up my free hours are pottery, photography and cooking.



Sheila Petriello "Hi, I'm not a great gardener but I love flowers, especially wildflowers, and I hope to learn more with a bunch of fun people." (Sheila's beautiful waterfront home was on our garden tour of homes in 2019 and she is an artist and we got to view some of her paintings on the tour.)



Anne Freyer. I'm interested in learning more about hydroponics and I enjoyed the information from the March meeting with Richard Wagner. I plan to do some experimenting and I'm wondering if any other members will be trying it. I moved to Sun Lakes in 2008 to be closer to my parents and I retired in 2016. I enjoy taking classes in Ikebana and other floral arranging.



Lyndi Kopp & Denese Anderson

A note from the Raffle Rascals:

We are so happy to be able to meet in person again and we'll be starting up our raffles at the meetings! The raffle items were all given away to winners in the Fall, so we hope to stockpile donations for our meeting this Tuesday and for our future meetings (we meet all summer).

We thank all of the members that have supported our raffle, by their donations and buying tickets. We were able to subsidize our Holiday Party in December and we donated more plants to the Chapel Center last month from your generous participation.

We have approximately 70 members that have paid their dues for 2021, including our 5 new members this month!!! For those that have not paid, we'll miss you and this will be your last newsletter. You may re-join at any time and our webmaster, Jean, has saved your picture and info.

**If you are not sure if you've paid, you may check with our Treasurer Deena Bunzel at DbunzRN@aol.com
26453 S. Beechcreek Dr. Sun Lakes**

(Deena will be in CA helping family move the month of May, and not checking her mailbox)

Bring your checkbook to the meeting this Tuesday, **April 20th** if you plan to join us for the BUTTERFLY WONDERLAND Field trip the following



week, **April 27th**. Please write your check to my full name, Stephanie Graves, for \$23.72 (includes tax). They only allow one person to pay for the group, so I'll need your \$ in ADVANCE and I'll use my credit card. I will not have receipts, so checks with your name on it are

preferred , or give me EX-
ACT CHANGE . . .only if you
trust me. You can also use
the banking APP, Zelle, us-
ing Stephanie Graves, 303-
882-5277. Text me first to
tell me who you are and I'll
text you back when I get
your payment transferred to
my account.



We'll leave our carpool loca-
tion at the Sun Lakes Medical Center (Corner of Riggs Rd. and Alma
School) at 9:30am, for the 30 minute drive to : **Butterfly Wonderland**
9500 East Via de Ventura F100 , Scottsdale, Az 85256

After parking, we'll meet at the main entrance. There
will be plenty of time to use the washrooms before our
10:30AM self-guided tour. We will be greeted by a staff-
member for an introduction and they say that most peo-
ple spend about 1 and 1/2 hours inside, taking pictures
and enjoying the plants and the pond etc. CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE..



We'll be visiting 2 of the attractions at the *Arizona Boardwalk* in Scottsdale!

We'll start out at *Butterfly Wonderland* and then go upstairs to view the gift shop and dine at the *Café at Pangaea Grill* at the dinosaur attraction.

The décor is Dinosaurs and the food is Pizza, Gyros, Grilled Chicken, Souvlaki, Burgers, Sandwiches and Salads.

They have homemade Baklava and Cheesecake and Tiramisu for dessert and gluten-free options are also available.

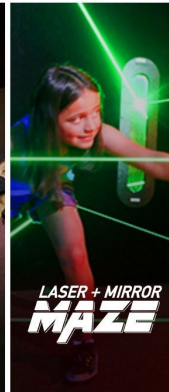


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ARIZONA
BOARDWALK



SCOTTSDALE'S PREMIER ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION



Sun Lakes Garden Club

The May 18th monthly meeting will be live and members will meet Tara Emery, owner of Crème da la Baa Farm near Gilbert Rd. and Chandler Heights Rd.



Tara Grows everything organically and sells her creamy fudge made with goats' milk at local Farmers' markets along with her homemade sourdough breads, cinnamon rolls, fresh veggies and fresh eggs from her 14 exotic chicken varieties.

Tara has hosted over 300 farming interns from around the world during her 6 1/2 years as a member of the Worldwide Opportunities On Organic Farms. (woofUSA.org) The interns get free room and meals while they are learning organic farming by working on the farms.

PHOTO BY STEVIE GRAVES

Members will gather for socializing, refreshments and reviewing the raffle table at 9:30 am and the meeting will be called to order at 10:am. Visitors are welcome to attend and may be from any city with any level of experience. Members meet all year on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Check out our monthly newsletters on our web site, at SunLakesGardenClub.org. There is an option to join online through a safe PayPal club account. Club memberships are only \$20 per year and a spouse or second member in the household is only \$10 per year. The meeting location is at the Chapel Center (house next door to the Sun Lakes All Faiths Community Church and across the street from the Sun Lakes Country Club). 9230 E. Sun Lakes Blvd. N.