

Sun Lakes Garden Club

August 2020 Newsletter

“Cultivating gardens and friendships”



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Kim Rosenlof will speak about seed harvesting on Tues. August 18th on Zoom.

Highlights of July Zoom meeting with Brittney Sounart of Desert Sage Herbs.

Coming up in September: Our meeting will be IN PERSON with Doug Jones.

Member Submissions by Marti Kellogg and Fran McGrath.

Update on the Tipu Tree we donated to the Chapel Center on Arbor Day.

Thank you to Susan Bliss and Mary Jencsok for caring for the garden at CC.



Kim Rosenlof, Past President of the Tempe Garden Club is shown here speaking as a master gardener at the Maricopa County Home show in January 2020.

CLICK on INVITATION TO ZOOM on the email you'll receive 15 minutes before we start our MONTHLY MEETING THIS TUESDAY 10:00AM.





Our Virtual Field Trip hosted by Julie B. Evans and organized by Joan Adam was lots of fun. The owners are truly charming and all of their staff are Certified Herbalists. The video is available on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) under Desert Sage Herbs.



Here are a few of our July ZOOMERS!



OUR SEPTEMBER 15TH MEETING WILL BE BACK AT THE CHAPEL CENTER AND IT'LL BE VIDEO-TAPED FOR THOSE THAT WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND!!!!

Here is our press release for September

Sun Lakes Splash

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The SUN LAKES GARDEN CLUB welcomes Doug Jones, speaking on Exotic Fruits.

Doug is the President of the Arizona Chapter of the California Exotic Fruit Growers.

Doug lives in Mesa AZ on acreage and grows an amazing assortment of fruits. He spoke to the club in 2017 and he brought mangoes and other fruits from his harvest for the members to try. Since his presentation was so popular and the club has so many new members, he was invited back for the **September 15th monthly meeting at 9:30 am.**

The SUN LAKES GARDEN CLUB meets all year on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Members have been staying connected through monthly live ZOOM computer meetings, and “virtual” video field trips during Covid closures. Members receive a 10-page monthly newsletter with photos of members gardens and activities. Newsletters are available on SunLakesGardenClub.org.

Members are welcome from any city and any level of gardening experience.

Club memberships are \$20 per year and a spouse or second member in the household is only \$10 per year. We will be back to “Live Meetings” in September, with packaged refreshments. Meetings are held at the Chapel Center (next door to the Sun Lakes All Faiths Community Church). It's at 9230 E. Sun Lakes Blvd. N., across the street from the Sun Lakes Country Club.





MEMBER SUBMISSION. "When I lived in Connecticut we loved to visit the Elizabeth Park in Hartford. When we had company we would take our guests to the Rose Garden and surrounding trails and lakes. I thought the members might enjoy seeing these photos." Fran



Absolutely Fran, I wasn't familiar with this amazing garden so I looked up some information. I wish I had been there. We have several members who love roses. Thanks so much for sharing. Starla

Elizabeth Park is a city park located in Hartford Ct. It is 102 acres and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The site was previously owned by financier Charles M. Pond of New York, the New Haven & Hartford Railroad and the Hartford National Bank. In 1894 he bequeathed his estate to the City of Hartford with the stipulation that it be named for his deceased wife, Elizabeth. The city took possession in 1897 and engaged the famed Olmsted and Son for landscaping.

1904 the park's first superintendent, Theodore Wirth created its renowned Rose Garden (2.5 acres). It is the oldest municipal rose garden in the US, currently containing about 15,000 bushes of 800 rose varieties. In the 1970s the city declared it could no longer afford the garden, and initially proposed plowing it under, until volunteers banded together and came to the rescue.

In 1977 volunteers banded together with the Park Superintendent at the time, to form the Friends of Elizabeth Park and saved the Rose Garden. They raised \$10,000 to replace many of the rose bushes that died from lack of care. In July 2020 a very large contribution was made to the Rose garden area of the park and renamed the Helen S Kamon Rose Garden at Elizabeth Park. Admission is free to the public and 15-20 Weddings are held throughout the 103 acre park every weekend in season.



MEMBER SUBMISSION:

Marti and Steve just got back from a trip to Washington State in their RV. Since I'm home-sick for my home state I asked them if they happened to take any garden photos. They had visited Sun Lakes "Snow Birds" Elaine and Jerry and happened to have the "MASKED PALM" picture from this couple's Sun Lakes home and some colorful pictures of their garden in WA. I've never seen such deep red Nasturtiums and Petunias with lime green tips.

Our club speaker Linda Larson loves "Garden Art" of all kinds. If you look closely, you'll see a sign in the yard that says "Viagra Falls" near what looks like a primitive "Fertility God" in whimsical garden art. I think we should invite their friends to join our club when they get back. I think we could learn some thing from them and I bet they're a lot of fun too. Thanks for sharing.—Starla



Marti and Steve's color pots in the back yard of their Arizona home overlooking the golf course.



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS !

We plan to start our field trips in October, if all goes well. We haven't had anyone volunteer yet to replace Terri McStocker's position as Field Trip Coordinator. We're looking for a volunteer, or team of 2, to finalize details on the field trips we have planned this season. Terri McStocker has made many of the plans, but restaurants need to be confirmed. Volunteers should be willing to tell the members about the interesting trips planned and address and departure times etc. at the meetings. If you can create an info. flyer for the newsletter, that's very helpful.

This is a fun position and you get invited to the board members' breakfast meetings 1 week before our monthly meetings.



Please contact Starla Kramer

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or Terri McStocker

(480)468-8096 for information.





When you see **Susan Bliss** at our **LIVE MEETING** next month (September 15th) please thank her for taking such great care of the Chapel Center garden and courtyard pots for the last 3 years. She worked with Arturo, the landscaper to improve the drip system and get all of the old scalloped cement borders replaced by updated terra-cotta border pavers in 2019. She spent a lot of time and donated some of her own plants and made sure everything was being watered.

She has done an excellent job and she is turning the position over to **Mary Jencsok** who has helped Susan in the past. "Thank You Mary for volunteering!"



For those of you that are new members, the Chapel Center gives our club **FREE** use for our meetings because we maintain the gardens, so this is an important function of the club.

Be sure to notice fresh new plants that will be going in the 4 courtyard pots, just before our September meeting. We may be planning occasional work parties if we see weeds appearing.



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

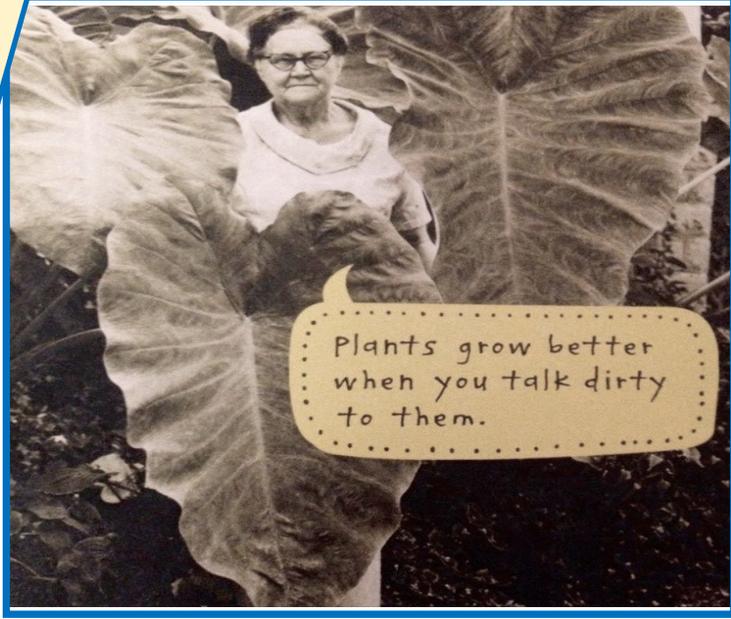
We meet all year on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We greet visitors and enjoy refreshments from 9:30am-10:00 am. We have a featured speaker and a club meeting until Noon. After the meeting, we invite everyone to join us for lunch (optional) at a selected restaurant nearby.

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.



Butch Hall, The Chapel Center Facilities Manager has been watering our Tipu tree 3 times a week during this extreme heat and it's thriving and getting bushier after only 4 months!

Maybe Butch is talking to it????



Plants grow better when you talk dirty to them.