

# Sun Lakes Garden Club

## FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

*“Cultivating gardens and friendships”*



### MEMBERS:

Please check out Francesca's website below and order plants or seeds you might like. She's planning a **DELIVERY DAY** for our members and the public at our meeting on February 20th.



## Community Pre-Order Delivery Days

Shop our plants and seeds online and note the location and date of pick up at checkout. We will bring your plants and seeds to the location during the hours noted.

### Sun Lakes Garden Club Chandler Plant Delivery & Presentation

February 20, 10AM - 11AM

Presentation: Ecological Restoration with Native Plants  
Francesca Claverie, Native Plant Program Director  
Borderlands Restoration Network

Place your order for plants or seeds at  
**BorderlandsPlants.org.**

Write **“Sun Lakes 2/20”** in the notes at checkout and she'll deliver it on Feb. 20th to our meeting.



<https://www.borderlandsplants.org>



We do not ship plants, only seed. Order plants at delivery events.

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## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH FIELD TRIP



 University of Arizona  
Maricopa Agricultural Center

- 2100-acre research facility
- 1700 tillable acres
- 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> greenhouse space
- 6,100 ft<sup>2</sup> shop space
- 24 labs, 5 meeting rooms
- 10-room dormitory
- 6 homes
- 200-person multimedia conference room
- 65 employees
- Home of USDA Arid Land Agricultural Research Center

We'll depart from our carpool location in the corner of the parking lot at the Sun Lakes Medical Center on the corner of Alma School & Riggs Rd.

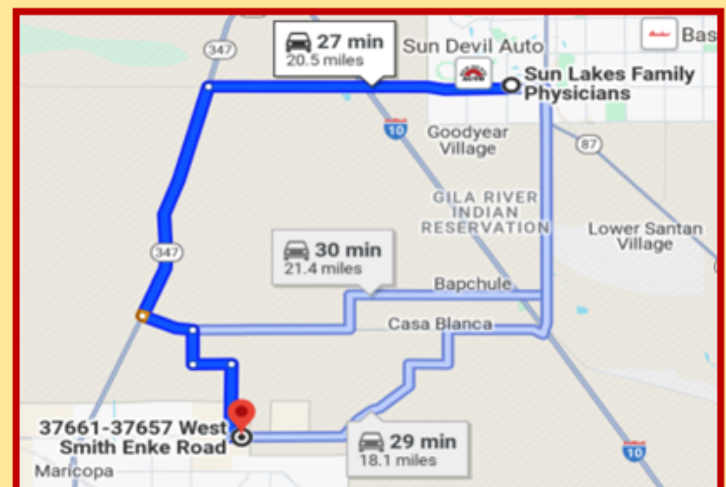
We'll gather at 9 am and depart promptly at 9:15 am. We'll arrive at **The University of Arizona Maricopa Agricultural Center** at 9:45 am for a private tour from 10-Noon. **37860 W. Smith Enke Rd. Maricopa.**



**Our member, Rita Bricker, is a Master Gardener at this Center and will be involved in welcoming us!**

Lunch will follow the tour at **"347 Bar and Grill"**, Inside the Ak-Chin Circle Event Center. **16000 N Maricopa Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139**

(Sorry we won't be staying for laser tag, bowling or movies.)



# Our Spring Garden Tour is on April 2nd, 2024

(photos are from our 2023 Tour)

We have 2 members who have invited us to their gardens, so far:

Valerie Bishop and Lori Regni

**Text Sonja Walcker (303)564-4118 or Starla Kramer (480) 540-8080 to participate.**



Diane Beatty

We'll start at the carpool location with maps at 10AM. Our first garden will most likely be Valerie's home in the Springfield subdivision near Riggs and McQueen, then returning to Sun Lakes. The last stop will be a picnic at Sonja's beautiful big patio for Pizza, Salads, cool drinks and dessert. Ticket info. Soon.



Marge Mogelnicki



Debbie Amato



Starla Kramer



Jan Peterson



Sonja Walcker's Patio & Garden

**JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** Barbara Kiley is our Vice President and Speaker Coordinator. She never fails to bring us interesting and informative speakers. In January, she introduced Steve Sheard. Steve presented a photo tour of the Chelsea Garden Show in London from his trip last Spring. He's also a member of the Arizona Fruit Growers association and a



master Rosarian.



His photos and information were amazing and the members always enjoy his different horticultural topics and we hope he'll come back again.





**One floral competition category was animals made entirely of botanical materials. The one on the left is a sloth hanging upside down.**

We started the new year with 2 new RAFFLE QUEENS, who are also sisters! The previous Raffle Rascals, Christa and Nancy, dropped off donations and instructions for Valerie Bishop and Ginger Voltmer.

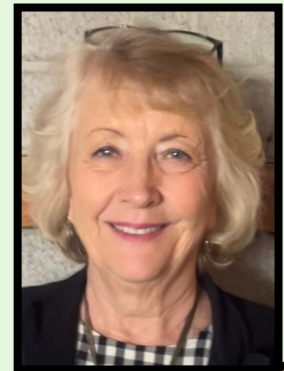
Ginger is doing “Double Duty” because she is also our club Treasurer.



Valerie and Ginger created beautiful gift baskets and sold tickets at the meeting.

1 ticket is \$5, 2 tickets \$10, 3 tickets \$15.

We appreciate members who purchase tickets, to help us pay our \$100 fee for professional speakers.



“Thank You” to Renee’ Simpson who donated 2 healthy succulents!

**Winners:  
Christa Carey, Valerie Bishop, Kat Karpinen, Visitor Bev, Vicki Sciberras**

Our brand new Refreshment Coordinator, Lelia Hall, organized another wonderful food table. Lelia just joined our club a couple of months ago and we appreciate how she "Stepped Up" to help.

Members gathered for lunch after the January meeting (optional) at Cottonwood Grill at the Clubhouse.

Steve Sheard joined us for lunch and members had more questions for him.



Lelia Hall, Marcia Moore & Ginny Ruch



# Thank you to all of our REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS.



Butch Hall made us FRESH COFFEE!



Starla and Gigi brought gourmet chocolates & peanut brittle and everyone else baked homemade goodies this

month.

“Thank You,” Lelia Hall, our new member who volunteered to be our new



Refreshment Coordinator.



Lori Regni baked 3 Carrot Cakes (1 was raffled!)



Diane Beatty brought a fruit and cheese platter.



Renee' Simpson brought Sweet Bread and fruit platters. She also donated 2 succulent plants that went home with a happy member.



Jennifer Strohmaier baked Strawberry Oatmeal Muffins.



Kathy Turner baked Banana nut bread nuts.



**A note from your President: Starla Kramer**  
**I hope you all have a Happy Valentines Day**  
**Or a Gal-N-Tines with your friends!**



And now that I have your attention.....I need some help and I'm looking for a couple of volunteers.



Our Field Trip Coordinators, Pat and Debbie have been organizing great field trips for us for almost 2 years and they'd like to allow another team of 2 to "Feel the Love" from everyone. It's a great way to make more friends. They have trips planned for several months and ideas for next Fall but would like to start training a new team. We have a breakfast board meeting every month at a restaurant at 10 am on the 2nd Tuesdays to help plan. We always have a good time, so we're looking for fun people to join us. (480) 540-8080

**“ I can help you renew  
your dues for 2024.”**

**Ginger Voltmer**  
(Your Treasurer)



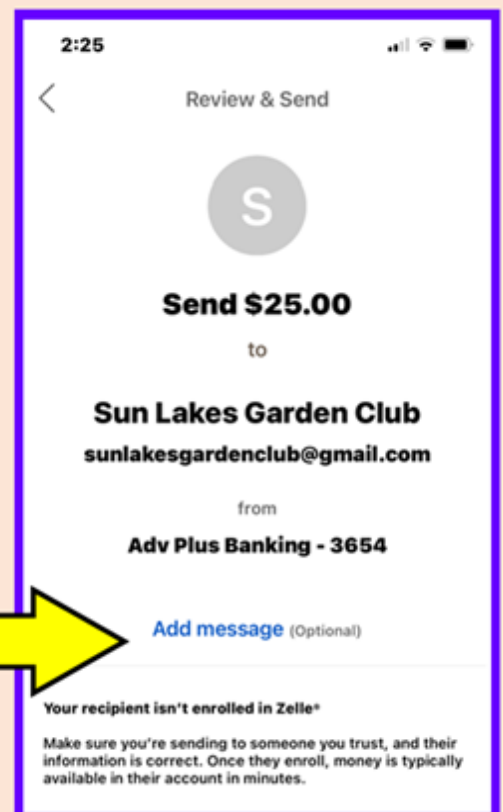
**Dues are \$25 for the year and 2 members in the  
same household is \$40.**

**We have 4 options:**

1. Bring a check to a meeting written to “Sun Lakes Garden Club.”
2. Mail a check to Ginger Voltmer at 6780 S. Callaway Dr., Chandler 85249.
3. Bring Exact Cash (\$25) to the meeting.
4. Use the Zelle banking App for an immediate cash transfer to our Zelle club email account at:

**SunLakesGardenClub@gmail.com.**

It may ask you to create a “New Recipient” since this is a new email for the club. (Put your name in the Zelle “Add message” box, so we’ll know it’s from you.)

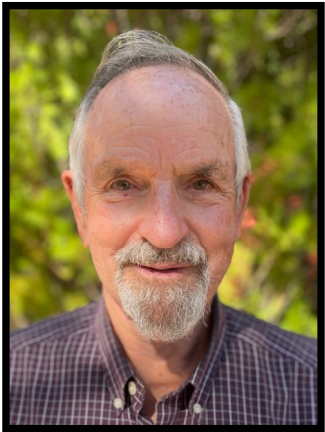


# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



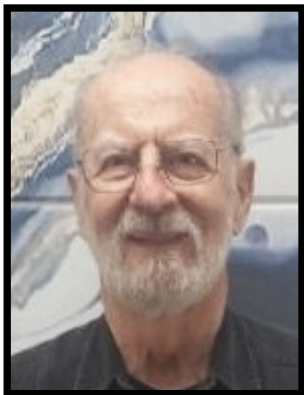
## **Alyce Miller**

Want to learn more about using Native Plants in their landscaping. She enjoys traveling and collecting interesting rocks to put in her landscaping.



## **Dann Miller**

Dan loves hunting and fishing and golf. He and Alyce were able to join us on the January field trip to the St. Anthony's Monastery.



**Lanny Stockett.** His favorite things are spending time with his dogs and his wife Rena (below) and gardening.



**Rena Stockett** enjoys cooking, reading and Jigsaw Puzzles. She's a brand new quilter and starting her first project. (We have several quilters in the club) She's also an active member in AAUW American Association of University Women.



**Our Field Trip Coordinators Pat McClintic and Debbie Amato organized another interesting day for our members! We had to postpone the trip to St. Anthony's Monastery by 1 week when a rain storm blew through. We had beautiful weather the following week.**

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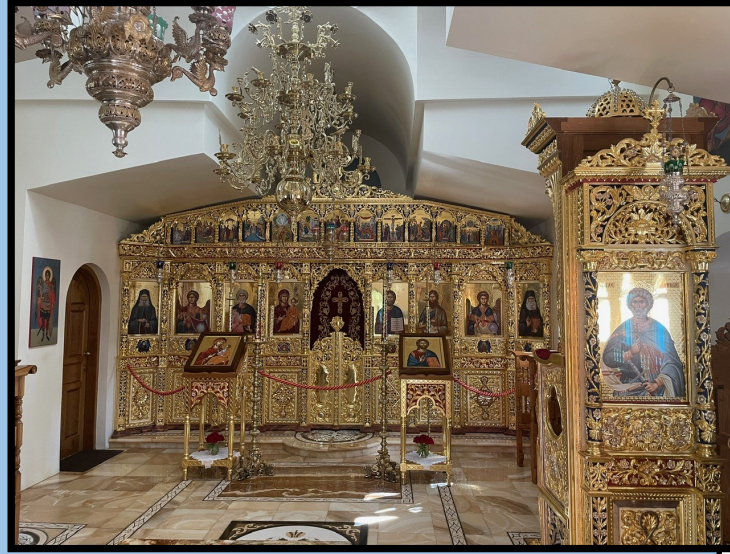


**Our club photographer, Sonja Walker, (looking very glamorous all bundled up) took lots of pictures and our members were busy taking their own.**

**Sonja Walcker said that the nuns told her that the colorful mini chapels were bird houses. They said that she could take pictures but not with them in the photos.**



**I thought the Monks' private dining hall would be a restricted area until an unnamed member sent me this picture. I didn't see this. Starla**



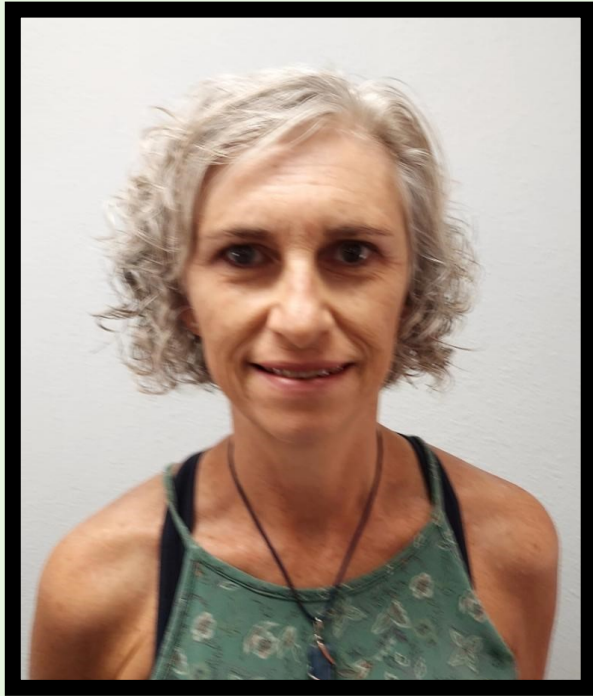
**St. Anthony's Greek Monastery is a working Monastery with church services and funerals. They only allow sightseers for a few hours mid-day. Women must cover their hair and wear long dresses and men and women must cover their feet, so their toes aren't exposed.**





**Above: Starla Kramer— Newsletter Editor. Please submit any corrections (480) 540 8080**

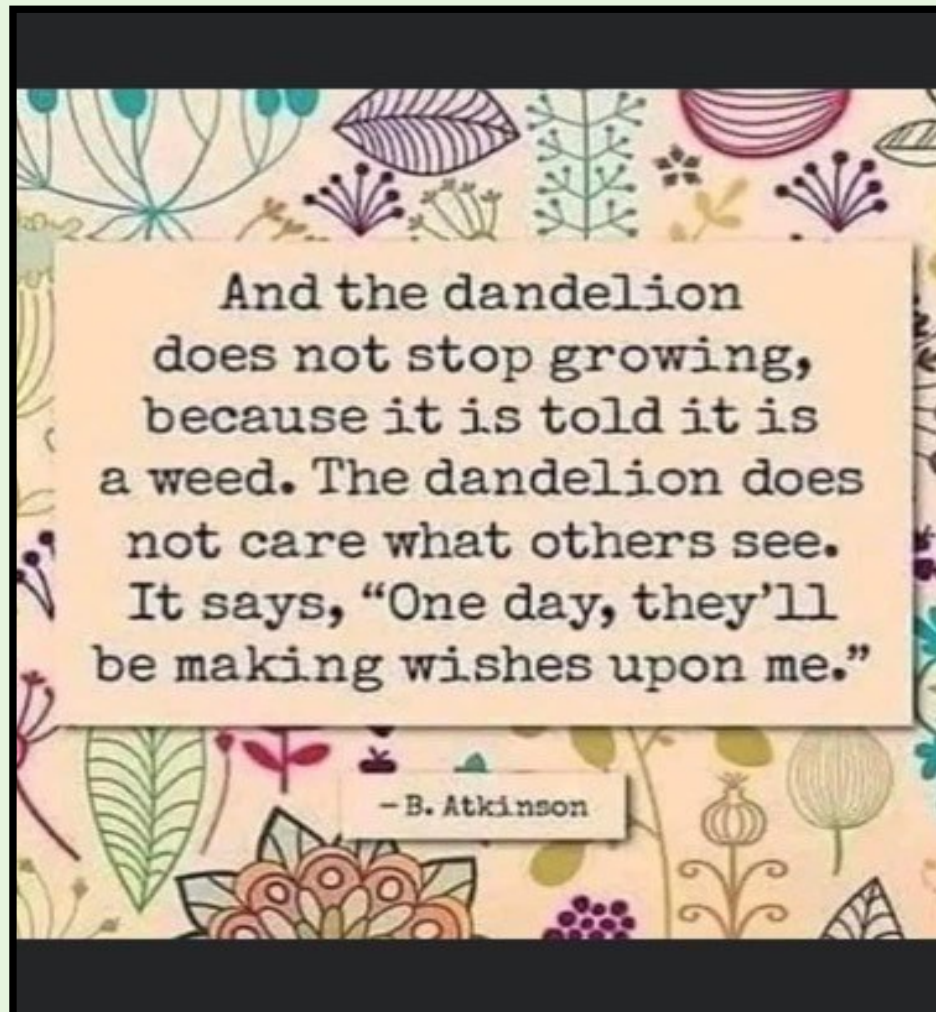
# Member Submission: Lou Griggs



Lou got a new job and she's not able to join us on Tuesdays for awhile.

I know she likes to eat very healthful foods like Dandelions and we had talked about making Dandelion Pesto for members to sample.

After we talked, she sent this little note. We hope to see her again when she can come back.  
Starla





# Sneak Peek for March 2024.

Our members may remember when Tony Sarah brought his pickup filled with his award winning “Tony’s Magic Organic Planting Mix” early last year. He parked behind the Chapel Center and members were eager to purchase bags from him after he finished his presentation. Tony has a huge fan base on his facebook page sharing photos of their healthy harvests.

We are fortunate to have him coming back. Tony was injured in a serious vehicle accident and was hospitalized and couldn’t work for 8 months. He’s finally up and around and we’ll look forward to seeing him.



# NEED HELP? CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER



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Pres. /Newsletter  
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**Diane Beatty**  
Past President  
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Vice Pres./Speaker  
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**Ginger Voltmer**  
Treasurer  
& Raffle Queen  
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**Bonnie Jandak**  
Secretary/ Party  
Planner  
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**New Members Welcome Team**  
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**Barb Kull**  
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**Pat McClintic**  
Co Field Trip  
Coordinator  
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**Debbie Amato**  
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Coordinator  
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**Valerie Bishop**  
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**Lelia Hall**  
Refreshment  
Coordinator  
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**Sonja Walcker**  
Photographer  
& Name Badges  
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**Susan Toulson**  
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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://SunLakesGardenClub.org) for more information.**

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