

# Sun Lakes Garden Club

## January 2021 Newsletter

*"Cultivating gardens and friendships"*



Highlights of last year. Southwest Gardener shop field trip and tour of the Arizona Biltmore Hotel and grounds.





**Terri McStocker planned an interesting field trip at the Desert Botanical Garden and lunch at Gertrudes in February.**



**One of our meeting guests said “I’ve never seen such delicious refreshments”**



**We donated a shade tree to the Chapel Center on Arbor Day in April.**  
**Thanks to Susan Bliss, Mary Jencsok and Heidi Weingart for maintaining the Chapel Center Garden and courtyard pots last year.**



We had Video Field Trips to a few gardens. We did a tour of Diane Beatty's colorful yard all in Bloom in March, featuring all Native Arizona plantings.

We also enjoyed a tour that Nancy Mumpton video-taped herself of her extensive collection of pots of cacti, succulents and Native AZ plants.



**Marge Mogelnicki, (Past President) invited us to tour her Hugelkultur in her beautiful big yard in April and we captured it on film.**



Hugelkultur are no-dig raised beds with a difference. They hold moisture, build fertility, maximize surface volume and are great spaces for growing fruit, vegetables and herbs. Hugelkultur, pronounced Hoo-gul-culture, means hill culture or hill mound.



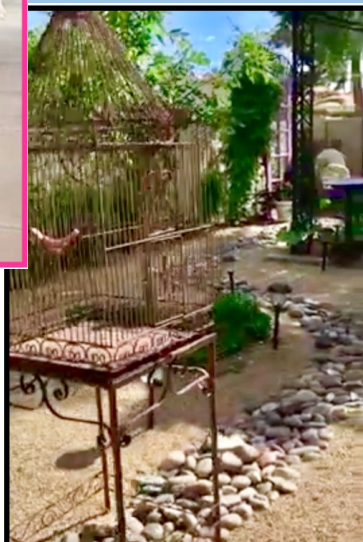


Marge and Starla created a video Field Trip to Cecilia's Organic Garden in Mesa in April.

We saw her bee hives, and collected eggs from her chickens and sampled mulberries from her trees. She had a fruit orchard, 6 composting bins, and lots of veggies and flowers. You can see her hollyhocks behind her grape arbors and orchard in the background.

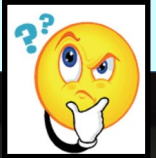


Deena Bunzel did a video Field Trip of her neighbor's beautiful garden. Her neighbor, Carol Shores, joined our club about the time Covid 19 was gathering momentum so we haven't seen her, but she generously donated 50 or 60 little hollyhock seed bags tied in bows for our members. (I just planted mine and they're 2 inches tall now) Starla





Kristi Caggiano led us in our first zoom meeting in April and we had 25 people on 2 pages of our 'gallery' photos. She shared her screen with us so we could see her garden that attracts butterflies in April. Many members learned to ZOOM for the first time in 2020. Some members are still learning.



We created a reference library for members ..we learned some new things and we had some good times.

**GOODBYE 2020!**





**Our January 19th meeting is next Tuesday and we've decided to have our meeting on Zoom until the Covid19 is contained. All members will get an email invitation about 9:30am and we'll call the meeting to order at 10:00am.**

**Joan Adam and Starla Kramer visited with Josh Waltemeyer at Treeland Nursery. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed our nursery tour and we got to ask him lots of questions.**

**Josh will be on our Zoom at the end of the video to answer our questions. Please write down your questions now or during the 40 minute video tour for the Q & A at the end.**

**On February 16th we'll enjoy a colorful photographic tour with "A Traveling Gardener" Linda Larson. This will be the 3rd time she has been our presenter and we'll be ZOOMING with her. She'll share her screen with us showing gardens around the world.**



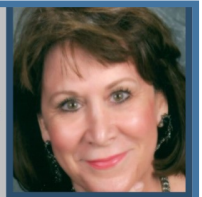
**A Traveling  
Gardener**





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Holiday party  
as your 2021  
officers.

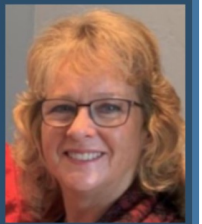
PRESIDENT continuing is Starla Kramer



VICE PRESIDENT nominee is Joan Adam



TREASURER continuing is Deena Bunzel



SECRETARY nominee is Julie B. Evans



I've been planning a fun field trip for us to the Olive Mill for a tour and lunch but we decided at our board meeting we'd better postpone all field trips until Covid is under control.

We're all disappointed but we want to be safe.

Stevie Graves-Field Trip Coordinator





# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's time for us to renew  
our dues for **2021.**

We're encouraging everyone  
to renew online at our club  
web site.

Or, if you prefer, you may send  
a check written to Sun Lakes  
Garden Club and mail it to our  
Treasurer, Deena Bunzel at  
26453 S. BeechCreek Drive,  
Sun Lakes AZ 85248.  
(canceled check is receipt)

(\$20 per person and spouse  
or 2nd person in household  
\$10.)

## Sun Lakes Garden Club

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How do you want your name tag printed on your club name tag?

Name on Name Tag \*

Name on Tag - Second Household Member (if it applies)

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Please tell us a bit about yourself to help us get to know you. We'd love to have you add 4 or 5 sentences about your hobbies.....gardening or otherwise (swimming, hiking, Trivia, etc.). You don't have to have any gardening experience to join, but if you do have some experience or a topic to share, please write it here. The Newsletter publisher would like to have a photo of you to post with our "Welcome New Members" section of our monthly newsletter. Please submit a photo here or email with NEW MEMBER PHOTO as a Subject line to StarlaKramer@gmail.com.

If you don't have a photo, please ask Starla to take your photo at the next meeting or field trip.

About Me \*





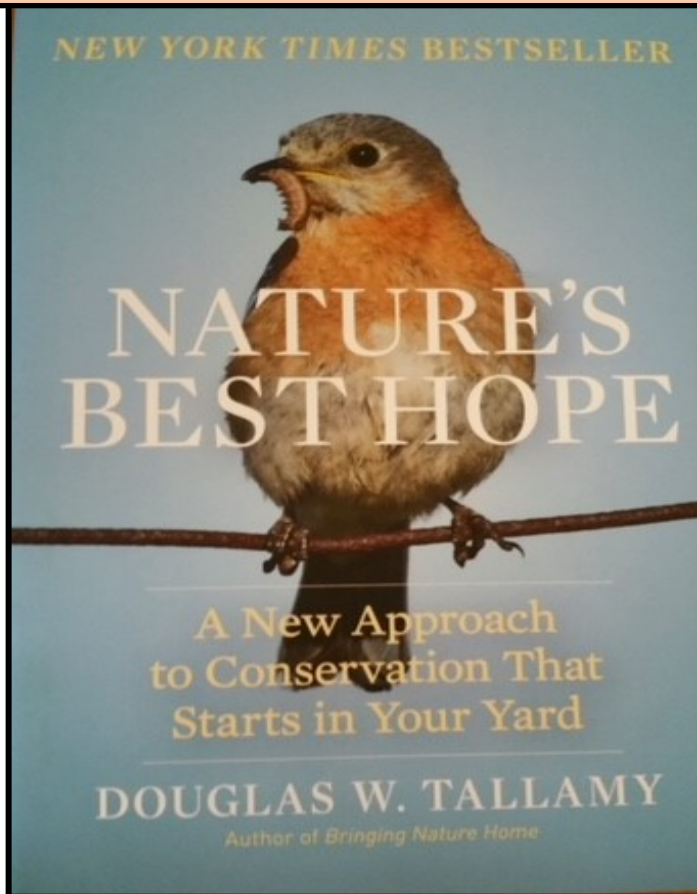
## From our club Librarian, Susan Bliss.

This book was recommended by Diane Beatty and Nancy Mumpton and I'd like to thank Jean Olenick for purchasing it for our excellent club collection.



Since we're not meeting at the Chapel Center for a couple of months, let me know if you'd like to check-out any books. I'll get the "Bookshelf on Wheels" from the garage at the meeting location.

You will see the full list of book titles on our web site at [SunLakesGardenClub.ORG](http://SunLakesGardenClub.ORG).



We had "Member Contributions" every month in 2020, but in my opinion Marjorie Wright takes the honors! She grew 1 lemon weighing over 2 pounds!!!!

