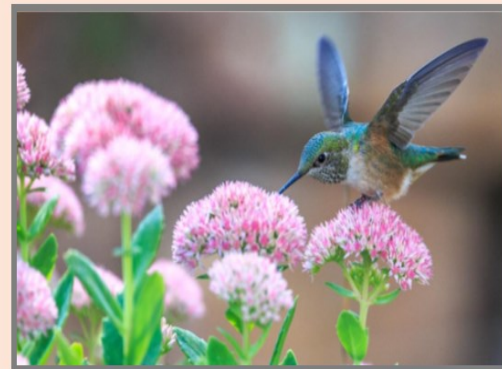


Sun Lakes Garden Club

June 2021 Newsletter

"Cultivating gardens and friendships"



The new AZ law states that homeowners are allowed 12 plants per 2 adults in the household. The plants must be out-of-view of the neighbors. Our featured presenter is Dante Schetino, the owner of "Marijuana Home Gardens" in Tempe. He has created an outdoor grow hut. Dante says that growing outdoors in AZ is cheaper (no grow-lights needed), it's safer and it produces a bigger yield. He offers a full service to maintain the plants for you, test your soil and offers seed sources for his customers.

June 15th Meeting !

You may have seen Dante on TV!

He's been on the local news and "Good Morning Arizona" telling viewers how to legally grow Marijuana in their back yard.

Horticulturalists enjoy watching the plants go from "seed to weed" in 90 days.



We'll gather for socializing, refreshments and reviewing the raffle table at 9:30 am 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. We meet all year on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

You may forward this newsletter to your friends. Tell them to check out our newsletters on our web site, at SunLakesGardenClub.org . There is an option to join online through a safe PayPal club account.

Highlights from our May 18th meeting with Tara Emery of Crème De La Baa Farm.



Tara and her husband Willy and their volunteer helper Marty brought the Farm and Bakery to us!

Stevie Graves did 2 videos at the organic farm showing the chickens and the goats. Joan Adam, our Speaker Coordinator, interviewed Tara and we played the video for the members, followed by Q & A. The videos are

available to view on YouTube.com by searching “Sun Lakes Garden Club”. (You’ll chuckle when you hear the noisy chickens competing to be in the interview)

Tara brought her vender table to us with her homemade cinnamon rolls, goat’s milk fudge, sourdough breads, Texas sheet cake and her fresh eggs.

Tara has sponsored over 300 organic farmer apprentices from all over the world. She is a member of World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms. (WWOOF)



"Thank you" to our volunteers who brought cookies, homemade coffee cake and cheese samplers.



Sherrian B., Debora F. & Linda B.

Tara also added samples of her fudge and

her Texas Sheet Cake.



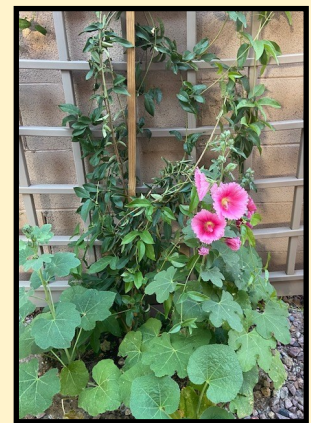
We had 47 attendees and we collected \$144 from our raffle!



After the May meeting we enjoyed shopping at Tara's vendor table full of fresh eggs and baked goods. Then, several members gathered for lunch (optional after meetings) across the street at the Sun Lakes Country Club Sunset Grill. We got to know 3 new members and talked about petting a baby goat and other topics, of course.



This was the first time our member, Carol Shores, the “Sun Lakes Hollyhock Lady” has attended a meeting. She had invited us to tour her beautiful garden that was featured in our newsletter last month. (I forgot to plant my seeds she gave us last year until late but I am getting blooms finally!!! Starla)



Schnepf Farms field trip highlights! First a trolley ride narrated by Michael Schnepf, the great grandson of the farmer that bought 600 acres for \$25 each.

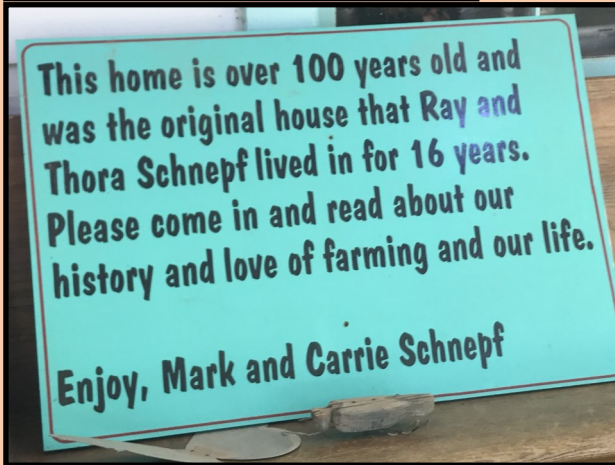


We had 28 members attend and there were so many fun photos submitted, I couldn't use all of them. Stevie Graves also posted some fun ones on our club Facebook page. After the narrated trolley tour, we got to go on a Choo-Choo



and then enjoy a fresh farm salad and homemade rolls and PEACH PIE!

"Thank you Stevie for a fun time!"



Welcome our New Members



Charyn Henley joined after the May meeting and came on the field trip to Schnepf Farms. Charyn is planning to plant herbs in large pots on her patio and she's going to try some veggies in the Fall. She likes to go on nature walks, camping and traveling. She says that her little cat 'Annie' has been good company this past year.



Marlene Tiede " I'm originally from WI. I've lived in many states and 5 years in Germany. I have been gardening most of my life. I've attended Master Gardener classes in Miami, AZ & East Texas, but I am not a certified Master Gardener. My current project is landscaping the yard and working on the atrium in our new home in Ahwatukee. I also enjoy sewing, reading and attending "Open mic" events with my husband. He's the musician and I'm the clapper! I was invited to join the club by Stevie Graves, whose husband is also a musician."



Cindy and Bill Hunter were active gardeners in Indiana. They have lived in Arizona since 2009 and just moved to Sun Lakes. They love hiking and traveling and are looking forward to meeting everyone. They also tell us "We are a Christmas House too!" (That sounds like a fun holiday field trip to me...and maybe some hot spiced cider after the tour? Starla)



Marty Light. "Even though I've lived in Arizona for over 40 years, my knowledge and success in gardening here is nominal! I'd like to learn more about sustainability and growing vegetables and flowers. I enjoyed meeting new members at the Schnepf Farms field trip."



Give a 'Whoot Whoot' to Pat McClintic who 'stepped up' to replace Stevie Graves as our **FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR!** We had lots of trips planned that were postponed last year.



This photo was found and shared by Stevie and I'm sure we can all relate. 🤪



Stevie Graves is now our **"MEMBERSHIP QUEEN"**. She wants to make sure new members get information from us and to us.



The plants we donated last Fall behind the Chapel Center are doing well and the church finally got a drip system connected,....so Butch Hall doesn't have to hand- water anymore! We also donated the brick pavers and the Tipuana Tree in 2019. (They let us use the room 'rent free' because we give back)

