

# Sun Lakes Garden Club

## May 2021 Newsletter

*"Cultivating gardens and friendships"*



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



**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](http://woofUSA.org)) The interns get free room and meals while they are learning organic farming by working on the farms.**

***PHOTO BY STEVIE GRAVES***

**Joan Adam and Stevie Graves visited Tara at her nearby farm and will take us on a virtual field trip to see the baby goats and visit with Tara. We'll leave the meeting a little early and walk across the street where we can meet Tara and buy her fudge and breads at the Sun Lakes Country Club Farmer's Market. (BRING CASH)**





I've planned one last outdoor field trip for the season.

I hope you'll join me for a luncheon tour of Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek Arizona!

**Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 27th 9:15 am.**

We will depart from our usual carpool location at the Sun Lakes Medical Center on the corner of Riggs Rd and Alma School Rd. We'll need to leave at 9:15 to arrive in time for our 10:00 am tour of the farm.

We will be greeted by a host and taken on a train, and hayride. We will visit the family museum, and then finish with a "garden fresh chicken salad", with a dinner roll, and a slice of pie. The "Arizona Treasure tour" is \$22 and it will last until about noon. You may want to bring some shopping money to take home a homemade peach pie or something fun from their gift shop! **Wear your name tag and a mask, please.**

**We love it when you volunteer to drive and ask that passengers give those drivers \$2.00 to thank them.**

You can sign up for the field trip, at the SLGC meeting, on Tuesday, May 18th. Checks for \$22 per person, will be collected, when you sign up. Please make them out to STEPHANIE GRAVES. You may ZELLE your money to 303-882-5277, but please let me know you are going to do that, especially if your name will come through differently, than I know you. I'll take cash, but I'd rather not. Let me know if you need to make other arrangements to sign up, or pay. I can do that, too!

**Stevie Graves-Field Trip Coordinator**  
**StevieGraves@Hotmail.com**

**(303) 882-5277**

Schnepf Farms has been growing peaches for over 50 years. They grow 8 different varieties that ripen at different times throughout the month of May.

24810 E. Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek, AZ.





# Butterfly Wonderland field trip to Scottsdale Boardwalk



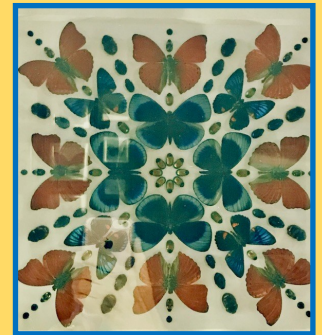




We think Stevie Graves planned a really great field trip!







**So many fun pictures were submitted. Sorry they didn't all fit in this space. Such a great Photo Opp.!!!**



# Welcome our NEW MEMBERS!



**Karen Kwarkler** is originally from New York. She was an Art Teacher for 30 years and an avid gardener. She says she is “stumped by the soil here” and looking forward to learning more about gardening in this climate. She attended the impromptu field trip to see Carol Shores “Hollyhock Heaven” garden and met about 20 of the members. She was invited by her neighbor Janice V. Smith.



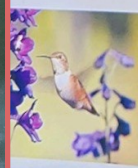
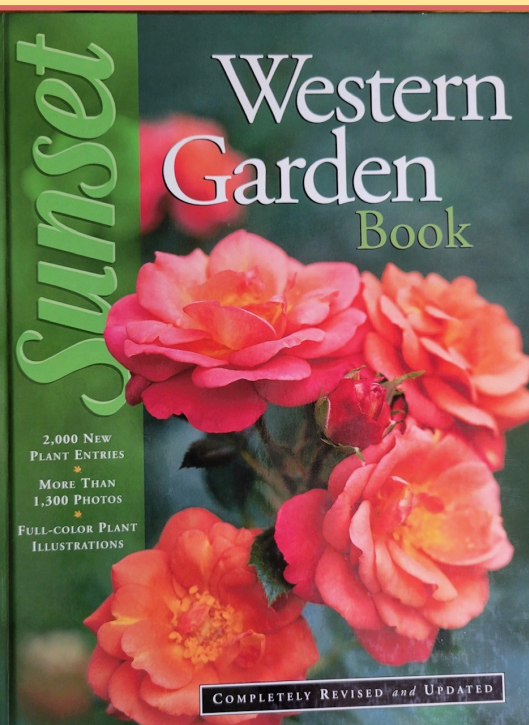
**Brenda & Larry Van Manen** moved to Sun Lakes in October from North Carolina. They wanted to be closer to their daughter in Phoenix. They enjoy traveling, gardening, walking their cute little doggie and are learning to host gold fish in their pond.



## A note from our club Librarian:

Don't forget that we have a library shelf on wheels at every meeting with books on plants that actually thrive in our area.

You can check them out for free. This is one of the books available.



Now, thanks to forward-thinking gardeners and landscape designers, the natural gardening movement is gaining broader popularity. In the Southwest deserts, landscape architects match plants to the rugged cactus and brittlebush landscape, with small pools and joyously colored walls as accents. Garden designers and homeowners take pains to preserve slices of pristine wild land as they build houses that will blend into natural surroundings.

Even on postage-stamp plots in urban canyons, gardeners are finding room to grow beautiful clusters of wild-looking plants, sometimes backed by boulders that complement natural landscapes.







"Here's a 'sneak peak' at what I have lined up for our future meeting on June 15th. Can you guess what we'll be learning? 😊

My term as Speaker Coordinator will be ending in a few months and there is an opportunity for a member to plan speakers with the help of the board. Please talk to me or Starla, so we can help with the transition. Thanks!

Joan Adam"



Joan has done a great job confirming interesting speakers during a difficult year. She's a fine artist and will be traveling to art shows in the coming months. She'll be attending garden club events when she's in town.

We are starting to plan now for January 2022 speakers. The board members meet at a restaurant 1 week before the monthly meeting and we have fun planning events and visiting. Starla







**Kat, Patrice, Marge, Sherrian & Starla  
(Marjorie toured earlier with her husband)**

**Kat Karpinen invited the members to visit her garden that she created at her church in Chandler. She had an open house on Saturday April 24th. Her garden is thriving and she's feeding the homeless!**





Carol & Stan Shores invited members to see their beautiful Hollyhock garden on Beechcreek Drive, in Sun Lakes. We decided to have an impromptu garden tour that became a house tour and gab session with refreshments! Patrice and her sister Debby brought homemade cookies and dip and veggies and Sheryl brought lots of wrapped snacks to go with our iced tea. We had people coming and going for 2 hours.



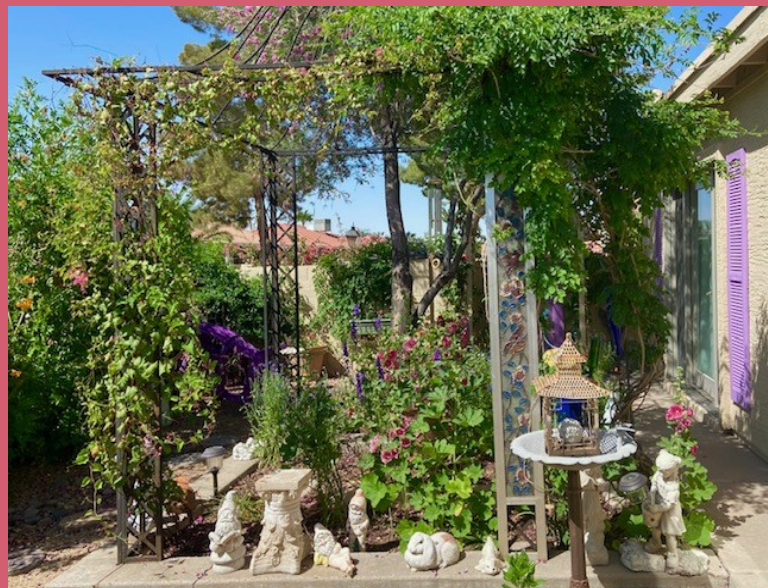
**Carol Shores and Sue Elsner**







**"Thank  
you" to all  
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members  
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**Our April Meeting was live and we had about 40 people gather including 3 visitors that all joined!**

**Cameron McChesney was charming in his passion for continually learning about gardening. He recommended several books about how to market your garden to create a profitable business.**

**He brought a tub full of fresh veggies and eggs and he sold every bit to members!**

**His Greenhouse Garden is every Saturday from 9-12 noon except for July, August and September. They close during the hot months.**

**His hens lay eggs that look like Easter Eggs.**



**We appreciate all of the Raffle donations from our members.**

**We sold \$113 on raffle tickets in April. Thanks for your support!**

**Cam@GreenhouseCreative.net**



**Lyndi & Denese**



**"Thank you" to Karen Downing, Marti Kellogg and Mary Jencsok for bringing refreshments. We had packets of pistachios, cookies, candy easter eggs and little bottles of yogurt drinks! Mary Jencsok arrived early and had a beautiful table set up for our social time. She sent around her clipboard and several members volunteered for upcoming months.**



**Member Submission:** After hearing Cameron McChesney talk about his Green-house Garden, I was inspired to visit the following Saturday Farmers' Market with my friend Patrice. We found the displays of fresh veggies to be like pieces of art! We picked up recipes and I went home and made fresh vegetable soup. Now I know what a parsnip tastes like! Sherrian Beagle







**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.**

It's easy and secure to join on our web site. Check out

[SunLakesGardenClub.org](http://SunLakesGardenClub.org)

Be sure to email your

**MUG SHOT**

for our club roster to

## Sun Lakes Garden Club

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### Enroll and Pay Online

Please fill out the form below to join, or renew a membership. Click Submit button to pay your dues using a credit or debit card. Please do not fill out the form if you do not plan on paying a membership fee at this time. Dues are \$20 for one member and \$30 for a two person household.

#### Membership Form

\* Indicates required field

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

Name on Name Tag \*

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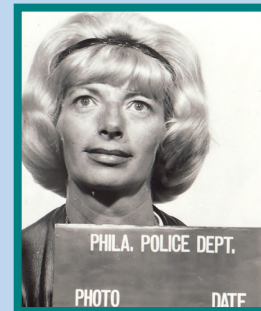
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Email \*

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 in the "Welcome New Members" section of our monthly newsletter. Please email a photo with NEW MEMBER PHOTO in the Subject Line to StarlaKramer@gmail.com. If you don't have a photo, please ask someone taking pictures at the next meeting or field trip to take yours.

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