

Sun Lakes Garden Club

October 2020 Newsletter

“Cultivating gardens and friendships”



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Our October speaker, Diane Eddy, is the owner of Global Tea Mart, a local specialty tea company located in the Fulton Promenade in Chandler. She is a Certified Tea Specialist, and in addition to providing fine teas to our community she is a frequent guest speaker.

She credits her interest in exquisite teas to Agatha Christie's tea-drinking detectives. About twenty-five years ago, while reading the adventures of Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot, she began to wonder about their very British habit of drinking tea. She began a course of study with tea experts throughout the world and discovered that tea is the second most consumed beverage in the world, second only to water.

Diane loves sharing stories about tea, as well as introducing people to the taste and nuances of fine tea. She's going to share some of her tea stories with us on October 20, 2020 in the Chapel Center at Sun Lakes. Diane is bringing a few hot teas for sampling with our biscotti biscuits.



Our open position for a new FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR has been filled!

Terri McStocker has 'passed the torch' to Stevie Graves, and we're grateful to both.



"Thank you Terri" for planning an amazing field trip for us last February to the Desert Botanical Garden to see the "Cracklin Art" exhibit and a fun lunch!

We appreciate all of the trips you had planned before we got hit with Covid19. You drove all of the way out to Boyce Thompson Arboretum to "scope out the area" and meet with the staff. You spent the afternoon at Singh Meadows in Tempe, just to make sure it would be an interesting trip for the club.



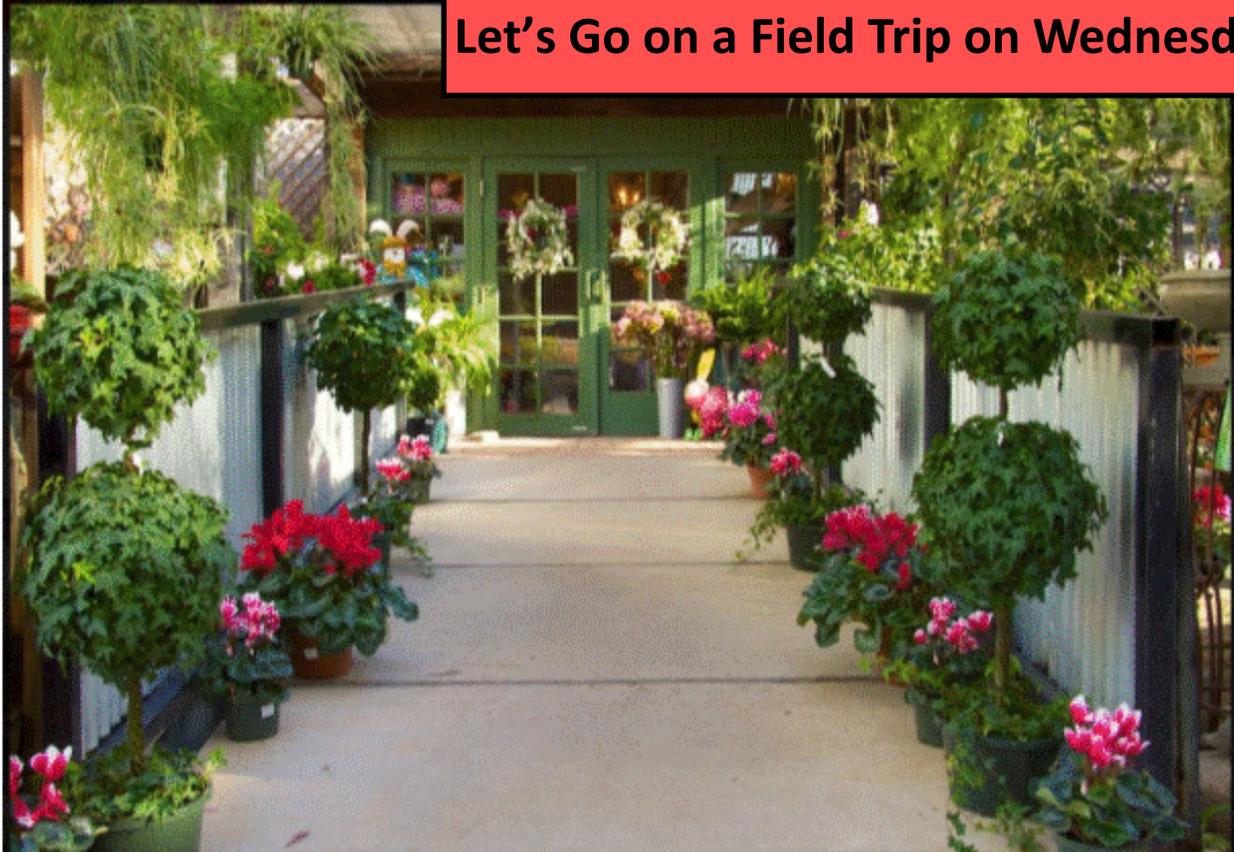
We know that your daughter-in-law is due with her second baby in 16 months and you will be busy with "Grandma Duty". It was so nice of you to meet with Stevie and help her get started.



Stevie has already stepped up and contacted several restaurants near Berridge Nursery and she chose Chelsea's Kitchen, near the nursery, after a bit of research. She made a reservation for all of us to sit together, outdoors, under their covered front patio and they have agreed to allow separate checks. There is a lot to consider during social distancing to accommodate groups and she's faced the challenge. We're looking forward to a fun field trip to see the 'SEASONS' holiday display inside the Greenhouse at Berridge. Stevie talked with the owner Christine, who will greet our group and tell us about their family nursery that she and her sister inherited.

Thank you both for your efforts to plan fun and informative field trips for our members.

Let's Go on a Field Trip on Wednesday Oct. 28th!

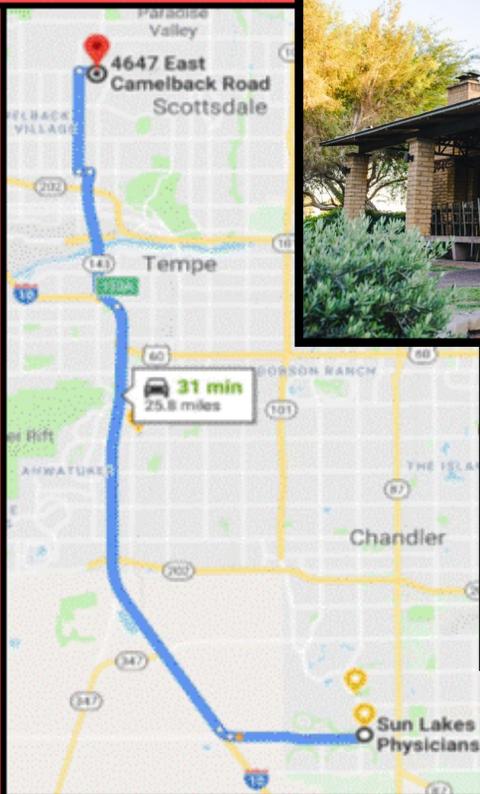


The Holidays are coming to Berridge Nursery in October.

They have 22 decorated trees inside their greenhouse. . . . plus Halloween and Thanksgiving décor!

We'll depart at our regular car-pool location at the parking lot of the Sun Lakes Medical Center at Riggs Rd and Alma School at 9:30am for a 10:00 arrival at the nursery. We'll be greeted by one of the owners, Christine, and we'll take a group photo. After that, small groups can shop or wander around outside the beautiful nursery while other groups go inside the holiday greenhouse.

There is a seating area to relax if you finish shopping before we head for lunch. We have a reservation for lunch on the front patio of CHELSEA'S KITCHEN, nearby.



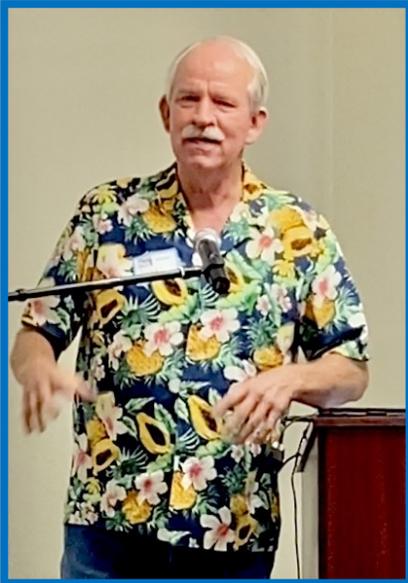
CHELSEA'S KITCHEN	
STARTERS & SNACKS	
TODAY'S SOUP seasonal soup made fresh daily	0.
QUACAMOLE & CHIPS charred tomatillo salsa, all house-made	14.
HOUSE SMOKED IDAHO YACUT DIP* classic saltine crackers, watermelon radish	14.
MACHITOS house-made guacamole, salsa, chicken or green chiles	15.
SHRIMP CEVICHE* avocado, tomatoes, cilantro, lime juice	15.
TUNA TABARE & QUACAMOLE* sashimi grade tuna, radish, soy-lemon vinaigrette	17.
SPECIAL SALADS	
180 CARMEL* sweet gum romaine, parmesan reggiano, hand-torn croutons	14.
BRUSSELS SPROUT SALAD* almonds, manchego, dried berries, bacon optional	17.
THE DEL MAR SALAD* shrimp ceviche, blue crab, iceberg, avocado, olives	18.
SHERREDDED KALE & QUINOA SALAD* sunflower seeds, grapes, parmesan reggiano add rotisserie mary's farm chicken white or dark 7: one king salmon 10: wild Mexican shrimp 9	18.
BURGERS & SANDWICHES	
our 180 Reserve Angus Beef burger is ground in house, all day - we recommend medium rare	
CHELSEA'S CHEESEBURGER* with russian dressing, served on a bun or leaf	15.
GREEN CHILE BURGERS* freshly roasted green chiles, melted cheddar	16.
CRISP CHICKEN SANDWICH* granny smith apples, slaw, spicy aioli	16.
NO. 1 ALE TUNA BURGER* ground in house, pan seared medium rare, spicy aioli	15.
VEGETARIAN BLACK BEAN BURGER* made here, housemade nut cheese	15.
SMOKED TURKEY FRENCH DIP* house smoked turkey, garlic aioli, 180 French Roll	23.

BERRIDGE NURSERY 4647 E. Camelback Rd. Phoenix

CHELSEA'S KITCHEN 5040 N 40th Street, Phoenix

Highlights of "SEASONS" Holiday Display field trip to Berridge Nursery last October!





Highlights from our SEPTEMBER 15TH MEETING. This was our first meeting since “Social Distancing” became a thing.

Everyone seemed happy about seeing one another after 6 months of closures. We wore masks and spread the chairs apart around the room and the meeting was video-taped.

Doug Jones didn't want to try to Zoom with us and he asked to meet us in person. Doug is the President of the Arizona Chapter

of the California Rare Fruit Growers. He has learned what NOT to do throughout his 25 years of experience. He has other topics that he'll share with us in August. He gave each person a copy of the monthly publication from the California Rare Fruit Growers and he suggested that we check out the local Arizona Facebook page and check out their big annual tree sale. He said to look at the California chapter website to learn FRUIT FACTS about any fruit tree or plant that we might be consideringto get all of the info.



We'll add this web site to our “Resources” section of our club web site. **CRFG.ORG**

We made \$66 at our September Raffle and we had lots to give away including 6 trees donated by Doug. Thank you all for your donations. We had about 25 attendees, and 1 guest and we think it went very well.



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- Acerola
- Apricot (Low-Chill)
- Avocado
- Babaco
- Banana
- Cape Gooseberry
- Capulin Cherry
- Carambola
- Che
- Cherimoya
- Currants
- Edible Hardy Palm Fruit
- Feijoa
- Fig
- Gooseberry
- Hardy Kiwifruit
- Jaboticaba
- Jackfruit
- Jujube
- Kiwifruit
- Loquat
- Lychee
- Macadamia
- Malabar Chestnut
- Mango
- Miracle Fruit
- Mulberry
- Muscadine Grape
- Olive
- Papaya
- Passion Fruit
- Pawpaw
- Pepino Dulce
- Persimmon
- Pineapple
- Pistachio
- Pomegranate
- Raisin Tree,
- Rose apple
- Sapodilla
- Tamarillo
- Tamarind
- Tropical Guava
- White Sapote

Fruit Facts

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> Fruit Facts

Fruit Facts is now a Wiki containing information on individual fruits, including botanical identification, plant description and culture notes, and characteristics of cultivars. The information is derived from growers experience based largely on California research, as well as various published sources. Some of the more important published sources quoted include *All About Growing Citrus and Subtropical Fruit* (Ortho Books, 1985); *Fruit for the Home and Garden*, by Leslie Johns and Violet Stevenson (Angus and Robertson, 1985); *Fruits of Warm Climates*, by Julia F. Morton (1987); *Lost Crops of the Incas* (National Academy Press, 1989); *Manual of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits*, by Wilson Popenoe (1920, reprinted 1974 by Hafner Press); *Uncommon Fruits Worthy of Attention*, by Lee Reich (Addison-Wesley, 1991); *Tropical Fruits*, 2nd ed., by J.A. Samson (Longman, 1986); and *Tropical Fruit*, by Glenn Tankard (Viking O'Neal, 1987). The Morton book is a particularly valuable source of information on a wide selection of tropical and subtropical plants. Many of the cultivar descriptions were adapted from Stephen Facciola's useful book, *Cornucopia: a Source Book of Edible Plants*.

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NOTIFY ME OF CHANGES

It's time to buy your tickets to our annual "members only"

"BRUNCH WITH SANTA" - Tuesday, December 8th 11-2pm

Party includes entertainment, and election of our 2021 officers.

Please bring a check to the October or November meeting for \$20, per person, written to our club, or mail it to our Treasurer, Deena Bunzel, 26453 S. Beechcreek Drive, Sun Lakes 85248



The club is paying \$10 toward the \$30/per person banquet in the Oakwood Ballroom. We'll enjoy a gourmet "plated" chicken dinner with plenty of salad and veggies for our vegetarian members. Includes, coffee, iced tea and delicious flourless "Chocolate Decadence" for dessert. (Please don't send cash, as your canceled check is your receipt.)



Mary Jencsok is one of our members that often “steps up” to help. She volunteered to be in charge of our Chapel Center garden. Unfortunately, all of the colorful plants went to “plant Heaven” this summer and our facilities manager pulled them out. We have allocated money in our budget to keep flowers in the entry pots. Mary is going to go shopping and put in fresh plants as soon as the ‘miserable hot’ days cool off. Keep an eye on those pots and be sure to thank Mary for taking over this project.



Mary has also been in charge of organizing the refreshment volunteers which will be starting up again soon. This month we have our “Tea Expert” bringing tea and our member, Karen Downing, offered to bring us individually wrapped Biscotti to go with our tea sampling.



A note from our Treasurer, Deena Bunzel:

“Here is our bank balance after paying the \$250.00 deposit for our upcoming holiday

party. Our VP, Julie B. Evans will be collecting your CHECKS at the October and November meetings (no cash if possible, for record keeping) and we have a master list of all members to mark those that have bought their tickets.

I am “social distancing ” because I’m the only caregiver for my mother, but I’ll be depositing the checks.”

Sun Lakes Garden Club September 2020		
		10/4/2020
Category	9/1/2020-9/30/2020	
INCOME		
Dues	20.00	
Raffle	66.00	
TOTAL INCOME	86.00	
EXPENSES		
Speaker	75.00	
Misc expense	14.99	
Party expenses	250.00	Iron Oaks deposit
Bank Fee	12.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	351.99	
OVERALL TOTAL	-265.99	
Cash in Bank	\$1,252.80	
Note: Misc expenses include:		
Zoom	14.99	

Do you Know what 3 things happen within our club every October ?

1. We set up a table for visitors at the Sun Lakes Country Club, Cottonwood CC and Oakwood CC for the Sun Lakes OPEN HOUSE weekends. We heard that they have postponed them due to “social distancing.”



2. The

club President sets up a committee to nominate new officers for 2021, according to our bylaws. We would love to have anyone interested in helping the club or becoming an officer to email StarlaKramer@gmail.com with the Subject line “How may I help?”

We have Raffle Rascals, Lyndi and Denese, that have agreed to continue through 2021. We also have Diane Beatty and Joan Adam planning speakers and Stevie Graves planning

our field trips. We need a President, a VP, and a Secretary. Our Treasurer, Deena has agreed to continue for 2021, as well as our webmaster Jean Olenick!

3. We start our FALL MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL!

Be sure to tell your friends that may be considering joining, that if they join now....they'll be considered paid until January 2022! This also means that they may come to our 'Members Only' “Brunch With Santa “ party at our \$10 off price.

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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

Name *

First Last

Email *

Please Welcome our **NEW MEMBER**



Judy Taylor lives in Chandler and she's enjoyed being in the floral, wedding and event industry for over 40 years. She's hoping to start a non-profit school teaching others to be floral designers. Her business is "Designing Women of Arizona". They work with brides, organizations and other clients to create special arrangements for their events.



An update from our previous Speaker Coordinator, Kathryn Pierce

Hello from St. John Indiana. I'm finally settled in my new home and really enjoying it. It took them several months to build it and I just got the grass sod in last week! I enjoyed staying at my sisters home this summer in Michigan. She's the Transportation Director for schools and she even put me to work as a school bus monitor. That was the first time I had ever ridden a school bus!

I don't miss the scorpions nor the cactus thorns; but I do miss the Garden Club! It took about three months to get my landscaping, and now the fun begins with researching all the possibilities there are with northern flowers. I got a few daylilies planted, several Palace Purple Coral Bells, a beautiful Strawberry Sundae Hydrangea, some Boxwood and Little Red Devil Ninebark shrubs. I can hardly wait for Spring! Hopefully when this virus is over I will be able to find a local garden club. Sure do miss the garden meetings and all of my friends there in Sun Lakes! I wish you all the best! Kathryn



THIS ENTIRE STORY IS FOR THE BIRDS!!

By Susan Sanderson

At the last club meeting, in February, before we Canadians had to rush back up North, I bought a raffle ticket. I had to leave the meeting early so I gave my raffle tickets to a nearby member. Later that day there was a knock at my

door and it was that same lady with a bird-feeder that I had apparently won! I'm sorry to say that I didn't get her name but I thanked her for her thoughtful-



ness. We brought it back to our home in Sydney BC. We hope that the person that donated it knows how much we enjoy relaxing and watching the birds eating.

It also keeps my husband Tim busy buying seeds and keeping it filled!

