

Central District

AFGC Fall 2023 Report

Theme: Renew, Revive and Regenerate



Club Membership:

Arizona Herb Association	144 members, new 8
Desert Designers	25 members
Desert Pointe	26 members
Scottsdale	39 members
Tempe	35 members, new 1
Washington	24 members, new 4

New Projects:

Washington – Arbor Day Tree Planting, Compost Awareness Week, Practical Gardening Monthly Guide for gardens and landscape

Continuing Projects:

Desert Pointe – Blue Star Memorial, Treasures 4 Teachers, Kiwanis Club Youth Program

Scottsdale – Penny Pines, Arbor Day, Cochise Elementary School Garden, Woodsey Owl/Smokey the Bear Poster Contest

Washington – AZ Veterans Home, Heifer International, Horticulture for Youth, Penny Pines, St Mary's Food Bank, Valley Garden Center

Flower Shows:

Desert Designers – “*Century of Design*” a Small Standard Flower Show at Boyce Thompson Arboretum to celebrate the 100th Anniversary.

Community Service Projects:

Desert Designers – Present a monthly design to the Pyle Center

Desert Pointe – Plant and maintain landscape at two homes for disabled adults. Assist Ahwatukee Recreation Center staff in planting and maintaining several garden beds.

Scottsdale – Recycle medications, glasses, hearing aids and cell phones, Veteran's Project hygiene products for the Homeless.

Tempe – Friendship Village Gardens growing vegetables, Peterson House planting flowers

Washington – Rudyville Neighborhood Community Garden, Childhelp

Field Trips/Tours:

Desert Pointe – Arizona Herb Association Garden

Scottsdale – Berridge Nursery and Baron Studios

Tempe – Gilbert Riparian Tour, Zoolights

Washington – Arizona Worm Farm and Sweet Life Potager Garden

Programs:

Desert Designers – Studying Design: Angular, Tubular, Panel, Abstract and Challenge

Desert Pointe – Orchids, Traveling Gardener, Japanese American Flower Growers, AZ Plant Lady, Shade Gardening, Salt River Project

Scottsdale – Herbs, Therapeutic Plants, Floral Arranging Demonstrations, Environmental Issues, Bees, Tulips and Water Conservation

Tempe – Chelsea Flower Show Presentation, Thanksgiving Centerpiece Demonstration, Grasses, Birds & Bees, Seed Swap, Roses

Washington – Bring Your Favorite Garden Tool, Christmas Party with a Garden Gift Exchange & Garden Trivia, Natural Remedies for Health & Immunity, *Suiseki* Rock Artistry for Gardens, Planting for Pollinators, The Importance of Bees to our Food Supply

Workshops:

Desert Designers – Home Décor

Washington – Painting Rock Mandalas for garden art, Designing Holiday Wreaths

Plant Sales:

Tempe – Peterson House Holiday Event Plant Sale - December 1,2,8,9,15,&16
Seedlings for Veggie Gardens - February 24th, Hayden Ferry Days: Tempe Historic
Courtyard Plant Sale - March 23rd

Eastern/Central District Meeting:

November 14th 9am-1pm
Gold Canyon Golf Resort, 6100 South Kings Ranch Road, Gold Canyon AZ 85118
Hosted by Gold Canyon Garden Club

Respectfully Submitted,

~Dana Benoit
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