

Desert Pointe Garden Club Report by Judy Barrett, President

Desert Pointe Garden Club started the year On September 6th with a brunch meeting hosted by the Executive Committee at the home of Sandy Everett, 1st Vice President. The 2023-24 Yearbooks were distributed and reviewed.

The October meeting included a very interesting program by Bev Tall of the Desert Valley Orchid Society about orchid varieties and care.

Future programs will include The Traveling Gardener Linda Larson; Kathy Nakagawa sharing memories of the Japanese-American flower growers along Baseline Road in Phoenix; Noelle Johnson, the Arizona Plant Lady, presenting Shade Gardening in a Hot, Dry Climate; and Emily Brown of Salt River Project discussing water issues.

In April, Desert Pointe Garden Club members will tour the Herb Society's garden at the Extension Office property in Phoenix followed by lunch at the Farm at South Mountain.

Members plant and maintain the yards surrounding two homes in Tempe for the developmentally disabled adults; plant and maintain the garden beds surrounding the Blue Star Memorial at 48th Street and Warner Road in Ahwatukee which is a cooperative project with the Ahwatukee Board of Management; sell engraved pavers that surround the Blue Star Memorial; and assist ARC (Ahwatukee Recreation Center) maintenance staff in planting and maintaining several garden beds.

Club members also donate, collect and deliver items needed by area teachers to the non profit Treasures 4 Teachers organization. At our December Holiday Luncheon and Meeting, members will donate items needed by foster teen boys through the local Kiwanis Club project.