

# Washington Garden Club

## AFGC Fall 2023 Report



**Members:** 24 total, 4 joined this month

**Theme:** Regenerative Garden Revival

**New Projects:** Arbor Day April 26, 2024 Tree Planting

Compost Awareness Week May 5-11, 2024. Promote and educate about the benefits of composting.

Practical Gardening Monthly Garden and Landscape Guide for Low Desert

**Continuing Projects:** AZ Veterans Home, ChildHelp, Heifer International, Horticulture for Youth, Penny Pines, St Mary's Food Bank, Valley Garden Center.

**Community Service:** In September we learned of a newly developed neighborhood community garden nearby. We look forward to assisting them in the months ahead. "Danny's Garden" is in Rudyville neighborhood. Named in honor of a resident who lost his life violently in the alleyway behind his home. The alleyway has since been gated off, cleaned up and made into a gathering place for their neighborhood. A place to come together as a community, garden with their families and grow food. Truly a beauty from ashes transformation 'gardens not only feed our bodies they also feed our souls'.

**Field Trips:** Arizona Worm Farm - Tour of a 10-acre Urban Farm turning garbage into food. Including a ¼ acre regenerative food forest, orchard, and hot composting window process. We will learn about the "Red Wiggler" worm breeding and worm casting production program. As well as, how to Vermicompost in our own gardens.

Sweet Life Garden – Tour of a lovely Potager Garden featured in the Arcadia Garden Tour. Jill Green will share about her kitchen garden, roses, fruit orchard and chickens.

**Programs:** In September we started our garden club year with Tool Talk-Bring Your Favorite Garden Tool. During our October meeting we made garden art Rock Mandalas, in November we will be designing Holiday Wreaths. Our Christmas Party is a celebration with a garden gift exchange, garden trivia with prizes and bringing our donations for ChildHelp and St. Mary's Food Bank.

We explore natural remedies for our health and immunity in January. In February a member will share the ancient rock artistry of Suiseki, how to select and display rocks in our garden spaces, March brings Planting for Pollinators and April is all about Bees and their importance to gardens, orchards, and agricultural crops.

Respectfully submitted,

~Dana Benoit  
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