

October, 2023 Report to Eastern District Director
Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs
Weeders Garden Club

The officers for September, 2023 through April, 2025 are Carrie Goode, President; Kim Rector, 1st Vice President; Mary Oester, 2nd Vice President; Patrice Reis, Treasurer; Pat Bunkley, Recording Secretary; Roberta Resovsky, Corresponding Secretary; and Beth Kirkpatrick, Parliamentarian. The board has been meeting on a regular basis via Zoom and in person since early August, 2023.

Currently, Weeders Garden Club has 59 members, 4 of which are honorary members.

Our website, www.weedersgc.org, is informative and kept up to date.

Membership meets the second Thursday of each month September through April in the Navajo Room of Sun Lakes Country Club in Chandler. Our upcoming calendar of programs / speakers include:

- Herbs as Medicine by Kathy Gould, Herbalist of Southwest Herbs
- Native Gardening and Pollinators by Danielle Carlock
- Weeders annual holiday breakfast at Sun Lakes Country Club
- Viticulture and Arizona Wines by Lizbeth Congiusti, certified Sommelier and retired Wine and Spirits Director for United Airlines
- Southwest Monarch Butterfly Study by Gail Morris
- Growing and Utilizing Cut Flowers in the garden by Ayshica Andrews, director of a Phoenix Community Garden, Herbal Medicine Expert and Master Gardener
- Landscaping with Water Features by Ralph Biezad, owner of Pondscapes in Queen Creek

Field trips planned for this year:

- Visiting Pondscapes demonstration garden to learn about ponds and waterfalls
- Tour of Rossen House in the Heritage District in Phoenix
- Visit and shopping at DigIt Gardens in Phoenix
- A tour St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church and Gardens
- A visit to the Southwest Herb and Gathering Place
- A tour of Weeders members' gardens (an annual event showcasing three to four members' gardens)
- Bird walks at Veterans' Oasis and Gilbert Riparian Preserve

Floral Design continues to be an active group activity, with committee chair Renee Waite leading ongoing design workshops and entries into juried floral design shows.

Our Recording Secretary produces an informative and interesting Newsletter each month which is distributed to membership via email.

Community service projects include:

- An annual donation to My Sister's Place Domestic Violence Shelter
- Monthly collection and donation for the National Garden Club's Penny Pines
- Upkeep of our 1600 square foot pollinator garden at Tumbleweed Park in Chandler
- Garden Therapy events to create floral arrangements with residents at Archstone Care Center and Ocotillo Senior Living resumed in April 2023, and the fall event was successfully completed in October 2023.

Fundraising events:

- Monthly raffles and sale of Weeders' aprons at general meetings continue
- A new Fundraising Committee will be established to plan and schedule events that will be fun and social, while continuing to raise funds for the club.

Submitted this 22nd day of October, 2023

Carrie Goode, President
Weeders Garden Club