

SEDONA AREA GARDEN CLUB Winter 2024 REPORT

Prepared by Jan Wells, Sedona Area Garden Club President

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month September through May

9:30am – 12:00pm at various locations in and around Sedona, Arizona

OFFICERS:

President: Jan Wells

Vice-President: Bernadette Marriot

Treasurer: Barbara Otter

Secretary: Gwynne Reese

MEMBERS: 29 Active; 8 Associate; and 6 Honorary

During 2023 -2024 we had one member (Lynda Myers) pass away and one move to Minnesota (Barbara Livermont). We added four new members.

CLUB PROGRAMS THAT TOOK PLACE IN 2023-2024:

*September: Review of Upcoming Year and discussions on continuing and new Projects

*October: Flower Arranging

*November: Learning about Greenhouses

*December: Holiday Party and Learning about Pollinator Pathways and the possibility of creating one in Yavapai County

*January: Learning about Medicinal Mushrooms

*February: Honeybee Biology

*March: Basic Chrysanthemum Culture

*April: Rose Grafting Workshop

*May: Greenhouse Project

SPECIAL EVENTS:

*Our Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser will be held on the last Saturday in April, April 27th, 2024

*A \$2,000 Scholarship was presented to Northern Arizona University student, Sophia Spikes, for her work on collecting and identifying plants along a pathway in the City of Sedona Posse Grounds Park. The Club worked with the City of Sedona Parks and Recreation Staff in the creation and installation of signs to identify the plants. Sophia

and her Faculty Advisor, Tina Ayers gave a Presentation to Club Members on September 29th, 2023. A completion celebration will be held in the near future.

*The Club approved a \$2,500 Student Grant for a soon to be identified project in 2024 – 2025.

*The Sedona Area Garden Club along with the Club Presidents of the Alta Vista Club and Cerbat Club will be hosting an AFGC Northern District Get Together on May 16, 2024.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

*Watering and tending the plants at the Sedona Public Library Main Branch and the Village of Oak Creek branch.

*Tending the plants at the Sedona Medical Center and at the Sedona Community Center

*Raising funds for Penny Pines. Two Club members, Jan Billiam and Cheryl Christenson and Dean Patterson (loyal donor to the Club) are the 2023 – 2024 honorees

*Creation of the above mentioned Plant Identification Pathway at the Posse Grounds Park.

*Hope House Garden Project: Hope House is a transitional dwelling place for families with children living in tents or cars in the Sedona area to help them stabilize and prepare to move on. Our Club is creating a flower and shrub garden near a playground area and providing trees for shade. The idea is to make it feel like a home.