

Desert Pointe Garden Club Annual Report

October 2025

We are anticipating a year characterized by growth and potential. I appreciate the collaboration, commitment, and creativity demonstrated by our members. As a new Club regime, we are exploring our roles and responsibilities. This year presents both excitement and opportunities for learning. I anticipate assuming the position previously held by Judy Barrett, who has set a commendable standard and continues to be my support system.

This year is absolutely exciting with an incredible lineup of speakers, demonstrations, and activities. We are introducing fresh and innovative ideas! Each meeting will begin with a “tool talk” where a member will share their favorite gardening tips. Plus, we are offering monthly growing recommendations trying to aim more at learning how to garden in Arizona. We have lined up some fantastic guests, including Helen Bird, the Master Rosarian, instructors from the Greater Phoenix Pond Society, and Shauna Brown, the founder of Unify Health, who will share exercises to improve our stability, mobility and resilience, ensuring we can maintain our gardens with ease. These are just a few of the inspiring ideas from my enthusiastic new Vice President.

Our September meeting was a “Welcome Back” event hosted by the Executive Committee. It was an opportunity to reconnect after the summer break. During our time together, we got creative and painted birdhouses that will be placed at the two homes our Club maintains. We also have plans to paint an uplifting mural on the exterior wall of one of the homes that will brighten the residents’ days. This fall, we are gearing up for a fundraiser at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center to sell our plants we have been preparing all summer. Plus, we are aiming for a garage sale in the spring. While last year’s sales were a bit

disappointing, as we grow our exposure, we are very enthusiastic and confident for a successful sale this year.

Our members are actively planting, trimming, weeding, and mulching the yards at two homes for individuals with developmental disabilities. Our Club is proud to fund the plants, soil, mulch, and fertilizer there. On top of that, our members also take care of the raised beds at the ARC where we hold our monthly meetings.

We currently have 31 members, but with our plan to boost our advertising, we look forward to welcoming even more members this year.