

GOLD CANYON FALL 2025 BOD REPORT

Our garden club has a very busy fall schedule that all happens within one week! As the saying goes: when it rains it pours and that seems to be true in our area...including the rain! We have a varied program planned for the year. We will be dedicating our third Blue Star memorial in November the day after the Eastern District Meeting. We have our fall plant sale scheduled for that same week and we will be in the throes of monitoring our butterfly garden for monarch arrivals.

We are increasing our exposure on social media via our Facebook page. That seems to be the most effective general information distribution platform. In relation to the conservation theme we heard from an expert from The Friends of the Tonto organization about Saguaros and their die off and why it is happening. The hot summer nights are one major factor. If we cool them down in the evening with a mist spray on those hot nights above 100, that will help. And if we water away from the base, that also helps to save the ones in our gardens.

The club project this year is about to happen. We are building a raised bed in our Butterfly garden so we can plant specific pollinators for our butterfly and bird friends and not have the worry of rabbits and pigs destroying the plantings. We have been fundraising for two years to see this project completed. We look forward to the spring migration to see if we have succeeded in attracting more butterflies.

Through social media we want to attract younger members to maintain a viable club. Future programs include water production and conservation, the local community garden project and our cactus species

Respectfully submitted
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