

# CCC Garden Club

January 2022 Newsletter by Janan Scott

Greetings, garden friends! The ground may still be frozen, but I'm already dreaming of spring. Although it's exciting to look forward and begin drafting plans for the next growing season, it's also important to reflect on the previous one. I've been working on the CCC Garden since 2015 and I'm pleased to share that, despite a pandemic, 2021 was our most productive year yet!



We began monthly volunteer days in May and enjoyed wonderful participation! We completed three hügelkultur beds and were able to begin planting in five of the beds we built up in 2020.

We had a planting party in July and filled our pollinator garden beds with beautiful native and regionally adapted flowers. Thanks to great stock from the Arboretum and a good monsoon season, we enjoyed robust blooms well into fall. Bees and butterflies were plentiful!

CCC's Bridges 2 Baccalaureate (B2B) program joined in on the fun and started a student-run medicinal garden in August. The students planted medicinal flora from the MNA Michael Moore plant sale throughout the garden and made lovely signs to identify them. We were also able to add three new picnic benches to the garden, making it a



hot spot for students and employees to relax and take in the views. In addition to the B2B program, CCC's Forestry and Environmental Biology classes used the garden as a teaching space during the fall semester.

We constructed a water feature using overflow from our large water tank and it has been awesome to catch glimpses of

our resident birds enjoying it in the morning! The Science department funded the purchase of a stock tank to provide water to our resident deer and elk. In October, we packed and distributed 200 envelopes of native wildflower seeds to our students and employees. Like I said, it was a very productive year!

As we move into the 2022 season, I'm excited to announce that we have started a CCC Garden Club to marry employee and student volunteering and education! Utilizing our partnership with the Coconino Master Gardener Association (the CCC Garden is a Master Gardener site), we plan on offering monthly educational programming in addition to our monthly volunteer opportunities.



I'd like to take a moment to extend gratitude to those who made 2021 such a fantastic year for the CCC Garden. Many thanks to the CCC

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**See you in the spring!**