



A HELPING HAND TO THE COMMUNITY

GFWC ViSaWen Women's Club
Vicksburg, Salome, Wenden, AZ

"Home of Pat Pisarski – GFWC-AZ President 2006 – 2008"

Welcome to the GFWC ViSaWen Women's Club web site and thank you for checking us out! Let us tell you about ourselves. We are a diverse group of women ranging in age from 18 to 90+, we come in all different sizes, shapes and backgrounds. Each member brings her own personal touch making a dynamic women's club that supports our community and builds friendships. We invite you to join us on Monday between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to get acquainted and find out more about our club.

Founded: October 1935 - GFWC affiliated May 1, 1936

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Meetings: **Business meeting**
1st Thursday of each month September thru May
Time: 1:00 P.M.

Social
3rd Thursday of each month September thru May
Time: 12:00 Noon

Every Monday "work day" all year 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
All meetings are held in the club house: 66198 Ave C, Salome, AZ

Contact: Club House on Monday (928) 859-3407

Focus: **Community Service and Friendship**

2008 -2010 Officers:

President: Lee Vernon
Vice President: Louise Lindsay
Secretary: Elizabeth Bryan
Treasurer: Linda Kundtz
Parliamentarian: Beverly Sullivan

Calendar of Events 2008-2009

**Ongoing quilt ticket sales with three annual drawings:
Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.**

Drawing for this quilt is November 22.



FUNDRAISER: Rada Ware – Rada Ware is a fine line of cutlery as well as other kitchen items. Contact a club member for additional information and purchase.

November

- 7: Parker Potpourri Sweet Table – Fiddlers Jamboree
- 22: Fall Bazaar
- 27-30: Quilt, Craft & Rada Sale – Parker Potpourri

January

- 16: Sweet Table & Rada Sale – Desert Fiesta Country Music Jam
- 24: Annual Yard Sale
- 29-Feb. 1: Quilt, Craft & Rada Sale – Parker Potpourri

February

- 21: Quilt Show & Sweet Tooth Table & Rada Sale – Outback Chili Cook-off

March

- 28: Quilt, Craft & Rada Sale – Wendendale Days

April

- 17: Sweet Tooth Table – Arizona Outback Fiddlers Fest
- 18: Quilt, Craft & Rada Sale – Grand Desert Days

Projects and Programs

- Trauma quilts for La Paz County Sheriff's Dept. & Salome Fire Dept.
- Quilts for abuse center
- HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership) Scholarship
- Girl's State (A leadership seminar)
- Salome Elementary fundraisers
- Wenden Elementary fundraisers
- Indian Hills Public Library
- Organized Salome Elementary Library
- Other youth programs as requested on individual basis
- Ongoing education of women in the community
- Quilting instructions
- Donate and plant a tree on Arbor Day at La Paz Co. Centennial Park
- Established and maintain "Pocket Park" on Hwy 60
- Provide volunteers for Chamber of Commerce
- Donate lap quilts, house slippers, knitted caps for VA Hospital in Prescott

History of the ViSaWen Clubhouse

The beginning of ViSaWen is published in The Tale Is Told, The AFWC history by Margaret Wheeler Ross.



“Perhaps the most interesting and unusual club federated by Mrs. (Bess) Prather was the ViSaWen formed by the women of three adjacent desert towns: Vicksburg, Salome and Wenden. Mrs. Virginia Harris, of Salome, got these isolated but progressive women together, in October 1935, and the seeds were sown. Mrs. Prather visited them soon after, and the organization was completed. May 1, 1936, the club affiliated with the State Federation.

Looking back in our seventieth year, we think the story of our clubhouse is also among the most unusual. Our first meetings were held

in the basement of the Episcopal Church, for which the new club provided calsumine for the walls, curtains and a heater so the room could be used for community affairs.

About this time, Mr. Virgil Sanor, a real old-timer who homesteaded south of Salome before WW I, felt it was time for him to leave his homestead and mining claims and move to “town.” In April 1938 he bought a lot in the Harris Addition of Salome from Virginia and W.B. Harris and put on it a small frame house with corrugated iron siding – a typical miner’s home. Mr. Sanor was a man of some education and a lively curiosity about science, the world and society, and he became interested in the activities of our clubwomen.

In April 1940 he executed a Deed of Trust by which his house and lot should be held by three Trustees, for the “...aid of all civic benefits, community welfare and educational and cultural progress of said entire community.... And particularly for the meetings of the ViSaWen Women’s Club.” Vacancies on the Board are filled by the County Board of Supervisors and taxes are billed to ViSaWen. Mr. Sanor continued to live in the house until his death in 1953. One room was reserved for club meetings: while Mr. Sanor refused invitations to come out and join the ladies, the door into his quarters was usually ajar and club members knew the old gentleman was cheered by the opportunity to listen in on their deliberations.

Mr. Sanor had left some native mesquite and palo verde trees on the lot and moved in about two dozen young saguaros which now have arms and are majestic giants in their seventieth year. In one corner of the yard there is a large structure of concrete cubes, not a modernistic sculpture, but the tombs of Mr. Sanor’s dogs – his best and truest friends.

Since his death, the club has removed some interior walls to make an L-shaped meeting room. One corner is walled off for the kitchen and there is a lean-to addition for restroom and storage. Spacious and attractive new kitchen cabinets were our improvement project for 1985. As the Lion’s Club and V.F.W, have built larger halls the ViSaWen Club House has not recently had much community use, although it is known to be available. It is very satisfactory for all our club activities. Cost of maintenance and improvements comes from our regular fund raising activities, along with our contribution to other community projects.