

Sun City Amateur Radio Society's January Fox Hunt

In honor of Sun City's Silver Anniversary which is being celebrated throughout 2021, the Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) has a brand new silver fox for their monthly Fox Hunt.

Ham radio operator Don Parrish was the first to find a hidden transmitter (the "Fox") during January's event. Note that the fox is masked!

This monthly Saturday morning event is sponsored to hone members' radio operation and signal-tracking skills. Each month's winner hides the "fox" somewhere in Sun City for the next hunt.



Garden Club Yard of the Month Sandy and Bernie Hallee 728 Breezeway Lane (N31)

By David Woerner

The most prominent feature of the beautiful yard at 728 Breezeway Lane is the wide greenbelt thickly covered with native oak trees which runs across the back. Several of these oak trees extend into the backyard of the lot. Homeowners Sandy and Bernie Hallee acquired the property in 2008 and saw the yard's potential. They soon learned that such a deep shade environment is not suitable for the common Central Texas lawn and border shrubs used in most Sun City backyards. They adapted to a design for the backyard with a large mulched area, a few shade-tolerant shrubs such as photinia and laurel, numerous potted plants of many varieties



ies and an eclectic collection of Talavera ceramic figures, a tall water fountain and other statuary. A highlight is a statue of Seventh Century Saint Fiacre, the patron saint of gardeners. Both side yards have been unitized with neighbors, so the spaces are uniform and appear more ample than would a disassociated design.

The Hallee's eclectic style is continued in the front yard with a variety of flowering shrubs and large succulents such as esperanza, loropetalum and agave. Saint Fiacre appears again, along with more

Talavera ceramics and potted flowers such as bougainvillea. A clump of gnarled heritage oak trees is bordered with a masonry ring and curving walking paths to create visual interest and provide access to the side yards. The front entrance to the home has been expanded with a large eccentric-shaped flagstone patio providing a sitting area bordered with brick knee walls and lantern fixtures. This charming yard is a welcoming treat for the eyes.