

Garden Rocks at Blackhawk Bloomers 20th Anniversary

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Presented by Kim Chandler

It takes an entire garden club to have an anniversary celebration and there were many Bloomers who joined it to make our 20th Anniversary Celebration very special. The Board wanted everyone to have something to commemorate and remember Bloomers 20th Anniversary celebration and thanks to Kathleen Gibbons, Kathy Byrns and a team of Bloomers "rockers" everyone is getting gift made by Bloomers. For all our Charter Members and Past Presidents we have beautiful painted rocks done in a mandala stone design called sacred petals. This design is based on the sacred geometry pattern called the Seed of Life and has been done in Bloomers colors. The Seed of Life is a universal symbol of creation, examples have been found in Egyptian, Phoenician, Indian, Asian, Middle Eastern and medieval art. The rocks are all displayed on a table in the front of the room and each Charter Member and Past President is welcome at the end of the 20th Anniversary Celebration to come forward and pick one to take home. We will be delivering and sending rocks later to any of the charter members and past presidents that could not be with us today.

At everyone's place setting you each have a painted rock which were also done in a mandala stone design that was created by Kathleen and Kathy. It is of our flower the cyclamen in the many shades of our Bloomers colors of magenta and green. All of the rocks big and small were all hand painted by the team of:

- Kathleen Gibbons
- Kathy Byrns
- Kelly Brandmeier
- Deb Weber
- Jodell Stout
- Lorrie Harris
- Trish Gardner
- Cindy Inloes
- Jennifer Wylie
- Celia Maddox
- Linda Reilly
- Judy Utikal
- Kim Modersbach
- Kim Chandler

No rock was done by one person. Each is the work of multiple Bloomers, they are unique special works of garden art. They can be placed inside or outside, please enjoy them! "Rock On" group please stand and Bloomers please join me in thanking them for their hours of work. A very special thank you to Kathleen and Kathy for organizing this effort. Kathleen generously opened her home for us to gather and paint. She scheduled blocks of time for us and fed us delicious soups and snacks. I know I am speaking for everyone that participated, it was an experience that was more than just painting rocks. It was relaxing, Zen-like and friendship bonding. Thank you!