excellent programs offered by Maricopa County Cooperative Extension. The Early Childhood Family Resource Center went to an online format and still found time to have a food drive for both children and families. These programs are a testament to the resilience and adaptability of the extension system in the face of challenges.

Our Agricultural Literacy and STEM program collaborated with Oregon State University to develop virtual lessons that could be used in classrooms across the state. This partnership allowed us to reach a wider audience and provide valuable resources to educators.

Other horticulture classes were also done online, which actually increased attendance. With some very dedicated volunteers, we had a very successful Master Gardener class. Postponement of the Arizona Water Festival until Fall 2021, due to Covid-19, has given us more time to plan and prepare for this important event.

Water is critical for all life, including plants. Turfgrass science is important for maintaining healthy landscapes, and nativegrasses can be seeded and use less water and fertilizers. New groundcover plants are coming into the market, and one that is pretty cool is the amarillo plant, with many uses for food products like natural toothpaste and hair dyes. It is a drought-tolerant plant that needs very little water, making it a perfect fit for desert landscapes in the Phoenix area.

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Our current cohort, the first exclusively online DPP class at MCCE, is a wonderful group of people who have been reaching out to their neighbors to encourage them to make lifestyle changes. The DPP is designed to help people make changes to reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes, a condition that affects the way the body metabolizes blood sugar, in that the body either does not produce enough insulin or it resists the insulin it produces causing blood sugar to rise to dangerous levels.

In the US, approximately 30.3 million people have type 2 diabetes (T2D), a condition that is caused by a variety of factors, including obesity, physical inactivity, and genetics. It is estimated that 1.6 million Americans were newly diagnosed with diabetes in 2018, and another 10 million people have prediabetes, a condition that increases the risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

The CDC's Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) is an evidence-based intervention that has been shown to reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 58% in high-risk individuals. The program involves lifestyle changes such as eating a healthy diet, increasing physical activity, and losing weight.

In Arizona, the DPP is being administered through the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension (MCCE). MCCE is a leader in providing nutrition education, and they have been very successful in reaching out to the Hispanic community.

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If you are interested in learning more about the DPP, you can visit their website at [www.mccpe.az.edu](http://www.mccpe.az.edu). They offer a free class series, offered by the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension. Those of you who knew Terry remember his great sense of humor, and he could always make you laugh. He was a great leader, and we will miss him greatly.

In conclusion, 2020 was a year of uncertainty and change, but the AWF team continues to bring great programs and events to the community. We are looking forward to what the future holds, and we hope to see you at the Water Festival online “Celebration of Learning” in 2021.