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Let us introduce you to the people who bring you the **Green Valley News**

All things entertainment, history, and home and garden-oriented are the focus of journalist and content coordinator Karen Walenga. Whether she's editing stories and compiling photos for the *Green Valley News* and *Sahuarita Sun* features sections, planning topics and talking with residents for the monthly *Home & Garden* section, or researching and writing publications such as *Discover Southern Magazine* and the "*Green Valley Through the Decades*" book, it's all about providing readers with what they like.

"**Much of my** journalism career has focused on magazine writing, reporting and editing, and that brought me to the *Green Valley News* in 1997," Karen says. "Throughout my years here, so many wonderful area residents have welcomed me into their homes and businesses, sharing their experiences for me write about. They are such a delight."

A native of western Michigan, Karen fell in love with Southern Arizona while earning a journalism degree at the University of Arizona, and eventually made Sahuarita her home. Among her favorite thing: UA sports, walks with her dogs, and time outdoors in this region's gorgeous mountains, canyons and historic sites.

"**When it comes to** learning about nature and culture in Southern Arizona, we are lucky. We can always count on our local readers to share their wealth of knowledge," she says.

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