

**Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs
proudly presents**

**AFGC Convention 2023
BLOOMS AND BOOTS**



April, Friday 14th - Saturday 15th - Sunday 16th
AFGC 89th Annual Meeting, Friday 14th
[DoubleTree by Hilton Tempe](#)
Convention Headquarters: Mesquite Room

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Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs

Vision

Empower people to beautify Arizona communities while conserving our natural resources.

Mission Statement

To provide education, resources and networking opportunities; to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility to members and the public.

We are a group of gardeners who have organized on local, state, national and international levels. Nearly twenty local clubs make up the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

We work together to share:

- Our love of gardening and design
- Our concern for conservation of our natural resources
- Our desire to educate our youth about gardening and the natural world
- Our commitment to better our communities through civic projects

We promote the love and knowledge of gardening through speakers, conferences, schools and scholarships such as:

Flower Show Schools, Symposia, horticulture/natural resources scholarships for Arizona college students and many youth programs.

Partner with a wide range of local, state and national organizations to support and actively participate in community projects.

Emphasize good conservation practices including wise water use, in planning community projects and our own landscapes. Use of appropriate plants is of the highest priority, so that invasive species are not used in plantings or designs.



Welcome to Convention 2023

Thank you for being here with us.

We are very pleased to welcome back our members, spouses and guests. If this is your first time at convention, then we are especially glad that you joined us.

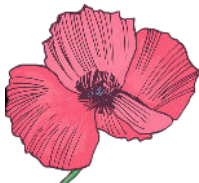
Please help us welcome NGC President Mary Warschauer and Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs representative Robin Pokorski.

This gathering of gardeners and designers is truly an uplifting experience. While we are in each other's company this weekend, please introduce yourself with a short remembrance of a gardening success or an awe-inspiring floral design. Let's listen to each other; empathize with each challenge; and rejoice in our successes. Smiles are always welcome and whole-hearted laughter is the best medicine after all. What fun stories do you have to tell?

Together, we will seek greater beauty and will attain higher knowledge to make our world a better place.

Enjoy these moments!

From Kim Rosenlof and Judy Kennedy, Co-Chairs



Thank You to Sharon Davis AFGC President 2021 - 2023



*Dear Sharon,
Thank you for helping to grow our organization. During your Presidency, we became a stronger team with a focused purpose of rebuilding membership and defining technology needs. It was your initiative that guided us toward a new Vision statement and multi-faceted Strategic Plan. Your guidance has been very much appreciated.*

*Sincerely,
Your Executive Committee*





Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs Executive Committee

Elected Officers

President	Sharon Davis
President Elect	Judy Kennedy
2 nd Vice President	Rosemary Wade
Recording Secretary	Barb Brumley
Treasurer	Josephine Vincze
Assistant Treasurer	Renee Waite

Appointed Officers

Corresponding Secretary	Buff Harrington
Finance Committee Chair	Judy Shelton
Historian/Archivist	Jamie Dick
Parliamentarian	Judy Shelton
Central District Directors	Carol Parrott, Orvalita Hopkins
Northern District Directors	Harriet Jack, Betty Flowers
Southern District Directors	Sheila Parcel, Paulette Stag
Eastern District Directors	Sandy Williamson, Tricia Schaeffer
Western District Director	Karen Bowen

Nominating Committee Chair Jen Donovan

Advisory Committee, AFGC Former Presidents

Judy Shelton, Marcie Brooks, Carol Mossholder, Carol Parrott,
Fran Harkey, Elaine Gunderson, Virginia Hoyne



Invitational Designs on view in Lobby

Design by Mickie Rustad
in honor of Mary Warshauer

Design by Joyce Girvin
in honor of Sharon Davis



Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs 89th Annual Meeting

Friday, April 14th 10:30a – 1:30p
Red Rock Conference Room



Meeting Agenda

Call to Order	Sharon Davis
Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance	Aurien Preiss
Welcome and Introductions	Sharon Davis
Initial Credentials and Registration Report	Jennifer Moreland
Adoption of Annual Meeting Rules	Judy Shelton
Quorum	Sharon Davis
Committee to Approve 89 th Annual Meeting Minutes	Judy Shelton, Karen Bowen and Carol Parrott
Approval of the Oct 26, 2022 BOD Minutes	Barb Brumley
Annual Reports of Officers (3 minutes please)	
President	Sharon Davis
President Elect	Judy Kennedy
2 nd Vice President	Rosemary Wade
Treasurer	Josephine Vincze
Assistant Treasurer	Renee Waite
Report of District Directors (3 minutes please)	
Central	Carol Parrott
Eastern	Sandy Williamson
Northern	Harriet Jack
Southern	Sheila Parcel
Western	Karen Bowen
Convention 2023 Report	Kim Rosenlof
Proposed Amendments to Standing Rules	Judy Shelton
Approval of 2023-24 Budget	Judy Shelton
Scholarship Report	Linda Larson
Nominating Committee Report	Jen Donovan
Awards	Lucy Samuels
Final Credentials and Registration Report	Jennifer Moreland
Announcements	
Adjournment	Sharon Davis





Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs Rules of Convention 2023

Rules of Convention

1. Members, guests, delegates and alternates shall register before participating in programs, seminars, business meetings and tours.
2. Members and guests shall wear convention badges at all sessions.
3. Cell phones and all electronic devices shall be in the off position.
4. Upon presentation of NGC President and AFGC President, all present shall rise.
5. When group introductions are made, withhold applause until all have been presented.
6. Remain seated during invocations, blessings, inspirations unless directed otherwise by the person giving it.
7. The facility is a non-smoking facility throughout the property for indoor areas, sleeping rooms, and dining patios. Smoking permitted outside in designated areas.

Business Meeting

1. Discussion from the floor shall be limited to two (2) times for two (2) minutes per member per issue.
2. At the Memorial Remembrance, no cameras will be permitted. When the service begins, doors will be closed and there will be no admittance. Please remain seated during the service.
3. AFGC Bylaws and Standing Rules and *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern all proceedings of the AFGC Convention.
4. Pages will pass notes and carry messages in all sessions.
5. Rules shall be adopted or suspended by majority vote.

Representation at 89th Annual Meeting

A delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

- a. Each member shall be entitled to representation at the AFGC's Annual Meeting as follows: The President or Vice-President of a club shall be the first representative, in addition, each club may have one (1) delegate for each ten (10) members or major portion thereof. Six (6) is a major portion.
- b. The voting members shall be the elected and appointed AFGC officers, members of the Advisory Board, District Directors, presidents of each member club or plant society, officers of NGC who reside within the state, former AFGC presidents, chairmen and members of standing committees and accredited delegates or their alternates.
- c. All other members of AFGC are entitled to attend the meeting with all of the privileges of the meeting, except voting.



Vistas NGC Petite Standard Flower Show

Chair: Renee Waite

Vistas is open for viewing on Friday and Saturday (see timeline on pages 12-13 for times). Winning entries are marked with ribbons; there are 3 Petite Design classes and 5 Petite Horticulture classes. See expert designs submitted to this competition!



People's Choice Awards

Co-Chairs: Evie Campbell and Barbara Mlnarik

Convention attendees vote for winners in 4 classes during Saturday lunch and Best in Show during the Gala using tickets provided during mealtimes. Winners in each category will receive \$50; Best in Show (announced Sunday Brunch) will receive an additional \$50. don't forget to vote for your favorites!

Silent Auction

Chair: Cauleen Autery

Shop and bid to support AFGC events! More than 30 lovely bid lots are displayed in Galleria C on Saturday. List your name and bid on the sheet for your desired lot. Bidding closes at 8:30p Saturday with highest bidders announced during Gala. Cash or check accepted for immediate payment (ATM in hotel lobby). Items will not be shipped.



50/25/25 Money Raffle

Chair: Jen Donovan

Purchase raffle tickets for \$1 each from Jen through Saturday night. Return half the ticket to Jen with your name and phone number on the back. Pot will be split between AFGC (50%) and two Winners (25% each) drawn at Sunday brunch. You do not need to be present to win.

Club Baskets Raffle

Chair: Judy Shelton

Purchase raffle tickets from Judy. Keep half the ticket and place the other half in the bag(s) corresponding to the basket(s) you desire. Winners will be drawn during Sunday brunch. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.** Baskets will not be mailed. Good luck!





Arizona's Western Heritage

I love you, Arizona,
Your mountains, deserts and streams;
The rise of Dos Cabezas
And the outlaws I see in my dreams.

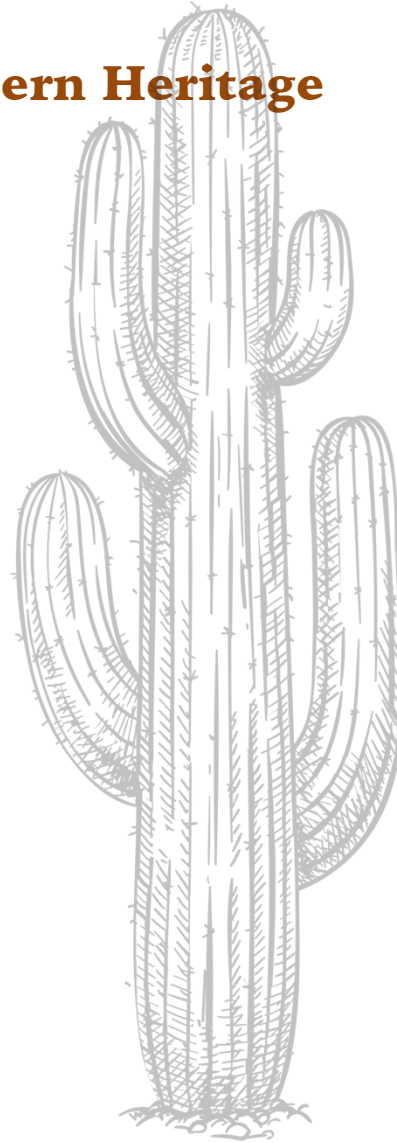
I love you, Arizona,
Superstitions and all;
The warmth you give at sunrise;
Your sunsets put music in us all.

Oo, Arizona; you're the magic in me.
Oo, Arizona; you're the life-blood of me;

I love you, Arizona;
Desert dust on the wind;
The sage and cactus are blooming,
And the smell of the rain on your skin.

Oo, Arizona; you're the magic in me.
Oo, Arizona; you're the life-blood of me.

Arizona State Song
"Arizona" written and performed by Rex Allen, Jr.
Adopted by Arizona 35th Legislature in 1982



Western Heritage Dinner and Line Dancing

Bring your smiles to a wooden dance floor with country music!

With Line Dance Instructor Jamie Miller

Easy-to-learn dance moves and open dance – Find joy through movement!

Encantada Ballroom

Friday Supper Bell at 6:30p – Line Dancing at 7:00p – Open Dance at 8:00p



Fun-filled Friday Happenings

Friday, April 14, 2023

"Vistas" Petite Flower Show
ENCANTADA 2-4p OPEN TO PUBLIC
Club Baskets in Encantada



Schedule of Events

9:30a–5:00p On-site Registration open all day in Lobby

9:00a–10:30a Xeriscape Demo Garden Tour

10:30a–1:30p AFGC 89th Annual Meeting
in Redrock Conference Room

1:30–3:30p ASU Natural History Collections Tour

2:00p–5:00p Redrock Conference Room

Leadership Workshop with Robin Pokorski

Marshmallows and spaghetti? Seriously fun motivation techniques to inspire new leaders and generate member participation.



5:00p–6:00p President's Club Reception with Cash Bar
on Milagro's Patio

Casual Evening in Encantada Ballroom

5:00p Cash Bar opens

6:30p Western Heritage Dinner

with Moderator: Judy Kennedy

Inspiration, Invitation to Convention, Awards & other Announcements

7:00p Line Dancing with Instructor Jamie Miller

Friday's Off-site Tours

PRE-REGISTER! Meet at site location at the specified time. Be prepared for outdoors – bring water, hat and sunscreen. All sites are ADA Accessible.

Behind the Scenes at Tempe Women's Club Park Xeriscape

Demonstration Garden 9:00a–10:30a. Drive to the Arizona Heritage Center.

Tour Leader: Richard Adkins and Andi Couet-Pasc

ASU Natural History Collections Tour 1:30p–3:30p. Drive to 734 W Alameda. **Tour Leader:** Liz Makings





Saturday “Come Grow With Us!”

Saturday, April 15, 2023

OPEN ALL DAY!
“Vistas” Petite Flower Show
People’s Choice Awards
Vendors, Silent Auction & Club Baskets

Schedule of Events

7:30a–10:00a On-site Registration in Lobby
(after 10a at Convention Headquarters)

**Breakfast on your own*

7:00a–8:00a AHA Demo Garden Tour

9:00a–10:15a Encantada Ballroom
Welcome by AFGC President Sharon Davis
Initial Registration Report & Life Memberships
Opening Keynote with Karen Cesare, CAP
“Arizona’s Water Future”



**All breakout sessions detailed on pages 16-17*

10:30a–11:45a Morning Breakout Sessions
Rose Grafting Workshop, Wicking Gardens, Leadership Roundtables

12:00p–1:30pm Encantada Ballroom
Lunch with Moderator: Jennifer Moreland
Presidential Citations & Doris Helvig Award
People’s Choice Awards – vote for each of 4 classes
Learn with Wendy Hodgson, DBG
“Arizona’s History with Agaves”



**All breakout sessions detailed on pages 16-17*

1:45p–2:30p Afternoon Breakout Sessions 1
Pollinator Gardening, NGC/FS Schools, Club Presidents/VP/District Directors

3:00p–3:45p Afternoon Breakout Sessions 2
Floral Design Workshop, Identify Native Species, Club Secretary/Treasurer

4:00p–4:45p Afternoon Breakout Sessions 3
Pollinator Pathways, Permaculture

5:00p–6:00p Sensational Arizona Reception, Milagro’s Patio

Saturday Gala Dinner in Encantada Ballroom

5:00p Cash Bar opens

6:00p–9:00p Dinner and Entertainment

Saturday Off-site Tour *meet at site location at the specified time

AHA’s Herb and Demonstration Garden Tour 7:00a–8:30a. Drive to UoA
Cooperative Extension, 4341 E Broadway Rd. Free to Everyone.

Tour Leader: Pam Perry



Saturday Night Gala and Installation of Officers

Saturday, April 15th 6:00p – 9:00p

Encantada Ballroom



Proceedings with Moderator: Kim Rosenlof

Inspiration	Cauleen Autery
Introduction of VIPs and Guests	Sharon Davis
Recognize C23 Committee Members	Kim Rosenlof
AFGC President's Gift Presentation	Judy Kennedy
AFGC Awards	Lucy Samuels
People's Choice Awards: vote for "Best of Show"	Evie Campbell and Barbara Mlnarik



Gala Keynote with Mary Warshauer, NGC President

AFGC Officer Installation	Mary Warshauer
Silent Auction Winners	Cauleen Autery
Closing Announcements	

President's Reception on Dining Patio – dessert served

Congratulations to Judy Kennedy Incoming AFGC President 2023 - 2025

Congratulations to Judy Kennedy as incoming President! Your wisdom, kindness and leadership are inspirational and we know you will lead AFGC to greater heights.

Sharon Davis and Judy Shelton

Please Welcome Our Incoming Elected Officers

President	Judy Kennedy
President Elect	Jennifer Moreland
2 nd Vice President	Cauleen Autery
Recording Secretary	Lenda Sundene
Treasurer	Peggy Ahola
Assistant Treasurer	Renee Waite



	Lobby	Encantada	Redrock Conference Room	VISTAS	Galleria C	Off-site Tours
7:30 AM	Friday, April 14, 2023 SETUP			NGC Petite Flower Show on Perimeter of Encantada		
8:30 AM	Registration	EARLY SETUP People's Choice Awards Club Baskets delivery Raffle tables		SETUP FS Entries until 10:45AM		Tempe Women's Club Park
9:00 AM	REGISTRATION OPEN		AFGC 89th ANNUAL MEETING *Pre-order Lunch	FS Judges review entries and assign ribbons until 1:15PM		Xeriscape Garden Arizona Heritage Center - tour seniors \$13 at door
9:30 AM	Swag Bags Schedules Badges Raffle Tickets Meal Tickets <i>*Pre-order Friday Lunch</i>					
10:30 AM						
11:00 AM						
12:00 PM						
1:30 PM						
2:00 PM		OPEN Club Baskets Raffle sales 50/25/25 Raffle sales	Leadership Workshop with Robin Pokorski, PRC <i>*Pre-register</i> <i>*3 hours duration</i>	VISTAS OPEN TO PUBLIC & PRESS		ASU Natural History Collections Tour
4:00 PM						
5:00 PM		President's Club Reception at MILAGROS PATIO (open to all)		OPEN for all Convention Attendees	no access to Galleria C until 6:30p	
6:00 PM		Western Heritage Dinner Line Dancing Instruction			SETUP Vendors Club Tables Silent Auction	
6:30 PM						
...						
9:00 PM						

Refer to Map Orientation on inside of back cover



Lobby	Encantada	Galleria A	Galleria B	VISTAS	Galleria C	Off-site Tours
Saturday, April 15, 2023						
7:00 AM						<i>*meetup at site</i>
7:30 AM	REGISTRATION OPEN Swag Bags, Badges, Tickets <i>until 10am then Convention HQ</i>		<i>*Convention HQ in Mesquite Room</i>		SETUP Vendors Club Tables	AHA's Herb & Demo Garden
8:00 AM					OPEN Vendors Club Tables Silent Auction	
8:30 AM	Opening Keynote Karen Cesare, CAP					
9:00 AM		Leadership Roundtables Publicity, Membership, Website/Social Media, Fundraising, Programs	Wicking Garden Beds Liz Lonetti		OPEN Vendors Club Tables Silent Auction	
10:15 AM			Rose Grafting Workshop Steve Sheard <i>*Pre-register</i>	VISTAS OPEN for all Convention Attendees		
10:30 AM						
11:45 AM						
12:00 PM		Lunch and Learn Wendy Hodgson, DBG				<i>*until 8:30p</i>
1:30 PM						
1:45 PM						
2:30 PM		Club Presidents, VPs & District Directors	Pollinator Gardening Lee Ann Aronson			
3:00 PM						
3:45 PM		Club Treasurers & Secretaries	Identify Native Species Jennifer Moreland			
4:00 PM						
4:45 PM		Pollinator Pathways Danielle Cowan, SMCC	Permaculture Liz Lonetti			
5:00 PM		Sensational AZ Reception at MILLAGROS PATIO (open to all)				
6:00 PM		Saturday Night Gala Mary Warshauer, NGC President				
7:00 AM						
8:00 AM						
8:30 AM						
9:30 AM		Sunday Brunch Closing Keynote Zach Brooks, AZ Worm Farm			OPEN Vendors Club Tables	
10:30 AM						
11:45 AM						
12:00 PM						
Sunday, April 16, 2023						
7:00 AM						<i>*meetup at site</i>
8:00 AM						MCC Rose Garden Tour
8:30 AM						<i>*Pre-register</i>
9:30 AM						<i>*Open to all</i>
10:30 AM						<i>* 30-min travel back to Brunch!</i>
12:00 PM						



Sunday Hiking for Treasures

Sunday, April 16th, 2023

7:00a–8:30a
7:00a–9:00a
8:30a-12:00p

Schedule of Events

MCC Rose Garden Tour
SMEEC Outdoor Hike
Shopping open at Vendors and Club Tables

9:30a – 12:00p Encantada Ballroom

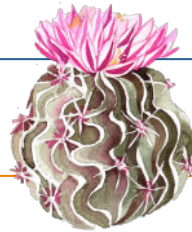
Sunday Brunch with Moderator: Peggy Ahola

Inspiration	Diane Davis
Welcome to New Board	Judy Kennedy
Peoples Choice Awards	Evie Campbell, Barbara Mlnarik
Memorial Remembrances	Harriet Jack

Closing Keynote with Zach Brooks Owner, Arizona Worm Farm “Living Soil-The Lazy Way to Spectacular Growth”



50/25/25 Raffle	Jen Donovan
Raffle for Club Baskets	Judy Shelton
Final Registration Report	Jennifer Moreland
Courtesy Resolution Report	Peggy Ahola
Closing Remarks	



Sunday Off-site Tours

PRE-REGISTER! Meet at site location at the specified time. Present your tour voucher to the tour leader when you arrive. Be prepared for outdoors – bring water, hat and sunscreen. All sites are ADA Accessible.

Mesa Community College Rose Garden Walking Tour 7a–8:30a. Drive to 1833 W Southern Ave. Free to Everyone. **Tour Leader:** Docent-led

South Mountain Environmental Education Center Native Species Hike 7a–9a. Drive to 10409 S Central Ave. Free to Everyone.
Tour Leader: Jennifer Moreland



Memorial Remembrances

In Loving Memory of

Mary Mills
Weeders Garden Club

Karley Fahlsing
Tucson Garden Club

Flossie Reeves
Tempe Garden Club

Barbara Thomasson
Alta Vista Garden Club

Ruth Ann Duncan-Thomas
Desert Garden Club

Mary Jo Llewellyn
Desert Pointe Garden Club



I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

-"Afterglow" by Anonymous

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Saturday, April 15th Galleria A and B Educational Sessions

Galleria A - Gardening Education Series

10:30a–11:45a Wicking Garden Beds with Liz Lonetti

Learn from a certified designer and educator about how to grow edibles using principles of wicking beds and other very low tech watering devices.

1:45p–2:30p Gardening for Pollinators with Lee Ann Aronson

Learn from a Master Gardener and botanical educator about the decline of pollinators and specific gardening techniques in desert gardens.

3:00p–4:45p Identify Native Species with Jennifer Moreland

Learn from a Master Gardener and avid hiker about how to use iNaturalist and Merlin Bird ID apps for smartphones to identify what you see and hear while outdoors.

4:00p–4:45p Permaculture with Liz Lonetti

Learn about using sustainable gardening practices to reduce your environmental footprint, contribute to plant, animal & soil biodiversity and store carbon while creating a garden you can enjoy, admire and EAT!

Galleria B – NGC Schools and Floral Workshops

10:30a–11:45a Rose Grafting Workshop with Steve Sheard

PRE-REGISTER! Learn from a Master Certified Rosarian about grafting your own multi-colored rose bush. All materials are provided. Take it home!

1:45p–2:30p NGC Schools: Become an NGC Consultant or Flower Show Judge with Nancy Gahtan, Sheila Parcel and Peggy Ahola

AFGC Chairs and Flower Show Judges share how the schools work and why you might enjoy pursuing one or more consultant credentials.

3:00p–4:45p Floral Design Workshop with Renee Waite

FULL – Check Stand-By List! Learn from a Master Flower Show Judge how to create a stunning Line-Mass floral arrangement. All materials provided. Note extended duration. Take it home!



Saturday, April 15th Encantada Ballroom



**12:00p–1:30p Lunch and Learn
“Arizona’s History with Agaves”**

Wendy Hodgson Desert Botanical Gardens

Wendy Hodgson works at Desert Botanical Gardens researching rare/endemic plants and taxonomy/systematics of agaves and yuccas, including the study of pre-contact agave domesticates. She has collected over 33,000+ herbarium species. During lunch, Wendy will share how researchers have long recognized the importance of agaves to central Mexico cultures, providing food, fiber and beverage.

Club Leadership Series

10:30a–11:30a Leadership Roundtables with AFGC Board

Participate in open discussions! Spend 15min at each table on topics of Publicity, Membership, Programs, Website/SocialMedia and Fundraising.

1:45p–2:30p Club Presidents, Vice-Pres, District Directors

3:00p–3:45p Club Secretaries and Treasurers

Meet fellow current and incoming officers at these 2 AFGC-sponsored training sessions. Walk away with all the forms and motivation you need to make next year a success.



**4:00p–4:45p Civic Initiative
Community Pollinator Pathways**

Danielle Cowan Maricopa Pollinator Pathway

Danielle Carlock Cowan founded the Maricopa Native Seed Library in 2020 to distribute free seed to support pollinators. She recently launched the Maricopa Pollinator Pathway, certifies local pollinator habitat, and helps build interconnected pollinator habitat. She is an avid native plant gardener, has taught biology, and is a library faculty member at South Mountain Community College. She will explore increased threats to wildlands, urban spaces landscaping, practical ways to join pollinator pathways.





Keynote Speaker Bios in Encantada Ballroom

Opening Keynote
Saturday, April 15 at 9:00a – 10:15a

Karen Cesare, Central AZ Project

Karen Novak Cesare owns and operates Novak Environmental, Inc., represents Pima County on Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) Board and is a registered Landscape Architect. She previously served on the City of Tucson's Citizens' Water Advisory Committee, Central Arizona Project (CAP) Oversight Committee and chaired the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration. She currently serves on the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee and the Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission.



Gala Keynote
Saturday, April 15 at 6:00p – 9:00p

Mary Warshauer, NGC President

Mary Warshauer, President of National Garden Clubs, Inc., is a lifelong gardener, floral design enthusiast, who promotes civic and environmental education. Through NGC, Mary spreads awareness throughout schools and communities regarding the environmental initiatives and sustainability of our world. As an active member of Garden Club of Fair Haven, NJ, since 1987, Mary has served garden clubs at the district, state and regional levels. Since 2007, she has served on the NGC Board of Directors as Water Quality & Conservation Chair, Blue Star Memorial Highway Chair, First Vice President and now President.



Closing Keynote
Sunday, April 16 at 10:30a – 12:00p

Zach Brooks, Arizona Worm Farm

Zach Brooks is owner and founder of The Arizona Worm Farm in Phoenix. This 10 acre, fully sustainable off-the-grid farm uses waste by-products to generate spectacular food and produce castings, worm castings tea and compost. Zach has an MBA and has completed extensive course work in Sustainability from ASU's School of Sustainability. The Arizona Worm Farm provides training in soils, microbes, and worm breeding to farmers all over the US and the world.



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Exclusive Shopping in Galleria C

Saturday 10a–8:30p, Sunday 8:00a–12:00p

Arizona Herb Association will be offering a large assortment of desert gardening handbooks, garden gloves, seeds and plants.

Tucson Garden Club will be selling floral design items from Karley Fahlsing's estate including containers, dried plant materials and other design materials. [Also AFGC State Life Membership Pins sales here.](#)

Yuma Garden Club will be offering design containers, dried plant materials and elegant Ken Schwartz metal sculptures.

L&R Designs will be offering handmade jewelry, coasters, trivets, paintings and other artwork.

Consignments will be offering high-end floral design accessories from AFGC award-winning designers

Spirit of the Desert Gourd Patch will showcase beautiful decorated gourd art from member artists.



**Spirit of
the Desert
Gourd Patch**





Hooray for NGC Schools



National Garden Clubs' schools connect members to people, plants and programs. Complete all 4 schools to become a 4-star Member. Master in all 4 courses to apply for 5-star membership.



Environmental School

Flower Show School

Gardening School

Landscape Design School

AFGC acknowledges these members for elevated achievements...

NGC 5-Star

Elaine Gunderson and Robin Pokorski

NGC Emeritus Judges

Wanda Collins, **Nancy Gahtan**, Buff Harrington, Anne Zaccardo

NGC Master Flower Show Judges

Marcie Brooks, **Joyce Girvin**, **Elaine Gunderson**, Millie Hisey

Judy Kennedy, **Charlotte Spiers**, **Renee Waite**

NGC Accredited Flower Show Judges

Sharon Davis, **Kathleen Henderson**, **Beth Kirkpatrick**

Sheila Parcel, **Carol Parrott**

Lydia Reibel, **Lucy Samuels**, Lenda Sundene

NGC Master Environmental Consultants

Elaine Gunderson

NGC Accredited Environmental Consultants

Peggy Ahola, Judith DeJaegher

NGC Master Gardening Consultants

Elaine Gunderson

NGC Master Landscape Design Consultants

Joyce Girvin, **Elaine Gunderson**

NGC Accredited Landscape Design Consultants

Marian Alaback, Helen Bootsman, **Barb Brumley**, Suzanne Cabala

Kristi Caggiano, Delight Cotton, Judith DeJaegher, Renata Fearonce

Betty Flowers, **Nancy Gahtan**, Chris George, Sandra Hampson

Jeanene Hanley, Carol Keefer, Clare Kioski, Barb Lindholm, Mary McNally

Stephanie Merrill, Sandra Pagano, **Carol Parrott**, **Aurien Priess**, Judy Reid

Cathie Rodman, Lynn Swanson, Cindy Toepfer, **Rosemary Wade**

*names in BOLD are registered for AFGC Convention 2023



Awards of Excellence 2022-2023



PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Karen Bowen, Judy Kennedy, Jennifer Moreland, Kim Rosenlof

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Civic Achievement	Chairman Kathy Bless, Weeders
Civic Achievement	Chairman Susan Salembier, Scottsdale
Garden Therapy	Evie Campbell, Scottsdale
Garden Therapy	Roberta Resovsky, Weeders
Pollinator Award	Pat Murrish, Weeders

MEMBERSHIP

Club with greatest number of new members	Cerbat, +10 members
Club with greatest percentage of increase of membership	Tempe, +32%
District with greatest percentage of new members	Northern +20%

PUBLICATIONS

Newsletter	Pat Bunkley, Weeders
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YEARBOOK

Clubs with 19 or fewer members	1 st Tucson
Clubs with 19 or fewer members	2 nd Desert Pointe
Clubs with 20-29 members	1 st Desert Designers
Clubs with 20-29 members	2 nd Sedona
Clubs with 20-29 members	3 rd Tempe
Clubs with 30-44 members	1 st Scottsdale
Clubs with 45-69 members	1 st Weeders
State with 500 members or less	1 st Arizona
State Flower Show Judges Council	1 st Arizona

PACIFIC REGION AWARDS (2022)

Yearbook:

Clubs with 20-29 members	2 nd Tempe
Clubs with 30-44 members	2 nd Sedona
Clubs with 45-69 members	2 nd Weeders
State with 500 members or less	1 st Arizona
State Fundraising Event	2 nd Arizona
State Membership Campaign	1 st Arizona
State Most Outstanding Website	2 nd Arizona

NGC AWARDS (2022)

Largest increase in NGC Life Memberships goes to Arizona





“Blooms and Boots” AFGC Convention 2023 Convention Committee

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Swag Bags & Items

Orvalita Hopkins, Karen Lyman

Badges & Buttons

Karen Lyman, Cauleen Autery

On-site Registration

Karen Lyman

Online Registration

Elisabeth Samuels, Kim Rosenlof,
Jennifer Moreland

Corsages

Mickie Rustad, Barb Brumley

Speakers/Workshops

Kim Rosenlof, Peggy Ahola, Jennifer Moreland

Tours

Maureen Decindis

Memorials

Harriet Jack

Reception Decorations

Western District / Tempe Garden Club

Friday Dinner Centerpieces

Sedona Area Garden Club

Saturday Lunch Centerpieces

Weeders Garden Club

Saturday Dinner Centerpieces

Desert Designers

Sunday Brunch Centerpieces

Scottsdale Garden Club

Silent Auction

Cauleen Autery

Club Baskets

Judy Shelton

50/25/25 Raffle

Jen Donovan

Vistas Petite Flower Show

Renee Waite

People's Choice Awards

Barbara Mlnarik, Evie Campbell

Program Booklet

Jennifer Moreland

Publicity

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VIP Hospitality Bags

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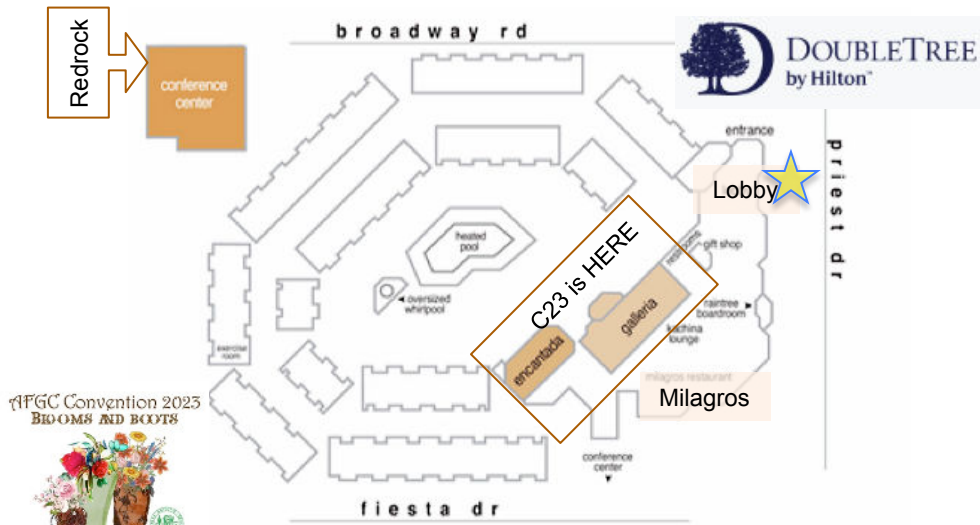
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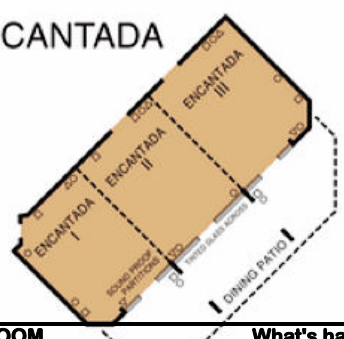
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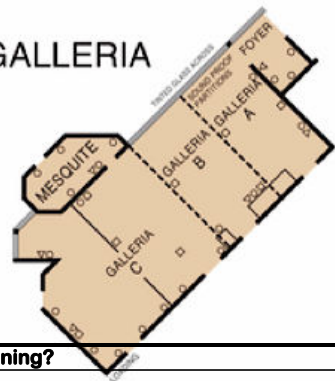




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GALLERIA



ROOM	What's happening?	
★ Lobby	Convention On-site Registration on Friday & Saturday morning	
Redrock	AFGC 89th Annual Meeting on Friday 10:30a-1:30p	
in Conference Center bldg	Leadership Workshop on Friday 2p-5p	
Galleria A	Saturday Gardening Series	
Galleria B	Saturday NGC & Floral Workshops	
Mesquite Room	Convention Headquarters on Saturday only	
Galleria C	Shopping open Friday - Saturday - Sunday at Vendors, Club Tables, Silent Auction and Club Baskets Raffle	
Encantada Ballroom	Friday Dinner & Dancing Saturday Lunch & Gala Sunday Brunch	Vistas Petite Flower Show People's Choice Awards Club Baskets
Milagros	Hotel restaurant	
Milagros Bar	Casual bar with food	
Milagros Patio	Convention Receptions on Friday and Saturday	





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