

Membership Spring Report  
Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs  
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Work to bring in our first online club is still ongoing. Bridgette Crosby of Desert Diggers Garden Club, which currently has 817 online members, is still interested in becoming a club within AFGC. Bringing in this new club that will be based in the east valley has been slow owing to Bridgette's work schedule and health, but her enthusiasm has not waned. Board members are meeting at my home next week to begin the process of determining a mission statement, board assignments and bylaws. It is exciting to be determining the processes in bringing in an online club which is inclusive to members who work during the day and/or are located in a part of Arizona that does not have a club to join.

Since October of 2023, there have been 26 online inquiries about gardening in Arizona. Some inquiries were forwarded by the NGC, and some came through AFGC's new website. All inquiries were answered and directed to the appropriate club in the prospective member's area. Unfortunately, many inquiries could not be accommodated due to a lack of clubs in that area or the clubs in the area did not meet when the prospective member could attend. As seen over the last year, many inquiries for garden clubs come from residents on the west side of the valley. An online club may be the way to accommodate those gardeners.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of April, 2024.

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