Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

91st Annual Meeting and Convention

April 27, 2025

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Wyndham Phoenix Airport / Tempe
1600 S 52nd Street, Tempe, Arizona

“Growing Our Future”

Thank You Judy Kennedy

AFGC President 2023 - 2025

Dear Judy,

You inspired us to build and grow our hearts, minds and friendships. Thank you for guiding us to a better place and enabling our federation and garden clubs to grow.

Your leadership is truly appreciated by all of us who had the pleasure to serve on your board!

From your Board of Directors

Invitational Designs

Design by Mickie Rustad in honor of Judy Kennedy
Design by Sharon Davis in honor of Jennifer Moreland
Design by Lydia Reibel in honor of Carol Norquist
Design by Carol Parrott in honor of Tanja Swanson

Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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.

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14 Garden Clubs, 426 Members

2 Plant Societies, 169 Members

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Member of the Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. & National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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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 or silence position.
4. Upon presentation of NGC President, PRGC Director 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.
8. NO OUTSIDE FOOD in the facility's meeting rooms.

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.
3. AFGC Bylaws and Standing Rules and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all proceedings of the AFGC Convention.
4. Rules shall be adopted or suspended by majority vote.

Representation at 91st Annual Meeting

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

Each member shall be entitled to representation at the AFGC's Annual Meeting as follows:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. All other members of AFGC are entitled to attend the meeting with all of the privileges of the meeting, except voting.

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Sunday April 27, 2025 Schedule

** No Outside Food Allowed in Convention Rooms **

	Breakfast on your own.
9a-5p	Registration open - Lobby
9a-5p	Vendors open - Desert Room
10a	Welcome & Convention Opening Ceremony - Canyon
10:30a	Keynote Brent Leech, Floral Design *Auction of Brent Leech designs*
12:00p	Pre-Ordered Boxed Lunch served
12:30p	AFGC 91st Annual Meeting - Canyon *Centerpieces by Tempe Garden Club* *Table Favors by Yuma Garden Club*
2:00p	AFGC Memorial Ceremony
2:30-3:30p	Adapting Seeds for a Warmer Climate - Canyon Susan Stoltz, *Open to All*
2:30-3:30p	Master Floral Design Workshop - Arizona Room Brent Leech, *Pre-registration Required $35*
4-5p	Making & Tasting Herbal Teas - Canyon LeeAnn Aronson, *Open to All*
4-4:30p	Club Presidents Meeting - Arizona Room *Incoming and Outgoing Club Presidents invited*
4:30-5p	Incoming Board of Directors Meeting - Arizona Room
5-6p	Social Reception - Prickly Pear Room *Cash Bar requires cash or use Fire&Spice Bar for credit card*
6-8:30p	AFGC Gala Dinner - Canyon *Inspiration by Ann Krsiean, Tucson Garden Club* *Centerpieces by Tucson Garden Club* *Table Favors by Weeders Garden Club*
7p	Awards
7:30p	Officer Installation & President's Project
8p	Raffle Draws for Club Baskets & 50/25/25 Raffle
8:30-10p	Incoming President's Dessert Reception - Poolside

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Sunday, April 27 in the Canyon Ballroom
Presiding Officer AFGC President Judy Kennedy

Convention Opening Ceremony

10a	Call to Order	Judy Kennedy
	Inspiration/Pledge of Allegiance	Dana Benoit
	Welcome and Introductions	Judy Kennedy
10:30a	Introduction of Keynote Speaker Brent Leech	Kathie Henderson
	Auction of Brent Leech Designs	Kim Rosenlof

AFGC 91st Annual Meeting

12:30p	Call to Order	Judy Kennedy
	Initial Credentials & Registration Report	Peggy Ahola
	Quorum	Judy Kennedy
	Adoption of Annual Meeting Rules, Program & Agenda	
	Appointment of Timekeeper	
	Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes	Lenda Sundene
	Appointment of Committee to Approve Meeting Minutes	Robin Borok, Jeanne Isbell, Judy Shelton
	Annual Report of Officers *(limit 3 minutes)*	
	Chairmen Reports *(limit 3 minutes)*	
	District Directors Reports *(limit 3 minutes)*	
	New Business	Judy Kennedy
	Awards	Lucy Samuels
2p	Memorial Ceremony	Sharon Davis, Jen Donovan

AFGC Evening Business and Officer Installation

7p	Call to Order	Judy Kennedy
	Recognize C25 Committee Members	Kim Rosenlof
	AFGC President's Gift Presentation	Jennifer Moreland
	AFGC Awards	Lucy Samuels
7:30p	AFGC Officer Installation	PRGC Director Carol Norquist
	PRGC Director's Gift Presentation	Judy Kennedy
	President's Project 2025-27	Jennifer Moreland
	Final Credentials Report	Peggy Ahola
	Final Registration Report	Peggy Ahola
	Courtesy Resolutions	Diane Davis
	Club Baskets & 50/25/25 Raffle	Diane Davis, Judy Shelton
	Announcements	Kim Rosenlof
8:30p	Adjournment Sine Dei	Jennifer Moreland

AFGC State Convention 2025 Information

Saturday, April 26

2025 Pre-Convention Tours

Boyce Thompson Arboretum *(Pre-registration required, $25)*
Address: 37615 E Arboretum Way, Superior, AZ 85173
Meet at Main Gate at 9am for Docent Guided Tour.
Arbor Day Celebration starts at 10am.
Depart BTA at noon.

GCGC Butterfly Garden Tour *(Pre-registration required, $10)*
at Gold Canyon Dinosaur Park
Address: 5639 A Alameda Rd, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118
Member-Guided Tour at 2-2:30pm.
Carpool returns to Wyndham Tempe hotel by 3:30pm.

Sunday, April 27

Educational Breakouts and Hands-on Workshops

Keynote Speaker Brent Leech

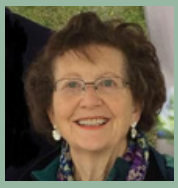
Vice-President of American Floral Institute of Designers

Canyon Ballroom at 10:30am - Noon
Brent Leech is a former National Board of Director at Large at American Institute of Floral Designers (AFID). Brent currently serves at Vice President of AFID. He stays very active in the local community of floral design and public arts. During the morning keynote, come hear about techniques for creating stunning arrangements and tips about stunning designs. *Included with registration.*

Then at Brent's workshop **in Arizona Room at 2:30pm - 3:30pm**, he will guide registrants through a hands-on workshop to practice master-level floral design techniques.
**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. $35*

Adapting Seeds for a Warmer Climate with Susan Stoltz

Canyon Ballroom at 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Susan Stoltz's writing experience has included journalism, editing, autobiography, newsletter and magazine publishing, as well as children's books. She has written for several magazines nationwide and was most recently published in Wild Times the magazine for the Phoenix Zoo.



Making Herbal Teas with LeeAnn Aronson

Canyon Ballroom from 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Lee Ann Aronson is a native of Phoenix, Arizona born b.a.c. (before air conditioning) and grew up loving her native Sonoran Desert plants. For fun, she volunteers in the demonstration garden with the Arizona Herb Association (and is their newsletter editor), at Reevis Mountain School in the Superstition wilderness and is a Maricopa County Master Gardener.

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Club Baskets and Raffle

Local Clubs donated baskets to this AFGC fundraiser. Bring cash to purchase Raffle tickets during the day. Drawing for winners will happen at the Sunday Gala Dinner.

Alta Vista Garden Club – Bees
AZ Herb Assn – Bird Houses
Cerbat – Romance in The Garden
Desert Designers – Lazy Gourmet
Desert Pointe – Evening on the Patio
Gold Canyon – Mediterranean
Sedona Area Garden Club – Wine
Scottsdale Garden Club – Anything Goes
Tempe Garden Club – Settle Me Softly with Succulents
Tucson Garden Club – Aloha 'Ohana Friends
Washington – In The Garden
Weeders – Springtime in the Country

50/25/25 Money Raffle

The proceeds from sales of tickets in this fundraiser are split between AFGC (50%) and 2 winning tickets (25% each).

Members who purchased RED Raffle Tickets in January should bring their ticket stubs to the Sunday Gala Dinner for the drawing. Winners do not have to be present if they wrote a name and phone number on the returned ticket half.

Educational Exhibits

Gardening Under The Dark Sky
by Tucson Garden Club, AZ

Blue Star / Gold Star Memorials
by Yuma Orchid & African Violet Society, AZ

Youth Activities
by Scottsdale Garden Club, AZ

Unity Through Nature
by Scottsdale Garden Club, AZ

Into The Community
by Sedona Area Garden Club, AZ

Gardening Days Gone Bye
by Tempe Garden Club

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Art in Bloom, A Floral Exhibition

Open to the Public during April 27-30, 2025

Exquisite works of art interpreted into breathtaking floral designs. Local Artists submitted these masterwork paintings and sculptures to the exhibit. Floral designers showcase their inspirational arrangements, offering a captivating visual dialogue between nature and art.

"Art In Bloom" Designers and Artists

Spring flowers up the Peralta

Local Artist Kathie Henderson from Gold Canyon Garden Club
Interpreted by Floral Designer Carol Parrott of Scottsdale Garden Club

Squares

Local Artist Kathie Scrimgeour from Tucson, Arizona
Interpreted by Floral Designer Carol Parrott of Scottsdale Garden Club

Sunflowers

Local Artist Kathy Mitchell from Gold Canyon Garden Club
Interpreted by Floral Designer Rea Heesch of Scottsdale Garden Club

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Local Artist Victoria Norton from Sedona Area Garden Club
Interpreted by Floral Designer Renee Waite of Desert Designers Garden Club

Riot

Local Artist Sangita Trivedi Daniel from Gold Canyon Garden Club
Interpreted by Floral Designer Wanda Collins of Desert Designers Garden Club

Please Visit our Vendors!

Vendors open 9 am to 5 pm
in Desert Ballroom

Arizona Herb Assn – Plants, seeds, books and other items
L&R Designs – Garden themed coasters, mugs and earrings
Peg J Designs – Paper products including cards and notepads
Pop of Spring – Handmade polymer clay jewelry
The Twisted Botanist – Botanical cocktail mixes
Nancy Burlingame – Mary Kay products

AFGC Executive Committee

2023-2025

Elected Officers

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

Appointed Officers

Corresponding Secretary	Jeanne Carteux Isbell
Finance Committee Chair	Rosemary Wade
Archivist/Historian	Karen Lyman
Parliamentarian	Sharon Davis

District Directors

Central Directors	Dana Benoit, Orvalita Hopkins
Eastern Director	Beth Kirkpatrick
Northern Directors	Harriet Jack, Betty Flowers
Southern Directors	Sheila Parcel, Paulette Stag
Western Director	Lydia Reibel

National Garden Clubs offers many youth activities including grants, scholarships and contests.

These activity books are all free-to-use and printable:

- My Green is Gone Discussion & Activities
- Network with Nature Discussion & Activities
- The Saved Seed Discussion & Activities
- The Frightened Frog Discussion & Activities
- Do Something Green Workbook
- Play Outside Workbook
- Ecology Warriors Workbook
- Pollinator Power Book

AFGC Convention 2025 Committee

AFGC President	Judy Kennedy
Convention Co-Chair	Kim Rosenlof
Convention Co-Chair	Jennifer Moreland
Convention Credentials	Peggy Ahola
AFGC Treasurer	Peggy Ahola
Vendors/Sponsorships	Peggy Ahola
Publicity	Jan Wells
Program Books	Trudie Layton, Jennifer Moreland
Online Registration	Peggy Ahola
Onsite Registration, Swag Bags	Karen Lyman
NGC/PRGC Hospitality	Dana Benoit, Orvalita Hopkins
Memorials	Jen Donovan, Sharon Davis
Hostesses/Room Monitors	Aurien Priess, Betty Flowers
Invitational Designs	Sharon Davis
Educational Exhibits	Ann Krsiean
Exhibition Flower Show	Renee Waite
Make & Take Fundraiser	Mickie Rustad, Kathie Henderson
Club Baskets Fundraiser	Judy Shelton
50/25/25 Money Fundraiser	Diane Davis
Corsages	Lydia Reibel
Centerpieces	Mickie Rustad, Kathie Henderson
Table Favors	Judy Kennedy
Keynote Speakers, Workshops	Jennifer Moreland, Kim Rosenlof, Karen Lyman
Tours & Transportation	Kim Rosenlof, Karen Lyman, Judy Barrett, Peggy Ahola

Welcome All!

More than 20 garden clubs and plant societies are represented at this year's convention, including six from out of state!

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