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PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS, Inc.

81st ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION APRIL 28 - 30, 2025

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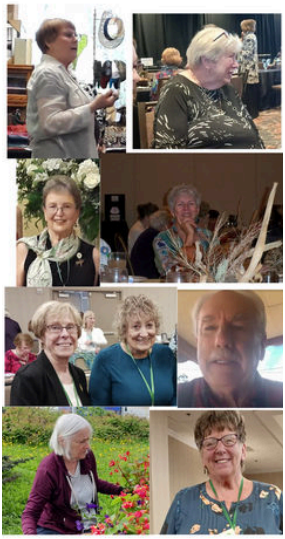
Unleash the Wild - Bring Nature Home

Thank you Carol Norquist
Pacific Region Director 2023 - 2025



Wonder Woman!

She does it all and in such an efficient way. She is so knowledgeable about everything and helpful to anyone who asks. When she attended the Oregon Zoom Convention she knew exactly what our State and our Clubs were doing! She knows, because she does Facebook and websites, not only for the Pacific Region, but helping out other States also! She even gave us a special program on Zoom explaining Facebook.

Thank you, Carol, for everything you have done for the Region, the States, the whole organization and especially for me!

Tanja Swanson and the Whole Team

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PRGC Convention Rules

General Information

1. Convention badges must be worn to all meetings, meals, workshops and tours.
2. All must rise when the Region Director and NGC President are introduced.
3. All electronic devices shall be muted during all convention functions.
4. Remain seated during invocations/blessings/inspirations unless directed otherwise.

***** NO OUTSIDE FOOD IS PERMITTED IN THE MEETING ROOMS *****

Business Sessions

5. Business meetings may be recorded to assist the Recording Secretary in the preparation of the minutes.
6. The voting membership shall consist of members of the Board of Directors and delegates (or their alternates) from each state to whom voting cards (which are to be brought to all meetings) will be issued by the Credentials Chairman after attendees register at convention.
7. Delegates and alternates shall be elected by each state garden club or appointed by each state president. The credentials of each delegate and alternate must be submitted by the state president or her/his designee. In addition to member(s) serving on the Board of Directors, each state garden club shall be entitled to delegates and alternates based on state membership in NGC, based on dues remitted to NGC by October 31 and any additional dues remitted prior to March 31, as follows:

- 500 or less, 2 delegates and 2 alternates
- 501 – 1000, 3 delegates and 3 alternates
- 1001 – 1500, 4 delegates and 4 alternates
- 1501 – 2000, 5 delegates and 5 alternates
- 2001 – 3000, 6 delegates and 6 alternates
- 3001 – 4000, 7 delegates and 7 alternates
- 4001 – 5000, 8 delegates and 8 alternates
- 5001 – 6000, 9 delegates and 9 alternates
- 6001 – 8000, 10 delegates and 10 alternates
- 8001 – 12000, 11 delegates and 11 alternates
- 12001 and above, 12 delegates and 12 alternates

The maximum number of delegates of any state garden club is twelve. Each State Garden Club shall be entitled to the same number of elected alternates as elected delegates. An alternate shall become the delegate when a vacancy occurs.
8. A delegate shall represent one state only.
9. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be the majority of the voting members, as set forth in Number 6 above, who are registered at the convention with a minimum of four states being represented.
10. If so directed by the chair, voting members must sit in a designated area during business sessions.
11. Non-voting members and guests may be present during business sessions, but must not sit in the area designated for voting members, if applicable.
12. Votes must be cast in person by use of voting cards.
13. Each voting member may cast one vote only, regardless of the number of offices and/or positions held.
14. When addressing the chair, delegates must give name, chairmanship, and/or state membership.
15. All but the simplest of motions shall be in writing and sent to the Region Director, the recording secretary and the parliamentarian before placing the motion on the floor. No issue shall be debated without first being placed on the floor by a motion which has been seconded.
16. Delegates shall speak no more than twice on the same issue, except the proponent of the motion who shall be allowed to speak for the third time to close the debate. Speakers shall be allowed two minutes each. No member may speak a second time until all members who want to speak have spoken a first time.
17. The PRGC Bylaws and Standing Rules, PRGC Convention Procedures, and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall govern all proceedings of the PRGC Convention. Convention Rules will be reviewed for possible updates by the Region Director and Parliamentarian prior to each convention.

NGC Conservation Pledge

I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forests, land and wildlife.

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

President Brenda Moore

Pacific Region Officers

2023-2025

Director	Carol Norquist
Alternate Director	Debbie Hinchey
Recording Secretary	Diane Franchini
Corresponding Secretary	Sheila Parcel
Treasurer	Mary McKinnon
Historian	Brynn Tavasci
Parliamentarian	Greg Pokorski

2025-2027

Director	Tanja Swanson
Alternate Director	Carolyn Olley

Invitational Designs

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

PRGC Convention Schedule

Monday April 28, 2025

	Breakfast on your own.
7-8:30a	MCC Rose Garden Tour (offsite) *Open to All*
8a-12p	Registration open - Lobby
9a-5p	Vendors open - Desert Room
8-9a	Finance Committee - Conference Room
9-10a	Organizational Studies Committee - Conference Room
10-11:30a	Executive Committee - University Room
9:30-10:30a	25 Tips to Boost Membership - Canyon Ballroom Presenter Robin Pokorski
10:30-11:30a	Membership Roundtable - Canyon Ballroom
10:30-11:30a	Bee/Insect Hotel #1 - Rio Salado Room Presenter Rosemary Wade
12-2:00p	Lunch-n-Learn - Canyon Ballroom Keynote Speaker Kim Gray Centerpieces by Gold Canyon Garden Club Table favors by Sedona Garden Club
2:30-4p	PR Board of Directors Meeting - Canyon Ballroom
2:30-3:30p	Wild at Art - University Room Presenter Dyana Hesson
3:30p	Book Signing by Dyana Hesson
2:30-3:30p	Make and Take Workshop (#1) - Rio Salado Room
4-5p	Make and Take Workshop (#2) - Rio Salado Room
4:15-5p	Seed Saving Tips and Tricks - University Room Presenter Kim Rosenlof
5p	Social Reception - Prickly Pear Room *Cash Bar requires cash or use Fire&Spice Bar for credit card*
6-7:30p	Dinner and Opening Ceremony - Canyon Ballroom Centerpieces by Weeders Garden Club Table favors by Alta Vista Garden Club
7:30-9p	Line Dancing - Canyon Ballroom Instructor Fran Dewar

**** No Outside Food Allowed in Convention Rooms ****

Monday, April 28 Information

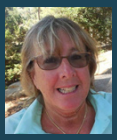
MCC Rose Garden Tour, 7-8:30 am

More than 1,000 blooms! Docent-led tour on paved pathways. Easy, slow paced.
Open to all registered persons at no additional cost.
Meet in the lobby at 6:30 am to carpool to the garden.
Address: 1833 W Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85202

Keynote Speaker Kim Gray, Boyce Thompson Arboretum

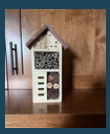
Kim Gray, a native Arizonian, has cultivated her deep-rooted passion for the natural world through a lifetime spent exploring the diverse landscapes of Arizona. Kim's dedication extends to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum, a place that held a special spot in her youth. Her love for gardening finds expression in her role as an avid cultivator of cacti, succulents, and vegetables.

EDUCATIONAL BREAKOUTS AND WORKSHOPS



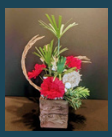
25 Tips to Boost Membership with Robin Pokorski

Robin Pokorski joined Southern California Garden Club in the San Fernando Valley District in 1989. Robin is a parliamentarian and member of the National Association of Parliamentarians. Now Robin serves as the NGC Membership Chairman and hosts a monthly NGC Membership Monday Zoom.



Build A Bee & Insect Hotel with Rosemary Wade

A bee/insect hotel supports the natural habitat of the useful creatures in your garden. Wild bees use this hotel as a nesting place in the spring and summer and as refuge in the autumn and winter. The bees pollinate the blossoms of fruit and vegetable plants in the surrounding area.



"Make & Take" Floral Design Workshop with Mickie & Kathie

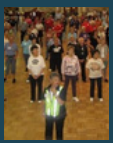
Plan to impress yourself! This is an opportunity to "MAKE" a container from a recycled item. Followed by "BASIC TRAINING" in floral design. You will leave with a very impressive fresh floral design to "TAKE" with you.

Wild At Art – The Adventures and Art of Dyana Hesson

Botanical artist Dyana Hesson loves a good adventure. Dyana found her gift of painting in an art class in college. Dyana's latest book, *The Art of Wildflowers* was recently published by Arizona Highways. She is currently working on a series she calls "Wild Arizona" for the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, which will open in the fall of 2025.

Seed Saving Tips & Tricks with Kim Rosenlof

Join Master Gardener Kim Rosenlof for a session on harvesting and saving seeds from various types of plants. Kim will provide tips and tricks for collecting seeds, methods for storing and preserving seeds, and how to make an origami seed packet so you can collect seeds "in the wild" as long as you have a square piece of paper.



Line Dancing with Fran Dewar of Elysium Dance

Join us on the dance floor after dinner and let's have fun dancing! Enjoy the creativity, fun and movement. Fran has been teaching many forms of dance over 30 years and currently teaches beginner to advanced line dancing for seniors in Tempe. Fran will be accompanied by several of her regulars to assist us on the dance floor as we change directions (called "walls" in line dance speak).

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Tuesday April 29, 2025

Breakfast on your own.

7-8:30a AHA Demo Garden Tour (offsite) *Open to All*

8a-12p Registration open - Lobby
8a-7p Silent Auction - Desert Ballroom
8:30-9:30a State Presidents Meeting - University Room
Incoming and Outgoing Presidents should attend
8:30-9:45a Club Officers Roundtable - Canyon Ballroom
8:30-9:45a Multi-fruit Tree Grafting Workshop - Rio Salado

10-11:30a PR Convention Business Meeting (1 of 2)
Canyon Ballroom with Memorial Ceremony
12-2p Lunch-n-Learn - Canyon Ballroom
Keynote Speaker Karen Cesar
Centerpieces by Washington Garden Club
Table favors by Cerbat Garden Club

2:30-3:30p Color Theory in Garden and Floral Designs -University
2:30-3:30p Low Water Use Vegetable Gardens - Canyon Ballroom
3:45-4:45p Sustainable Landscaping In Action - Canyon Ballroom
3:45-4:45p Bee/Insect Hotel #2 - Rio Salado Room

4-4:30p Incoming Executive Board Mtg - University Room
4:30p-5p Incoming Board of Directors Mtg - University Room

5-6p Social Reception - Prickly Pear Room
Cash Bar requires cash or use Fire&Spice Bar for credit card

6-9p Gala Dinner - Canyon Ballroom
Keynote Speaker Linda Larson
Officer Installation, Awards
Centerpieces by Desert Designers
Table favors by Oregon Garden Clubs

9-10p Incoming Director's Dessert Reception - Pool
9p Pick up Silent Auction Items

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Tuesday, April 29 Information

AZ Herb Association Demonstration Garden Tour, 7-8:30 am

Hundreds of native and non-native herbs and edibles. Member-led tour on groomed pathways. Easy, slow-paced. Open to all attendees at no additional cost.
Meet in the lobby at 6:30 am to carpool to the garden.
Address: 4341 E Broadway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85040

Keynote Speaker Karen Cesare, Central Arizona Project

Elected as Pima County's representative to Central Arizona's Water District, Karen has been a key part of the water rights negotiations and water management. Karen is a registered Landscape Architect. She owns and operates Novak Environmental Inc. She was elected to the CAWCD Board of Directors since 2014, currently serves at BOD Secretary at Central Arizona Project and serves on the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee.

Keynote Speaker Linda Larson, Traveling 1000 Gardens

Linda's passion is for gardens and plants and for putting wonder into wandering. Linda became a Traveling Gardener – wandering, wondering, noticing. She has been on an incredible journey, visiting over 1000 gardens worldwide. Sharing her travels through breathtaking visuals and insight, her enthusiasm and excitement for discovery captivate audiences nationwide.

EDUCATIONAL BREAKOUTS AND WORKSHOPS

Club Officers Roundtable Discussion

Come learn about how executive officers in garden clubs and plant societies across Pacific Region and beyond run their organizations. Share your experiences and hear from others about what works. Invaluable to new officers! Ask questions. Bring business cards to hand out to all your new friends.

Multi-Fruit Grafting Techniques Workshop with Steve Sheard

Steve Sheard will share his 20+ years of experience leading you through the steps of a cleft graft, the most common graft used on fruit trees. You will create a single tomato/potato plant that will produce both tomatoes and potatoes! Everything will be provided including a growing root-stock, scion wood, knives and tape.

Using Color Theory in Design with Sue Mogan

Sue's love for gardening has been a constant throughout her life. She grows flowers and vegetables and has a passion for cultivating beauty and sustainability. She remains an active member of the Tempe Garden Club's board and continues to nurture her love of gardening in her personal garden plot.

Low Water Use Gardening with Liz Lonetti

Learn the most commonly used low water gardening techniques from high-tech to low-tech. Liz shares her experience for sustainably growing vegetables in the desert. She has spent over a decade educating and inspiring gardeners to embrace eco-friendly practices, including the use of native plants and innovative irrigation techniques.

Sustainable Landscaping In Action with Liz Lonetti

Learn how thoughtful design can transform a simple yard into a resilient, edible, and habitat-rich space. Using a real Habitat for Humanity home as our case study—developed during the Desert Botanical Garden's Desert Landscaper School final project.

Build A Bee & Insect Hotel with Rosemary Wade

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Wednesday, April 30

7-8:30a	Hole in the Rock Hike (offsite) *Open to All*
8a-9:30a	Pick up Silent Auction items - Desert Room
8:30a	Breakfast Buffet - Canyon Ballroom Centerpieces & Table favors by Scottsdale Garden Club
9:30-10:30a	PR Convention Business Meeting (2 of 2) Keynote Speaker Rebecca Davidson Convention Closing
1:00p	Desert Botanical Garden Walk *(Fee at Gate)*
2:00p	Taliesin West Garden Tour *(Pre-registration required)* *(refer to page 11 for more information)*

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INFORMATION

Hole In The Rock Hike at Papago Park, 7-8:30 am

Member-led stroll on dirt trail - 1 mile out and back with short, shallow climb to great view. Note: The actual "hole in the rock" view is not ADA accessible.
Open to all registered persons at no additional cost.
Meet in the lobby at 6:30 am to carpool to the hike.
Address: 625 N Galvin Pkwy, Phoenix, AZ 85008

Desert Botanical Garden Self-Guided Walk, 1-6 pm

More than 40 acres of desert plants from around the world, plus award-winning restaurants and cultural exhibits. $34.95 entry fee at gate.
Meet in the lobby at 1:00p for van dropoff at DBG. Pickup at 6pm.
Address: 120 N Galvin Pkwy, Phoenix, AZ 85008

Keynote Speaker Rebecca Davidson

Holistic Reforestation
National Forest Foundation

Ms. Rebecca Davidson will speak about holistic reforestation and landscape restoration across National Forests and Grasslands. She will speak to local partnerships, innovative ways to get stuff done, and the value of public lands in the space of conservation, native species management, and ecosystem health. Rebecca acts as a liaison with the U.S. Forest Service at the Regional and National Levels.

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

The I Ching & More

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 Monday 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

Pacific Region PHoto PHundraiser

Visit the winning displays located in the Canyon Ballroom

Silent Auction

Tuesday only! Doors open at 8am - bidding closes by 7pm

Visit the Desert Ballroom to bid on one-of-a-kind Silent Auction items. Proceeds go toward defraying the costs of the PRGC convention, with surpluses split between PRGC and the host state (Arizona). Bid on items all day Tuesday. The silent auction will close before the keynote speaker is introduced at 7 pm. Winners can pick up their items after 9 pm Tuesday or on Wednesday morning before the business meeting. Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card. Check your items often to win your heart's desire!

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

PRGC Convention 2025 Committee

Regional Director	Carol Norquist
Convention Co-Chair	Kim Rosenlof
Convention Co-Chair	Jennifer Moreland
Convention Treasurer	Peggy Ahola
Convention Credentials	Brynn Tavasci
Convention Protocol	Anne Sullivan
Vendors/Sponsorships	Peggy Ahola
Publicity	Jan Wells
Program Books	Trudie Layton, Jennifer Moreland
Online Registration	Peggy Ahola, Carol Norquist
Onsite Registration, Swag Bags	Karen Lyman
NGC/PRGC Hospitality	Dana Benoit, Orvalita Hopkins
Memorials	
Hostesses	Aurien Priess
Room Monitors	Kim Rosenlof
Invitational Designs	Sharon Davis
Educational Exhibits	Ann Krsiean
Exhibition Flower Show	Renee Waite
Make & Take Fundraiser	Mickie Rustad, Kathie Henderson
PHoto PHundraiser	Tanja Swanson
Silent Auction	Cauleen Autery
Regional Awards	Lynne Batchelor
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, Peggy Ahola Judy Barrett

Post-Convention Taliesin West Tour

Wednesday, April 30th, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

**Requires pre-registration tour ticket*

**If you registered then a tour flyer will be in your swag bag*

2 pm	Check-in for Taliesin West tour in Lobby of Wyndham hotel
2:15 pm	Tour Van departs hotel for drive to site
3-4 pm	60-min Audio Tour of House and Garden
4:30 pm	Meet Tour Van at pickup spot for drive back to hotel
5:00 pm	Estimated return to hotel

Post-Convention Sedona Tour

Hosted by Sedona Area Garden Club

Thursday, May 1st, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

**Requires pre-registration tour ticket*

**If you registered then a tour flyer will be in your swag bag*

7 am	Check-in for Sedona Tour in Lobby of Wyndham hotel
7:30 am	Tour Van departs hotel for 2.5hr drive; stop at rest area
10 am	Expected arrival at member's home in Oak Creek Sedona
11 am	Lunch provided in house or outside patio
12:30-4pm	Afternoon Tour Options
4:30 pm	Tour Van departs Sedona for 2.5hr drive; stop at rest area
7 pm	Estimated return to hotel

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