

October 2025 Report to Eastern District Director
Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs
Weeders Garden Club

The officers for September, 2025 through April, 2027 are Carrie Goode, President; Desi Kovacs, 1st Vice President; Patrice Reis, Treasurer; Andrea Steinhäusser, Recording Secretary; Janice Koons, Corresponding Secretary; and Beth Kirkpatrick, Parliamentarian. The board has been meeting on a regular basis via Zoom and in person since early August, 2023.

Currently, Weeders Garden Club has 52 members, 4 of which are honorary members.

This is the 70th year of the Weeders Garden Club! To celebrate this milestone, our board allocated \$700 to be distributed to garden-related projects or programs. The final winners were:

- Sunshine Acres Children's Home
- Treasures for Teachers
- Arizona Animal Welfare League
- Veteran's Oasis Park Native Garden

Our website, www.weedersgc.org, is informative and kept up to date.

Membership meets the second Thursday of each month September through April in the Navajo Room of Sun Lakes Country Club in Chandler. As usual, we do not meet between May and September but we will enjoy the break and be ready for another great season come September!

This year we will be hosting the AFGC Eastern/Central District Meeting in November.

Our Programming this year includes:

- Tomatos and Composting – Lori Partidge-Stringer
- Everything's Coming Up Roses – Jackie Peel
- Herb Mocktails – Sarah Sandhaus
- Garden Design – Katie Coates
- Cleistocactus – Tristan Davis
- Vegetable Gardening – Jamie McBride

We have several exciting field trips planned:

- Sunshine Acres Children's Home
- Berridge Nursery in Phoenix
- U of A Demonstration Garden
- Sahuaro Ranch in Glendale
- Chateau De Vie Lavender Farm
- A tour of Weeders members' gardens (an annual event showcasing three to four members' gardens)
- Bird walks at Veterans' Oasis and Gilbert Riparian Preserve

Floral Design continues to be an active group activity, with committee chair Renee Waite leading ongoing design workshops and entries into juried floral design shows.

Our Recording Secretary produces an informative and interesting Newsletter each month which is distributed to membership via email.

Community service projects include:

- An annual donation to My Sister's Place Domestic Violence Shelter
- Monthly collection and donation for the National Garden Club's Plant a Tree program
- Upkeep of our 1600 square foot pollinator garden at Tumbleweed Park in Chandler
- Garden Therapy creating floral arrangements with residents at Archstone Care Center and Ocotillo Senior Living in October 2024 and March 2025 – a truly heartwarming event!
- Planting and maintaining planters at the Sun Lakes Country Club Community Center

Fundraising events:

- Monthly raffles at general meetings continue
- Garage Sale in November

Social events:

- Holiday party in December
- Spring Dinner Party in April

Submitted this 2nd day of October, 2025

Carrie Goode, President
Weeders Garden Club