

# AFGC Greenleaf Bulletin

## April 2011 Issue

### "Desert Splendor"

\*\*\*\*\* CALL TO CONVENTION \*\*\*\*\*

You are invited to the Scottsdale Hilton Resort and Villas for the

**AFGC 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – April 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**and the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Convention – April 14-16, 2011.**

You won't want to miss the tours, speakers, vendors, 50-50 raffle, design program and fellowship with garden club members. AFGC and Pacific Region registration forms and information can be found on our website at [www.azgardenclubs.com](http://www.azgardenclubs.com).



Spring greetings my friends,

#### **April 14,15,16...Thursday Friday Saturday...Pacific Region Convention**

Our National President Renee Blaschke, Regional Director Sandy Ford, All of the Officers from our Pacific Region, Incoming Regional Director from Alaska and all 8 state presidents in our region will be here. I truly hope that you will attend all or at least part of the Pacific Region Convention. Amy and Rea have planned some unique tours, fun, learning and surprises for you.

#### **April 17, Sunday...Your 77th Annual State Convention - Scottsdale Hilton**

This is the installation year for the incoming State and District Officers. Please plan to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship of this special occasion, and to welcome our incoming president, Carol Parrott and her new board of officers and chairmen.

More information and the registration forms for both of these events are available on the AFGC website. Conventions are opportunities for member to take part, share and learn about our organization. Take advantage and enjoy!

AFGC and the Arizona Flower Show Judges Council recently sponsored the 2011 Flower Show Symposium. Chairman Joyce Girvin and her committee are to be commended for such a successful event, which included participants from several states. The Design instructor, Lynn Fronk, discussed and created some amazing new styles and techniques in design and table arrangements. Horticulture Instructor, Marie Harrison, delved into all of the characteristics of many common houseplants and how to judge and evaluate them. It was two awesome days of participating and learning from these talented instructors.

Have you ever wanted to take the necessary classes to become a Flower Show Judge? Arizona is planning to begin the series of classes to make this possible. Flower Show School is composed of four courses, which may be offered every six months. If enough people are interested, the first of four classes could begin in early 2012. Send an email to me at [Luoma@cox.net](mailto:Luoma@cox.net) if you would like to know more about these schools.

See you at the April conventions and wishing you a beautiful Spring,

**Sharron**

## AFGC Bylaw Amendments

The following recommended AFGC BYLAW amendments will be voted on at the 2011 AFGC Convention and as required, were published in The Greenleaf Bulletin 6 weeks prior to the Convention. This re-print is done as a reminder.

### Article VII, Section 1 – ELECTED OFFICERS

b. A President–Elect shall be elected in the even–numbered year and will become President in the odd–numbered year for a two–year term. To be eligible for the nomination of President, President–Elect or First Vice–President, each nominee shall have served as president of a member garden club, a council president or a district director for full term of office.

### Article VII, Section 1 b. to be amended to read:

President–Elect shall be elected in the even–numbered year and will become President in the odd–numbered year for a two–year term. To be eligible for the nomination of President, President–Elect, First Vice–President or Second Vice–President each nominee shall have served as president of an NGC member garden club, a council president, district director or been on the AFGC Board of Directors for two years.

## AFGC Standing Rule Amendments

The following Amendment to AFGC Standing Rules Convention (AFGC) Page 4 was approved at the AFGC State Board Meeting on February 26, 2011

Before passage of amendment Standing Rule Convention (AFGC) page 4 read:

6. AFGC Conventions rotate among the Districts in this suggested order: Western, Southern, Eastern, Central, and Northern. The District Director should be contacted at least two (2) years in advance to ascertain that the District is willing and able to host an Annual Convention. If a District must pass, the next one in rotation should be contacted and able to host an Annual Convention. If a District must pass, the next one in rotation should be contacted.

Standing Rule for Conventions (AFGC) No 6 now reads:

6. AFGC Conventions shall rotate among the Districts **in the odd numbered years** in this suggested order: **Western, Eastern, Southern, Central, and Northern**. The District Director should be contacted at least two (2) years in advance to ascertain that the District is willing and able to host an Annual Convention and able to host an Annual Convention. If a District must pass, the next one in rotation should be contacted. **The President-Elect will select the place, time, format for the Annual Meeting/Convention in the even numbered years.**

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## Please note the following change to the 2011-2013 slate of officers:

First Vice-President	Beth Hoss
Second Vice-President	Judy Tolbert
Recording Secretary	Carol Mossholder
Treasurer	Leta Searcy
<b>Vice Treasurer</b>	<b>Josephine Vincze</b>

## AFGC Website Upgrades

Have you checked out the new Member Roster on the AFGC website? If not, please do so and verify that you are listed correctly for name spelling, phone number, email address and club affiliation. **You must be a member in good standing to access the Member Only Page to view this Roster.** Just log in using your own email address and password and you will see the "Member Only" page as a new page above. Click on the Member Only page, and then on "Member Roster". You will see letters at the top of the page and members are listed by last name alphabetically. Simply click on the letter of the last name for whom you are searching and scroll down to find their contact information. If you find errors, please use the "Update your profile" link at the left hand side of the page and correct any errors or add missing information.

If you have not registered to use the website yet, please do so as soon as possible. **The generic login name and password will be inactive after March 31st.** We are doing this to make the Member Only page as secure as possible. Once registered, your request is forwarded to us for approval and you should hear back within 24-48 hours. Every registration request is verified to be a member in good standing.

We absolutely do not share any information on the member roster with any third parties.

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## Alta Vista Garden Club



intense planting session, members stowed their shovels and rakes and gathered for an impromptu lunch at a nearby restaurant.

December brought our Christmas luncheon and garden gift exchange, but members also supported the homeless with socks for the Open Door Project, and canned goods and monetary donations for the Yavapai Food Bank. The season was also brightened for the residents of the Pioneer Home with our donation of poinsettias.

Nearly a hundred entries for the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest and "A Field of Daffodils" Poetry Contest were evaluated; 15 were forwarded to the State for judging. Early in March all entrants will receive a certificate of participation and the finalists will also be awarded a \$10 gift certificate for Barnes and Noble.

Rounding out our community involvement for the fall and winter months are a donation to The Sharlot Hall Museum for upkeep and replacement of winter-damaged plants in their rose garden, and the decision to support the Arizona State Centennial by donating the Centennial Tree at Prescott City Hall.

As this challenging winter winds down, we look forward to working in our own reawakened gardens and to finding new opportunities that educate and beautify our community.

## Carol Westfall

While gardeners may be busiest in their gardens during the spring and summer months, Alta Vista members are busy with community projects whatever the season. Last November members continued their participation in "The Golden Days Projects" by planting an additional 500 daffodil bulbs and 500 blue grape hyacinths to the beds surrounding the pioneer statue at Prescott's Veterans Memorial Island. These additional bulbs will strengthen the visual impact of the 300 daffodils that were planted there in 2009. The Island, located at the gateway to Prescott's downtown, also features a recently rebuilt memorial to veterans. After the



## Cerbat Garden Club

Sandie Womack



Wells Fargo Bank recently awarded a Community Support Grant to the Cerbat Garden Club of Kingman. The \$10,000.00 grant will be used to begin Phase 1 of the Meditation-Healing Garden that the garden club is overseeing and coordinating on the grounds of Hualapai Mountain Medical Center. Groundbreaking ceremonies at the Meditation-Healing Garden site will take place this spring, with work on hard scape and tree planting to follow. Anyone wishing to volunteer or make a donation to the Meditation-Healing Garden should contact Sue Kalanithi (929) 897-6542 or Sandie Womack (928) 897-1308.

Pictured in the above photo: Diana Broeckel, Cerbat GC Publicity Chair; Misty Howell, Wells Fargo District Manager; Teri De Rosa, Wells Fargo Senior Financial Consultant; Lynda Goldberg, Cerbat GC President; Sujatha Kalanithi, Cerbat GC Vice- President and Meditation-Healing Garden Chair; Sharon Mozis, Cerbat GC Treasurer. (Not pictured Sandie Womack, Meditation-Healing Garden Co-Chair)

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## Desert Pointe Garden Club Judy Tolbert



Desert Pointe Garden Club has been busy this past month creating their signature "hypertufa pots" which will be sold at the annual AFGC convention on April 17th. The above photo shows our newly purchased cement mixer to be used in future projects. Stay tuned for more products.

DPGC has pledged 50% of the profits from this year's convention sales to help defer costs of the convention. Planted and decorated pots will be available in the vendor area of the convention on Sunday morning. Purchases will fund not only DPGC upcoming projects, but also assist with the costs of your convention.

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## Weeder's Garden Club Jewelry Boutique

Diana Johns, Committee Chairman of the Jewelry Boutique, and the members of Weeder's Garden Club have collected donated jewelry items over the past months to be sold at the Pacific Region and AFGC conventions next month. The sale of these pieces will help defray the cost to Arizona for hosting these events. Please stop by and support the efforts of the Weeder's Garden Club. For further information, please contact Diana Johns at (480) 895-8729.

## Sedona Area Garden Club

Jan Billiam

The Sedona Area Garden Club received an award for Landscaping Excellence at a ceremony held on February 13, 2011. Each year Keep Sedona Beautiful, a non-profit organization, selects outstanding groups and individuals within the community to be honored. In order to be considered and selected, a summary of many of Sedona Area Garden Club's projects within the city was submitted. The Landscaping Excellence award was accepted by Betty Loos, Sedona Area Garden Club President, and Cheryl Christenson, Community Projects Chairperson.

Pictured, bottom row, left to right, Cheryl Christenson, Marge Youngberg, Betty Loos. Second row, left to right, Gail Heyer, Kathy Toensmeier. Attending, but not pictured, Elaine Gunderson, Janet Mansoldo and Anita Philippart.



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## Scottsdale Garden Club

Anne Zacchardo

Scottsdale Garden Club held its semi-annual Standard Flower Show, "[Springtime in the Desert](#)" on Saturday, March 26th and Sunday, March 27th. The event was held at the Mustang Library, 10101 N 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. Entries included colorful spring flower horticulture specimens, floral designs, artistic crafts, youth and educational exhibits. All classes in the event were open to any amateur grower or designer. For additional information, call or email show chairman, Anne Zaccardo, 480-922-3157, [pidger@cox.net](mailto:pidger@cox.net).

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## Washington Garden Club

Orvalita Hopkins

### "Through the Garden"

A small standard flower show, March 11th, 2011 Annuals, Perennials & Herbs graced the tables of the Valley Garden Center. Member's entered Potted Plants and Designs to win Red, White and Blue ribbons. It turned out to be a wonderful learning experience and fun for all. Thanks to our Judges Sylvia Patrick and Mary Jo Wall.



### Design Hint Buff Harrington

**Transparency Design** is a creative design including see through elements that permit some components to be viewed through others. By placing solid forms in front of and behind transparent ones an increased awareness of depth is achieved. Examples of plant material that are transparent are sea fans, skeletonized foliage and branches. Examples of man made materials are acrylic, glass, mesh, screening, grill work and open -weave fabric.

In the pictured Transparency Design the sea fan is the transparency component and the plant material is placed behind the sea fan and in front of it. You can see how the transparency of the sea fans adds to the depth of the design. The color combination of white and black makes the design very dramatic.



## Thyme in the Kitchen

### Spinach and Artichoke Dip



#### Ingredients:

- 1 (16 oz) pkg sour cream
- 1 (14 oz) can artichoke hearts (drained & chopped)
- 2 1/2 cups Monterey jack cheese
- 1 cup Parmesan Cheese
- 1 (10 oz) package frozen chopped spinach

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 1 quart baking dish.
2. In a medium bowl, mix together artichoke hearts, spinach, sour cream, Parmesan cheese and 2 cups Monterey Jack cheese. Transfer mixture to the prepared baking dish, and sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup of Monterey Jack cheese.
3. Bake in the center of the preheated oven until the cheese is melted, about 15 minutes.
4. Serve warm from the oven with soft bread, crackers, pita, etc.

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## Ready, Set, Grow

***Caesalpinia*** is a genus of flowering plants in the legume family and contains both tropical and subtropical woody plants. Although there are approximately 70 species of *Caesalpinia*, considerably less are hardy in our area. But the varieties that do well in our state bring beauty and a tropical sense during our harshest months.

[\*C. pulcherrima\*](#), or Red Bird of Paradise adorns at the very least one garden in every neighborhood in the low desert and blooms from mid-summer to late fall.

[\*C. gilliesii\*](#), or Yellow Bird of Paradise sports blooms that resemble the Red Bird but are larger and more showy.

[\*C. mexicana\*](#), or Mexican Bird of Paradise is a lovely shrub or small tree that provides filtered shade for low growing plants, succulents and cacti. It has clusters of yellow blooms from spring through summer.



[C. cacalaco](#), or Cascalote is semi-evergreen with dense foliage and bright yellow clusters of blooms that grows 10 – 20 feet in height or can be pruned as a large shrub. A hybrid variety of the Cascalote is now available called “Smoothie” which eliminates the thorns typical of earlier versions of this plant and makes for a very desirable patio tree or shrub.

[C. pumila](#), Copper caesalpinia, grows to a height of 6–10 feet and a similar width with reddish brown to gray branches clothed with yellow-green foliage. Small clusters of yellow flowers are visible in midsummer to fall.

[C. platyloba](#), Palo Colorado, grows 15-30 feet spreading 10-20 wide with moderate growth. Thornless, this Chihuahuan native has dull green leaves and flowers from spring to late summer. Not readily available but a desirable addition to any small garden area.

All of the Caesalpinia species thrive in full sun and are low water users although a bit more water will give you a more lush appearance. Most are semi-evergreen but, if hit with frost damage, will recuperate very quickly in early spring.

## **AFGC - Calendar of Events**

### **March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

Arts and Flowers  
Phoenix Art Museum

### **April 10, 2011**

[Daffodil Photo Contest](#) **Deadline**

### **April 14th - 16th, 2011**

"Desert Splendor"

Pacific Region Convention  
Hilton Resort, Scottsdale, AZ

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### **April 17th, 2011**

77th AFGC Annual Convention  
Hilton Resort, Scottsdale, AZ

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### **April 30, 2011**

Kingman Arbor Day 2011

[Trees are Terrific ....](#)

Cerbat Garden Club

### **May (TBA) 2011**

Cerbat GC Fundraiser  
Tour of Gardens, Kingman

### **May 27th - 30th, 2011**

NGC Convention  
Marriott Hotel  
Washington DC

### **June 5- 11, 2011**

National Garden Week

### **Nov 3, 2011**

Eastern/Central District Mtg

Boyce Thompson Arboretum

[Event Schedule](#)