



Calendar of Events

June 6th - 12th, 2010
[National Garden Week](#)

June 12th, 2010
[Prescott Garden Tour](#)

September 23, 2010
NGC Fall Board Meeting
Great Falls, MT

October 26th, 2010
AFGC Board Mtg
Mesa Community College

November 3rd, 2010
[Eastern & Central District Mtg](#)

November 13th & 14th, 2010
"Viva Sonora"
Standard Flower Show
Tucson Botanical Gardens
Tucson, AZ

April 14th - 16th, 2011
"Desert Splendor"
Pacific Region
& AFGC Convention
Hilton Resort
Scottsdale, AZ

May 27th - 30th, 2011
NGC Convention
Marriot Hotel
Washington DC

**** ATTENTION MEMBERS ****

Be sure to visit the newly combined AFGC and AFGC Greenleaf website at www.afgcgreenleaf.org. Members will need to log in to view the "Members Only" page. The login ID and password will be sent to members in a separate message. All of the state information from the AFGC website has been transferred and we hope you will be happy with the results of our efforts.

[Find information on acquiring a club website here](#)

President's Message



Dear Garden Club Friends,

I just returned from Sedona and the first flower show held in the Northern District in 22 years...Aptly titled, "[It's About Time](#)". The show was beautiful! It was beautifully staged at the Sedona Public Library. The Mayor, Rob Adams was there to cut the ribbon and open the show. All of the clubs in Northern District participated and many members came away with blue ribbons and prizes. Attendance was very good, well-done publicity and a real fun event. Congratulations Northern!

The AFGC 76th Annual Convention was a huge success. Carol Parrott and Beth Hoss planned a great convention at the AZ Golf Resort in Mesa. This was the first time that the AFGC has had a state flower show in many many years. And, thanks to Marcie Brooks and her committee, what a show it was! Attendees enjoyed all of the events, programs, prizes, speakers and the design banquet. A tremendous thank you to all who gave of their time and talent to make this convention so terrific. Congratulations to all of the award winners. Your accomplishments were highlighted at this convention. It was amazing to see and hear about the many commendable projects this past year.

In April I attended the Pacific Region Convention in Spokane. Next year it is Arizona's turn to host this convention. Pacific Region includes Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Nevada. Idaho, Alaska and Hawaii. It will take all of our members in AZ to pull together to present an event that shows off our terrific AZ clubs and our AZ hospitality. The best

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**Everything Did Come Up.....
DAFFODILS!!!**

by Barbara Mlnarik



The Dilly of a Daffodil Photo Contest was quite successful, with entries from around the state. Mary Cochran and Pacific Region Director, Sandra Ford, made monetary presentations to winners of the five categories at the annual convention.

See last page to see Awards and Honors that were presented

news off all is that Rea Heesch and Amy Emary will chair this Soirée. They will be calling on you for your participation. I know that it will be fun and educational for us all.

Now that our clubs are coming into the summer break I want to thank all of you wonderful members for the faith and trust that you have given me this past year. Your dedication and willingness to say "Yes" has been truly appreciated.

P.S. We hear that there are too many people who don't know how to say "no," but at least they are happier than all those who don't know how to say "yes." Thanks for saying yes!

Have a Wonderful Summer,

Sharron



Barbara Mlnarik was elected to the Executive office of 1st Vice President at the AFGC annual convention.. Barbara is fulfilling a one-year term due to a recent resignation. Along with the responsibilities of this office, Barbara will continue as Horticulture Chairman and leader of the daffodil photo contest.



Congratulations to Carol Parrott, who has been named AFGC President Elect for the 2011 – 2013 term of office. Carol attended the NGC Atlanta convention and came back with great stories and so much information to share. "She will be an amazing President", says Sharron Luoma.

Maury Clapp

It is with sadness that we share the news that Maury Clapp (Tucson) passed away on Tuesday, May 11th, 2010. Maury was a friend and long time member of AFGC.

Floral Fiesta

by Mickey Johnson



Penny Decker, Designer

On March 4th, seventy people were mesmerized by the magnificent design program given by Penny Decker of Florida. Our state Judges Council presented the design program at the Fiesta Inn in Tempe. The theme was carried out in the table settings, and food served, and was enjoyed by all. Joyce Girvin designed the table centerpieces, which were given out at the end of the program.

The day began with beverages, social time, and opportunities to shop for containers and raffle tickets for a dual container crafted by Catalpa Lane Pottery. Karen Heberlin was the lucky raffle winner.

Buff Harrington, event chairman, organized the container sale. The AFGC Judges Council should be commended for bringing a noted designer into our state to demonstrate new designs and peak interest in flower design.

Alta Vista Garden Club

Our members encouraged students to enter the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster and poetry contests and were pleased to forward fourteen entries on to the state competition. We had a total of 61 entries. All will receive a participation certificate and the 14 that were forwarded to the state competition will receive a \$10 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble.

Members Receive Special Recognition

by Barbara Mlnarik



At State Convention, Scottsdale Garden Club members, Amy Emary and Rea Heesch, were each honored with The Presidential Citation Award by President Sharron Luoma for their outstanding service to the Arizona Federation. Both have served many positions at the state level. Most recently they played major roles in the production of the flower show, *It's Showtime*, which was showcased during convention at the Arizona Golf Resort in Mesa. Last December they chaired the very successful state fundraiser, Sparkle and are already working on their new challenge--- the 2011 combined State and Pacific Region conventions.

It's Showtime, Standard Flower Show

by Marcella Brooks

Our beautiful State Flower Show was held in conjunction with the annual AFGC Convention and registered one hundred and forty three viewers. Visitors from Illinois, Idaho, Iowa, South Dakota, California, Washington, New Mexico, Maryland and Ontario, and Canada joined Arizona guests to view the spectacular exhibits. Thirty-two AFGC members served on various committees for the event and members from nineteen AFGC clubs participated in our State Flower Show. Exhibits included Horticulture, Design and Special Exhibits Divisions, and most participants entered multiple exhibits.

In the Horticulture Division, Mary Cochran, Barbara Dougherty and Barbara Mlnarik each won an Award of Merit and Elaine Gunderson won two Awards of Merit Rosettes. Barbara Mlnarik won an Arboreal Award plus the Award of Horticultural Excellence and the [Horticulture Sweepstakes Award](#).

The Design Division winners were Karley Fahlsing, who won the Petite Award for her design of "[True Love](#)". The Designer's Choice Award went to Joyce Girvin for her entry, "[There's No Business Like Show Business](#)". Joyce also was awarded the Design

Town and Country GC

by Judy Lopez

"God gave us memory that we may
have roses in December"



Ruby Isabel Bundrick

Sept. 1st, 1923 - Dec. 14th, 2009

The Town & Country Garden Club held a dedication ceremony for Ruby Bundrick on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Ruby became a member of the Club in 1957. She spent many years studying to be a Flower Show Judge earning her accreditation as a Master Judge and Master Emeritus Judge. Ruby was a National Life and State Life member as well as a National Council Member.

Her knowledge as a judge was shared with all club members. She was always fair, kind, and very tactful when teaching members the art of flower design. We will remember her as being the "glue" that kept this organization strong for over 58 years. Ruby had a love and passion for life and beauty which was displayed not only in flower design, but on canvas as well.

The dedication was attended by her three sons, many community members, and garden club members. It was held at the Coolidge Women's Club where one of her paintings donated by her family will be displayed in her honor and memory.

Sweepstakes Award and the Award of Excellence for her entry. Mary Lou Milstead won the Table Artistry Award for "Look For The Silver Lining", and Sally Bradford's [Masquerade](#), won the Artistic Crafts Award.

There were two beautiful Invitational Designs. One was done by [Cactus Flower Florists](#) to honor Pacific Region Director Sandra Ford and the other by Buff Harrington to honor our State President Sharron Luoma.

In the Special Exhibits Division, there were three excellent Educational Exhibits. Karen Bowen won the Educational Top Exhibitor Award for her exhibit of "[It's Showtime for Xeriscaping](#)". The two Youth Exhibits were each awarded a Youth Top Exhibitor Award. The Intermediate Youth Exhibit, "[It's Showtime for Junior Gardeners](#)", was prepared by Karen Bowen and the Senior Exhibit, "It's Showtime for Youth Essays" was prepared by Willene Calvert with setup by Val Colvin.

View more photos of the Flower Show and Convention...[here](#)

Tempe Garden Tea

by Josephine Vincze



Tempe Garden Club hosted a Friendship Tea on the grounds of the Petersen House Museum in March of 2010. Eighty members and guests, attired in colorful hats, enjoyed the festivities which included a successful fund raising event, thanks to donations from local businesses and Club members.

Betty Dunn, Museum Aide, told about the history of the Petersen House. Mary Irish, author of numerous gardening books and a regular contributor to Sunset Magazine, was the featured speaker.

...Continued from Tempe Garden Tea

Our Club was founded in 1936. From the 1930s when it was instrumental in getting the second roadside park in America built at the corner of Curry and Mill in Tempe to the more recent donation of \$20,000 towards the building of the Pavilion at Tempe Town Lake, Tempe Garden Club has enjoyed partnering with the City. It has donated trees to many City parks and contributed to landscaping the Rio Salado development. Because of the leadership of our members, the two-tailed swallowtail became the State Butterfly (www.butterflyquest.net). In February of 2010, our Club participated in the grand re-opening of the Tempe History Museum.

In addition to landscaping at the Petersen House (www.tempe.gov/petersenhouse), our Club continues to donate gardening books to the Tempe Public Library, helps fund the Mary Leffler Cochran scholarship at Mesa Community College and works with the City of Tempe on planting a grove of trees at Tempe Town Lake.

Cerbat Garden Club

by Sandie Womack

Arbor Day



Cerbat Garden Club recently wrapped up the six-month long Arbor Day Education Program, by hosting Tree-Planting Ceremonies and Community Celebration for the Kingman area. Almost 350 local 5th graders entered the National Arbor Day Poster Contest, with Cerbat GC volunteers serving as judges. Maverick San Antonio, a student at Hualapai Elementary, won the Arizona State Arbor Day Poster Contest and was our state's representative in the national competition! Maverick, along with 20 other local poster winners received certificates, cash awards, and other prizes at the tree-planting. Kingman's Mayor John Salem proclaimed April as "Arbor Month in Kingman." After a tree-planting demonstration, more than 110 members of the community joined in and planted 10 trees and two shrubs, donated by the Home Depot, on the campus of the newly constructed White Cliffs Middle School.

...Continued from Cerbat Garden Club

Springtime in the Desert



Cerbat Garden Club's 7th annual fundraiser luncheon, "Springtime in the Desert," was held on May 1, 2010. Park Ranger Robin White of Lake Mead National Recreation Area presented the program, a power point slide show of Arizona wildflowers set to music. The event was a sell-out and more than 150 raffle prizes, donated by club members and local businesses, were awarded to guests. AFGC President Sharron Luoma and her husband Fred were honored guests. This is Cerbat GC's primary means of raising funds for its many community projects and school gardening programs.

Plant Spotlight



Wildflower Seed Saving

by Catherine Felton

There are so many good reasons to begin to save seeds from all kinds of plants. It preserves the continuity of plants that might be endangered. Plants can be shared among gardeners and in today's economy saving seeds may save you some money. Seed-starting materials are inexpensive and propagation can easily begin at home.

Many plants, especially spring wildflowers, have already set seed and dispersal has already taken place. It is still time to gather summer and fall flowering seeds and to begin to think about planning your collection of seeds for next spring. Collect your seeds on a non-rainy, dry day. Clean your seeds and store them properly. In *Growing and Propagating Wildflowers*, by William Cullina, there is a chapter with very good information on seed collection, seed sowing and germination.

Many organizations have seed sorting workshops that will teach you how to properly save seeds. These workshops also help organizations that need volunteers to help them with their seed conservation work. The New England Wildflower Society – NEWFS (www.newfs.org) holds seed cleaning/sorting workshops in autumn. Many of the seeds that are packaged at these workshops are then used, in the case of NEWFS, for their own seed exchange. The Idaho Native Plant Society and the Alaska Native Plant Society both sponsor native plant seed exchanges. Many other states have native plant societies that sponsor seed exchanges, too. Groups that encourage seed saving include the Hardy Plant Societies (HPS), which have chapters all over the country. The HPS that I belong to has a wonderful seed exchange. Members (primarily from the east coast) contribute seeds from their gardens. A crew of volunteers sorts, cleans and packages these seeds. In January, a catalog arrives in the mail with great options for growing all kinds of common, unusual and rare plants.

Another great native plant organization is the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (www.wildflower.org) in Austin, Texas. This native plant center is involved with the Millennium Seed Bank project, which working on collecting seeds from 24,000 plant species from around the world by 2010. The native plant seeds that they are collecting, freezing and saving are not necessarily endangered plants. The seeds are being saved to conserve and preserve against the possibility of extinction in the wild.

Seed saving helps everyone. Garden club members can pass on seed saving hints and skills to other members and to the general public. The home gardener can save money by saving and sharing seeds. Conservation organizations and botanic gardens teach seed-saving techniques and need volunteers to clean and package their seeds. On the Center for Plant Conservation (CPC) website www.centerforplantconservation.org there is a section titled “Why Plants Need Our Help”. Plants need our help and we can help ourselves by encouraging and teaching others to save seeds.

-----Catherine Felton, *NGC Horticulture Coordinator*

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Plant Spotlight will be a regular feature of the Greenleaf Email and we welcome your contributions. The following article is a reprint (with permission) from a National Gardener issue.

2009 AFGC Membership Awards

#14A (Greatest % increase in members)	Moody Garden Makers (MGM) Garden Club
#14B (Greatest number of new members)	Weeders Garden Club
#14C (District with greatest % increase)	Western District

2009 Flower Show Awards

#21 Standard Patriotic Flower Show	Scottsdale Garden Club...Best in Class
#58 Best Educational Exhibit in a Standard Flower Show	Scottsdale Garden Club...Best in Class
#59 Best Horticulture Division in a Standard Flower Show	Scottsdale Garden Club...Best in Class
#60 Best Design Division in a Standard Flower Show	
#61 Best Staging in a Standard Flower Show	

2009 Other Awards

Publication Awards

#13A2(Aii) (Newsletter)	"Alta Vista Garden Connection" Alta Vista GC...Best in Class
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Awards of Excellence

#9 Presidential Citations	Amy Emary Rea Heesch
Doris G. Helvig Creative Design Award	Joyce Girvin

EVERYTHING DID COME UP.....DAFFODILS!!!

Congratulations to the following blue ribbon winners:

- [HATS OFF TO SPRING](#): Best use of daffodils in a floral arrangement.
Photographer: Irene Jensen, Scottsdale Garden Club, Central District, \$25.
- [TRUMPETS OF THE SEASON](#): A club project using daffodils in a public place.
BEST OF SHOW ROSETTE and \$50 : Photographer Dianne Murphy, Alta Vista Garden Club, Northern District.
Last fall the club planted 300 daffodil bulbs at the Veterans' Memorial Garden at the entrance to Prescott. What a show!
- [HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW](#): Children or pets with daffodils or bulbs
Photographer: Irene Jacoby, Tempe Garden Club, Central District \$25. Photo taken of her Boxer, Jake, with daffodils.
- [GOOD-BYE WINTER, HELLO SPRING](#): Daffodils in a member's garden.
Photographer: Elaine Gunderson, Sedona Area Garden Club, Northern Dist.. \$25

150 bulbs were planted creating a Spring stream of gold as the daffodils flowered in the red rocks of a Sedona hillside.
- [EVERYTHING'S COMING UP DAFFODILS](#): Daffodils in containers.
Photographer: Millie Wilson, Scottsdale Garden Club, Central District \$25

How about planning a club project or perhaps a horticulture lesson on bulbs, specifically, Daffodils. We're planning another Dilly of a Daffodil photo contest for next year—so come Fall,---GET GROWING!

2009 Youth Awards

ESSAY CONTEST

1st Place

Hannah Wyatt (10th Grade)
Yuma Catholic High School
Pecan Grove GC Yuma, AZ

2nd Place

Jennica Villa Brandt (12th Grade)
Liberty High School
Manzanita GC Globe, AZ

POETRY CONTEST

Kindergarten

Anthony Diaz
Summit School of Ahwatukee
Desert Point GC Phoenix, AZ

1st Grade

Daisy Rangel
Desert Mesa Elementary School
Pecan Grove GC Yuma, AZ

2nd Grade

Jairo Sanchez
St. Francis of Assisi School
Pecan Grove GC Yuma, AZ

3rd Grade

Brendan Campbell
St. Francis of Assisi School
Pecan Grove GC Yuma, AZ

4th Grade

Bronte Packard
Coyote Springs Elementary
Alta Vista GC Prescott, AZ

5th Grade

Aryssa Guerrero
Palmcroft Elementary
Pecan Grove GC Yuma, AZ

6th Grade

Tiffany Whittemore
Prescott Mile High Middle School
Alta Vista GC Prescott, AZ

POETRY CONTEST CONTINUED...

7th Grade

Derek Williams

Castle Dome Middle School
Pecan Grove GC Yuma, AZ

8th Grade

Riley Milliner

St. Francis of Assisi School
Pecan Grove GC Yuma, AZ

7th Grade Exceptional

Jose Limon

Castle Dome Middle School
Pecan Grove GC Yuma, AZ

8th Grade Exceptional

Mike Gomez

Fourth Avenue Jr High School
Pecan Grove GC Yuma, AZ

SMOKEY BEAR / WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

2nd Grade

1st Place

Chloe Pavlik

Cochise Elementary School
Scottsdale GC Scottsdale, AZ

2nd Place

Maria Beltran

Miller Valley Elementary School
Alta Vista GC Prescott, AZ

3rd Place

Jessica McClusky

Yuma Lutheran School
Yuma Federated GC Yuma, AZ

3rd Grade

1st Place

Valerie Gill

Desert Mesa Elementary School
Yuma Federated GC Yuma, AZ

2nd Place

Lizbeth Nava Beltran

Miller Valley Elementary School
Alta Vista GC Prescott, AZ

SMOKEY BEAR / WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST CONTINUED...

4th Grade

1st Place

Debora Hristova

Coyote Springs Elementary School
Alta Vista GC Prescott, AZ

2nd Place

Nicole Gramley

Desert Mesa Elementary School
Yuma Federated GC Yuma, AZ

5th Grade

1st Place

Elizabeth Chapa

Desert Mesa Elementary School
Yuma Federated GC Yuma, AZ

2nd Place

Matt Chaney

Miller Valley Elementary School
Alta Vista GC Prescott, AZ

2009 Yearbook Awards

#16A (19 members or under)

Washington Garden Club...Best in Class

Manzanita Garden Club...Blue

#16B (20-29 members)

Weeders Garden Club...Best in Class

Town and Country Garden Club...Blue

Yuma Garden Club...Blue

Desert Designers...Blue

Tucson Garden Club...Blue

Pecan Grove Garden Club...Blue

#16C (30-44members)

Alta Vista Garden Club...Best in State

Tempe Garden Club...Blue

Sedona Area Garden Club...Blue

#16D (45-69 members)

Scottsdale Garden Club...Best in Class