



President's Letter

Happy Holidays,

What a great year 2016 has been for AFGC. At the Fall Board Meeting of October 27, 2015, the reported AFGC membership was 582. We had 20 garden clubs and 2 plant societies. The total AFGC membership reported at the October 25, 2016 Meeting was 733, consisting of 21 garden clubs and 3 plant societies. And ever an optimist, I am hoping to add at least one more garden club before the end of this term. We are also hopeful to add new members from the Maricopa Master Gardeners who attended the Landscape Design Class in November. The class was attended by 63 students, with 44 of those students taking the exam. Many were not current members but planned to join a garden club to be eligible for certification in the NGC Landscape Design School program. While we are on the subject of membership, I want to let you know that Orvalita Hopkins is our new Membership Chair, replacing Anita Zytkowski who resigned from this chair after many years of service. Thank you, Anita and thank you to Orvalita. We have hundreds of lovely professional membership brochures and I would be happy to send a supply to any club wishing to use them.

I stayed very busy this fall season attending the District Meetings throughout Arizona, all of which were well attended, informative and enjoyed very much by me. Our President Elect, Marcie Brooks, attended the Northern and Southern District Meetings and was warmly welcomed. Our Fall Board Meeting was also well attended and there was a great deal accomplished, I am happy to say. The Million Pollinators Garden Challenge was presented by yours truly as my 2016 - 2017 President's Project. I am hopeful that the representative from your club brought back the information to your meeting so that members can get started competing for that \$1,000 Award. A flyer, specifics and the guidelines are on the AFGC website under Projects. I am happy to report that the map has been updated and I have found some

Arizona registered gardens by entering the address in the search box. Thank you for participating and good luck.

AFGC has two new Blue Star Memorial Byway markers planned in the near future. Weeders Garden Club has scheduled their dedication ceremony in Sun Lakes for February 11, 2017, and High Desert Designers will announce their dedication date soon. That will bring the total markers in Arizona to 16 although there is one more in the Prescott area that cannot be located.

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Course II of the Landscape Design School has been scheduled for March 4th and 5th, 2017. Registration forms will be available by the beginning of January, but you can contact Linda Rominger to reserve a place for you in the class.

Sending warm wishes to everyone for a wonderful and happy holiday season.

Thank you for all that you have done and all that I know you will do.

Judy Tolbert, AFGC President

*“Rainbows are a gift from Heaven,
may your life be full of them.”*

Landscape Design School Course I

by Linda Rominger

Course One of Landscape Design School was offered over the Veterans' Day weekend in Phoenix, Arizona at the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension office. This was the first time this school was offered in Arizona in more than 20 years with 62 students participating. The room was packed. Some were National Garden Club (NGC) members, some were Master Gardeners, and many were both. We also had a few that were, neither. While most were from Arizona, we also had participants representing California and New Mexico. 44 are on their way to becoming NGC Landscape Design Consultants after taking and passing the test.

Those who participated were provided with an overview of landscape design principles, design through the ages, and what landscape designers do. Kirti Mathura wonderfully illustrated the role color plays in plant selection and arrangement in the landscape. Jo Miller had us planning our own gardens taking into account the environmental factors that determine success. We were on our feet doing a sun dance to illustrate the position of the sun throughout the year. Alba Rodriguez handled the more technical aspects of landscape design using her up-to-date knowledge illustrated with many photos of local landscape projects. Tom Stephens shared his experiences working with public and historical lands.



Jo Miller, Instructor

Course II will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, March 4th and 5th, 2017, again at the Extension Office. Once again, the course is open to everyone. These courses do not need to be taken in any order, so even those who missed Course I can join us for Course II and just catch up with Course I later, or even in another state. That's why our California gardeners were with us. They had missed Course I in California. Jo Miller and Alba Rodriguez will be back with us and joined by Judy Mielke, Noelle Johnson, Linda Larson, and two or three more instructors. Watch the Greenleaf for additional information. The Course Brochure and registration will be available soon. Intent may be e-mailed to Linda Rominger at lsrom@cox.net



Left: Kirti's Mathura's slide on contrasting colors



Right: Taking a break

Asian Designs in the West

By Wanda Collins

Desert Designers' Garden Club has been studying Asian-influenced "in the manner of" design, so tagged in the National Garden Club, Inc. handbook. At their first meeting of this garden club year, held the first week in October, they discussed four such designs. Anne Zaccardo and Sharron Luoma were monitors. Garden club members are encouraged to try all types and styles of flower designs. This will broaden one's knowledge of design and it teaches the names and uses of various plant materials.

It is important to know that NGC does not study Asian designs, which are typically not judged.

Therefore, most judges are not educated as to what is an Asian design and the designs are judged like any other NGC design and judged by the six principles of design: balance, proportion, scale, contrast, rhythm and dominance. Also, authentic Asian designs may be created although they do not have to be. The designs need only to appear to be Asian.

The Chrysanthemum Flower Show held in November and chaired by Marcie Brooks, had a class of Asian-influenced designs.

Garden clubs that would like to share what designs they study and would like to be included with photos please email to Flower Design Chair Wanda Collins, wanda.qcaz@yahoo.com



Examples of Asian influenced design from the mum show. All photos by Beth Kirkpatrick.

Desert Pointe Garden Club

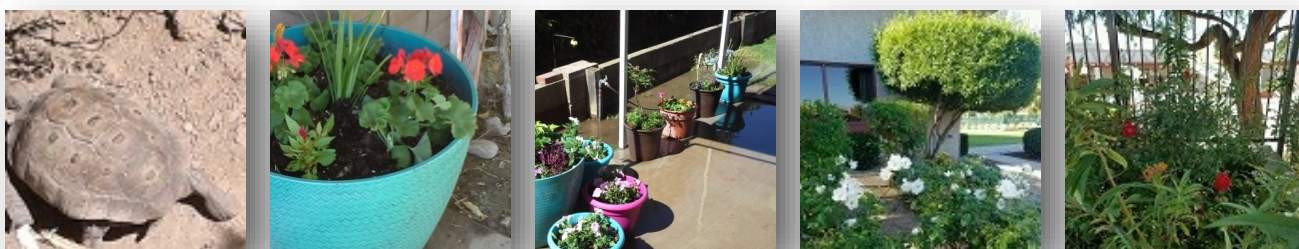
By Sandy Everett

Cooler weather gave Desert Pointe Garden Club members the opportunity to turn to several of our community service projects. We resumed our work at the TCH home in Tempe that houses disabled working adults, planting more of the existing raised beds and replanting pots on the patio and near the front door. Prior to our efforts, the yard was very drab, with few attractive plants and essentially no color. Parts of the backyard are very overgrown and more work lies ahead as we continue this worthwhile project.

The Club also did a cleanup of the raised beds at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center. Our gardens there thrived over the summer and we had a big job of trimming the trees and bushes and cutting back the irises. The butterfly way station continues to attract butterflies and all the beds host a variety of plants that lure bees and hummingbirds.

In cooperation with Ahwatukee's Community Garden, members and students sowed wildflower seeds at Kyrene de la Colina Elementary School that will provide tasty food for Franklin, the school's desert tortoise, come spring.

Finally, we are happy to report that 41 students at Summit School participated in the NGC poetry contest. Students in two first-grade classes were joined by a handful of fifth graders this year to explore the Bees, Butterflies and Me theme. Our contest committee has met and sent the cream of the crop on to the state level.



Photos: Franklin—Pictures 1 thru 3: TCH House, Pictures 3 & 4: Ahwatukee's Community Garden.

Weeders Garden Club

By Beth Kirkpatrick

Weeders again this year held their annual Garage Sale chaired by Cauleen Autry. We raised almost \$1800.00 over the course of two days for our projects. Since we hold it in the same place every year, the neighbors look forward to it and even contribute items for us to sell. There is always great camaraderie and bargains to be had.

This year Cheryl Bunch, who organized our holiday party, shopped first and took anything she thought she could use for centerpieces for the party. She cleverly and creatively used the items, which resulted in many great centerpieces that were raffled at the party.



Photo by Debbie Hensley

Left to Right:Cauleen Autry, Lori Malin, Janice Giachino, Beth Kirkpatrick, Pat Bunkley, Sharon Medhurst, Pattie Langton, and Debbie Hensley

Lovely centerpieces at the holiday party

Left to Right: Judy Tolbert, Karolyn Hall, Jane Watkins, Beth Kirkpatrick, Lori Malin, JoAnn Robertson, Marylee Elden and Maryann Woods

Doris Helvig Award

By Lucy Samuels, AFGC Awards Chairman

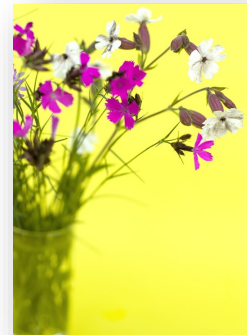
The Doris Helvig Creative Floral Design Award is an award given annually to an AFGC member who is outstanding in furthering the art of creative floral design. Nominees may be submitted by a club or district.

Deadline for nominations to be received is February 1, 2017. The award will be presented to the winner at the AFGC annual meeting in April.

A Designer may receive the award only once.

Previous Award Winners:

2006	Doris Helvig	2007	Marion LeCompte
2008	Buff Harrington	2009	Sylvia Patrick
2010	Joyce Girvin	2011	Sharon Luoma
2012	Nancy Goodrich	2013	Mary Cochran
2014	Karley Fahlsing	2015	Anne Zaccardo
2016	Marcie Brooks		



Please submit your nomination via email to me prior to February 1, 2017, lucysamuels@cox.net. List the reasons you feel your nominee deserves the award. Your nominations will be submitted to the award committee, which consists of the AFGC State President, Awards Chairman, President of the Flower Show Judges Council, and the Flower Show Awards Chairman.

Calendar of Events

February 11, 2017

Blue Star Memorial Dedication
Sun Lakes, AZ

[Weeders Garden Club](#)

March 4, 2017

11:00am

Gourds by Leigh Hill

[Presented by](#)

[Old Town Scottsdale](#)

[Garden Club](#)

Civic Center Library

March 4-5, 2017

**Landscape Design School,
Course II**

Contact: [Linda Rominger](#)

Registration form attached

March 21, 2017

AFGC Spring Board Meeting

March 24 - 26, 2017

[Scottsdale Garden Club,](#)
[2017 Flower Show](#)

Mustang Library, Scottsdale, AZ

April 18 - 20, 2017

Pacific Region Convention

Seattle, Washington

April 21st -April 23rd, 2017

2017 83rd AFGC Convention

[Sheraton Four Points Hotel](#)
[South Mountain](#)

[Tricia Schaeffer](#)

[Convention Chair](#)

May 18 - 20, 2017

NGC Convention

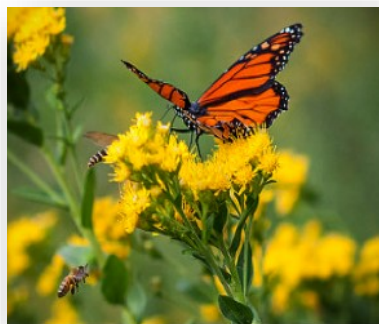
Richmond, Virginia

The Arizona Federation of Garden Club's 83rd Annual Meeting & State Convention

By Trish Schaeffer

The AFGC's Eastern District is excited to welcome you to Phoenix for the 83rd Annual Meeting and State Convention, April 21-23, 2017, to be held at the Four Points by Sheraton at I-10 & Elliot.

This year's convention celebrates an exciting year of People, Plants, and Projects happening in the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, and highlights fabulous guest speakers, workshops, tours, and great food and hospitality!



Join us Friday as we welcome Robin Pokorski back to Phoenix for a fabulous workshop and Friday evening's Native American Banquet features special artists and musicians along with guest speaker Dave Morris.

Saturday's activities include a docent-led tour at Mesa Community College's fabulous

Rose Garden, and some very special events highlighting the NGC and AFGC President's Million Pollinator Projects. Saturday evening's highlight is the AFGC 2017-2019 Installation Ceremony, with featured guest speaker, National Garden Clubs President Sandra Robinson, followed by a special Incoming President's Dessert Reception.

Mark your calendars, and register early to receive an extra discount! Refer to registration form for additional details. See you in April!



National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

83rd Annual AFGC Convention

“People, Plants, & Projects” of the Desert Southwest

April 21, 22, 23, 2017

Four Points by Sheraton at I-10 / Elliot, Phoenix, AZ

Registration Deadline: March 24, 2017

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____ Club _____

BADGE INFORMATION – Please check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> AFGC Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> AFGC Club Delegate
<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Pacific Region Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> AFGC Former State President	<input type="checkbox"/> AFGC Club Member
<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Pacific Region Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> AFGC State Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Time Attendee
<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> AFGC District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest
<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Flower Show Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> AFGC State Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> AFGC Club President	_____

PART TIME REGISTRATION

	Qty	Enclosed
Part Time Convention Registration	___	\$40 \$ _____
Friday Welcome Luncheon, Leadership Workshop, and Evening Banquet	___	\$50 \$ _____
Saturday Continental Breakfast, Tour, and Million Pollinator Brunch	___	\$50 \$ _____
Saturday Evening Installation Banquet and Dessert Reception	___	\$50 \$ _____
Sunday Morning Continental Breakfast	___	\$15 \$ _____

OR

FULL CONVENTION PACKAGE

(INCLUDES ALL MEALS, TOURS, WORKSHOPS AND REGISTRATION FEE)	___	\$175 \$ _____
Early Registration (if received before February 1, 2017).	___	\$165 \$ _____
Late Fee (if received after March 25, 2017).	___	\$20 \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed:		\$ _____

Please make checks payable to AFGC Convention Fund. No refunds after March 31, 2017.

Mail check and form to:
AFGC Convention
6832 S. Crimson Sky Place
Gold Canyon, AZ 85118

Questions:
Lorraine Jackson
480-671-5784
afgcd@spcdock.com

Make room reservations by **3/31/17**
Contact Hotel at 480-893-3000
Refer to **AFGC Convention** for special
group rate of \$72.00 per night

Resolutions of the Garden

By Linda Larson



As the New Year begins with resolve and good intentions we often focus on healthful pursuits such as exercise, reducing stress, and keeping a positive attitude. I believe enjoying gardens is a great way to keep one's resolve for better living all year long.

Asian philosophy has long believed one's physical and mental health is nurtured by time in a garden. Western garden thought also stresses the garden as a healthful activity, The English Gardener in 1699 wrote, "... spend spare time in the garden ... there is no better way to preserve your health." Many a historical novel has the ingénue taking a turn in the garden to sort out her feelings.

Today Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods* theorizes much of today's stress on children's physical and emotional lives is linked to the lack of time spent in nature. Paul Bloom, Psychology Professor at Yale University makes the case that natural happiness is achieved when trees, water, animals and sky surround us. Phillipa Lewis, author of *Everything You Can Do in the Garden Without Actually*

Gardening, asks, "do we become nicer human beings under the influence of being in a garden?"

So how do you keep your healthful resolutions by enjoying gardens? Begin in your own garden. A blanket on the ground allowing you to gaze up into sky and tree can energize you at any time. A seat in a far corner of the garden can remove you from phone and computer and give you a different perspective of your little piece of earth.

Find a public garden to visit on a regular basis (one is less inclined to prune when we are a visitor). Consider Phoenix's own **Japanese Friendship Garden** at 1125 N. 3rd Avenue. One does not power walk through a Japanese Strolling Garden. Strolling gardens set you on a path around a pond with a hide and reveal principle that requires the visitor to walk to fully experience the garden. The path is designed to shape the visitors' experience. The stepping-stones of uneven size require you to slow down and focus close at hand.



Slowing us down we observe the texture and pattern of the stones. As the stones even out you raise your head and focus on a larger view, noticing a particular scene framed to be

observed from just that transition. A gravel path creates a different sound as your footsteps move you forward. When the path moves uphill requiring more effort you will likely find a bench placed to provide rest and reflection overlooking the pond. The sound of water may emerge providing a calming effect. The traditional curved bridge over the pond reveal design layers sensory experience each step of the way. As with life we can't see the entire picture of our future, the garden provides a metaphor for navigating our own life in not racing through from beginning to end but to fully experience the path we tread. The traditional curved bridge over the pond symbolizes transitions in our lives. The curved reflection of the bridge in the water creates a circle representing the continuity of earth and sky, the cycle of life.

The **Phoenix Japanese Friendship** garden or **Ro Ho En** is a joint project of the Phoenix sister city Himeji, Japan. Ro is the Japanese word for heron, a symbol of Himeji Castle, and a major palace of Japan. Ho is the Japanese word for the phoenix bird and En means garden. The garden opened in 1996, and this garden's design adapted for our local climate is a place of beauty and reflection covering 3 1/2 acres. Age is revered in Asian culture and even in this young Phoenix garden trees have been shaped to resemble ancient trees symbolizing the beauty that comes with time. Strolling through such a garden will provide physical exercise and space for reflection. Sitting for a

while will provide mental release, reducing anxiety and stress.



Most gardeners are aware of the Japanese gardens exceptional pallet of shades of green and the

minimal blooms placed to surprise and delight us. The Zen gardens with raked sand representing the waves of water are meditative destinations inviting us to sit and reflect. Tea Gardens are for ceremonial rituals. Pond gardens are viewed from a distance or from a boat presenting an idealized view of nature with no humans in the space.

Now is the season of fresh starts and though we be gardeners resolve to allow some time to put down one's spade and clippers

and stroll through a garden. Perhaps especially in these difficult times we can keep those resolutions thanks to gardens.

Linda Larson, is a lifelong lover of flowers, Master Gardener, Faculty Emeritus of Mesa College and a gardener in Mesa, Arizona for over 30 years. An amateur naturalist, curious reader and great noticer, Linda writes a monthly "Traveling Gardener" blog.



Poinsettia Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 ounce cranberry juice
- 1/2 ounce Triple Sec, optional
- 4 ounces chilled Champagne or other sparkling wine
- GARNISH: 3 fresh cranberries

Pour cranberry juice into a champagne flute or wine glass. Add Triple Sec if desired. Top with Champagne. Garnish as desired. Serves: 1



Weeders Garden Club

*requests the honor
of your presence
at the*



Sun Lakes Country Club
25425 S. Sun Lakes Boulevard
Sun Lakes, Arizona

Saturday, February 11, 2017
1:00 pm

RSVP: Gloria Zarafis 630-631-2992

Upcoming AFGC BYLAW CHANGES

The following proposed amendments to the AFGC Bylaws are hereby published in the *Greenleaf* at least six weeks prior to voting, as required.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 -- VOTING MEMBERSHIP

The paragraph reads as follows:

a. Voting membership shall consist of members of garden clubs, voting plant societies ~~and organizations whose works is relevant the objectives of AFGC.~~

Delete “and organizations whose works is relevant the objectives of AFGC.”

Add “and”

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

a. Voting membership shall consist of members of garden clubs, **and** voting plant societies

Rationale:

There are no organizations in Arizona eligible to vote on AFGC business.

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Section 2 – NON-VOTING MEMBERS, ~~COUNCILS~~ AND NON-VOTING PLANT SOCIETIES

Delete “Councils”

Rationale: See paragraph “b”

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The paragraph reads as follows:

~~b. Councils. A Council shall be composed of three (3) or more AFGC Garden Clubs that had united to give strength to community projects and is non-voting. Application for membership must be submitted to the Executive Committee, through the Director of the District in which the Council is located. The application for membership shall be accompanied by a typewritten names and mailing addresses of the officers. A majority vote of the Executive Committee shall elect. The District Director will represent a Council on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.~~

Action:

Delete paragraph “b”

Rationale:

The District Director is the liaison between Garden Clubs and AFGC. The purpose of the District Director and the Alternate District Director is the same as the purpose of the Council. There is no need to have an additional layer within the District.

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The paragraph reads as follows:

c. Non-voting Plant Societies. These plant societies shall have a membership of not less than ten (10) members and

agree to promote the objectives of AFGC as stated in ARTICLE II. Application for membership shall be submitted to the AFGC Membership Chairman. The per capita dues must accompany application, a typewritten list of names and address of President and Treasurer and an alphabetically typewritten list of names, addresses and phone numbers of all members. ~~Only the President of nonvoting Plant Society will receive the official publications.~~

Actions:

Delete "Only the President of nonvoting Plant Society will receive the official publications."

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

c. Non-voting Plant Societies. These plant societies shall have a membership of not less than ten (10) members and agree to promote the objectives of AFGC as stated in ARTICLE II. Application for membership shall be submitted to the AFGC Membership Chairman. The per capita dues must accompany application, a typewritten list of names and address of President and Treasurer and an alphabetically typewritten list of names, addresses and phone numbers of all members.

Rationale:

All members receive digital AFGC publications.

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ARTICLE VI -- DUES, FEES, CONTRIBUTIONS

Section 1--DUES

The paragraph reads as follows:

The annual dues for garden clubs and plant societies are twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) per capita and for nonvoting plant society's seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50).

a. Dues are payable to the Treasurer on June 1 and shall become delinquent as of September 15 of each year.

~~Dues shall be paid on the current membership.~~

b. Any club whose dues are unpaid by October 15 shall be notified by the Treasurer and dropped from AFGC ~~after 30 days~~ on November 15.

c. Dues based on AFGC membership on June 1 shall be paid to NGC Headquarters by October 31, after which they will be delinquent to NGC.

d. A club wishing to become federated after January 1 shall be considered a member club upon payment of one-half of the annual dues. The annual dues will be payable June 1.

e. Any new member joining an AFGC club between June 1 and December 31 will pay AFGC full dues. The club will send one half (1/2) the AFGC dues of any new member joining after December 31 for the remaining months of the current year. Annual dues for the next year will be payable according to AFGC bylaws.

Actions:

a. Delete "Dues shall be paid on the current membership."

b. Delete: "after 30 days"

c. Add "net"

Add "f. Dues shall be paid on the current membership as of June 1".

Add "g. Garden Clubs failing to remit dues by September 15 shall be excluded from any tabulations used to determine AFGC Awards. "

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

- a. Dues are payable to the Treasurer on June 1 and shall become delinquent as of September 15 of each year.
- b. Any club whose dues are unpaid by October 15 shall be notified by the Treasurer and dropped from AFGC on November 15.
- c. Dues based on **net** AFGC membership on June 1 shall be paid to NGC Headquarters by October 31, after which they will be delinquent to NGC.
- f. Dues shall be paid on the current membership as of June 1.
- g. Garden Clubs failing to remit dues by September 15 shall be excluded from any tabulations used to determine AFGC Awards.

Rationale: Clarification of payment of dues

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Section 3 – CONTRIBUTIONS

The paragraph reads as follows:

The one-time contribution of a Life Membership in AFGC shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). This contribution shall be placed in a restricted account for scholarships and does not exempt club members from regular dues.

Actions:

- Add "a."
- Add "permanently"
- Add paragraph "b."

"b. Temporary Restricted Scholarship Fund income shall be derived from club and members' donations, memorials, honorariums, and interest on permanently restricted endowments and State Life Memberships."

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

- a. The one-time contribution of a Life Membership in AFGC shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). This contribution shall be placed in a **permanently** restricted account for scholarships and does not exempt club members from regular dues.
- b. Temporarily Restricted Scholarship Fund income shall be derived from club and members' contributions, memorials, honorariums, and interest on permanently restricted endowments and State Life Memberships.

Rationale: Clarification of the treatment of scholarship funds, referencing Article XIV, Section 4 – Restricted Funds.

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ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS Section 1 -- ELECTED OFFICERS

The paragraph reads as follows:

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, 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.

Actions:

Delete “council president,”

Add “one of the following:”

Delete “been”

Add “have served”

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

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, First Vice President or Second Vice President, each nominee shall have served as **one of the following**: President of an NGC member garden club, a district director or **have served** on the AFGC Board of Directors for two years.

The paragraph reads as follows:

c. Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, or until their successors are elected. No elected officer shall serve more than one (1) consecutive full term in the same office, except the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

Actions:

Add “who may serve two consecutive terms.”

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

c. Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, or until their successors are elected. No elected officer shall serve more than one (1) consecutive full term in the same office, except the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, **who may serve two consecutive terms.**

Rationale: Provide term limits for officers.

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ARTICLE VIII -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Section 4 – FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The paragraph reads as follows:

The First Vice-President shall:

- a. Assist the President in the work of AFGC.
- b. In the absence of the President and President-Elect, perform all of the duties of that office.
- c. Become President if the President or President-Elect cannot serve.

Actions:

Delete “b. and President–Elect”

Delete “c. or President-Elect “

Add “d. Serve as Liaison to Garden Club Presidents and District Directors

Add “e. Serve as a member of the Finance Committee

Add “f. Become President –Elect and assume the additional duties of that office on June 1 in the following even-numbered year.”

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

The First Vice-President shall:

- a. Assist the President in the work of AFGC.
- b. In the absence of the President, perform all of the duties of that office.
- c. Become President if the President cannot serve.
- d. Serve as Liaison to Garden Club Presidents and District Directors.
- e. Serve as a member of the Finance Committee.
- f. Become President-elect and assume the additional duties of that office on June 1 in the following even- numbered year.

Rationale: Request commitment to insure continuity of officers

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The paragraph reads as follows:

ARTICLE VIII -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Section 4. - SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The Second Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President, President-Elect and First Vice-President.

Actions:

Add "a."

Add "b. Become First Vice-President and assume the additional duties of that office on June 1 in the next odd-numbered year."

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Section 5. - SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

a. The Second Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President, President-Elect and First Vice-President.

b. Become First Vice-President and assume the additional duties of that office on June 1 in the next odd-numbered year.

Rationale: Request commitment to insure continuity of officers.

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ARTICLE VIII -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Section 6 -- RECORDING SECRETARY

The paragraph reads as follows:

a. Record the proceedings of all meetings of the Executive Committee, of the Board of Directors and of the Annual Meeting, distributing copies as required.

b. Supervise the mailing and the counting of an emergency ballot

Actions:

Delete b. Supervise the mailing and the counting of an emergency ballot

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

a. Record the proceedings of all meetings of the Executive Committee, of the Board of Directors and of the Annual Meeting, distributing copies as required.

ARTICLE VIII -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Section 7 -- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Actions:

The Corresponding Secretary shall:

- a. Conduct all correspondence as assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.
- b. Perform any other duties as assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

Actions:

Add "c. Supervise the distribution and tallying of an emergency ballot."

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

The Corresponding Secretary shall:

- a. Conduct all correspondence as assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.
- b. Perform any other duties as assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.
- c. Supervise the distribution and tallying of an emergency ballot.

Rationale: Change the duty of emergency ballots from Recording Secretary to Corresponding Secretary.

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ARTICLE VIII -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Section 8 -- TREASURER

The paragraph reads as follows:

The Treasurer shall:

- ~~e. Advise the President of dues received from the clubs by September 15, notify clubs when dues are delinquent by October 15 and advise them they will be dropped from AFGC after 30 days on November 15.~~
- ~~f. Prepare a financial statement for each Executive Committee Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting and the Annual Meeting.~~
- ~~g. Prepare records for review by the appointed accounting firm by June 30.~~
- ~~h. Notify chairmen of funds available to them in a timely fashion.~~
- i. Be a member of the Finance Committee.
- j. Assume office at the end of the fiscal year.
- ~~k. Prepare Internal Revenue Service (IRS) forms with the cooperation of the outgoing Treasurer when the current Treasurer deems it necessary.~~

Actions:

Delete "e. h. k"
Delete "financial statement"

Replace f. with "e. Prepare a year to date financial report of income and expenditures and asset balances for each Spring Executive Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting and the Annual Meeting."

Add "f. Prepare a complete year-end financial report of income and expenditures and a report of Change in Assets for the previous fiscal year for each Fall Executive Committee Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting.

Delete "g. June 20 Insert "July 31"

Add "g. in odd numbered years"

Add "i. in odd numbered years"

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

The Treasurer shall:

e. Prepare a year to **date financial report of income and expenditures and asset balances** for each **Spring** Executive Committee Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting and the Annual Meeting.

f. **Prepare a complete year-end financial report of income and expenditures and a report of Change in Assets for the previous fiscal year for each Fall Executive Committee Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting.**

g. Prepare records for review by the appointed accounting firm by July 31 in **odd numbered** years.

h. Be a member of the Finance Committee.

i. Assume office at the end of the **odd numbered** fiscal year.

Rationale: Clarify current duties of the Treasurer

Section 9 --ASSISTANT TREASURER

The paragraph reads as follows:

The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in the work of AFGC.

Actions:

Add "a" to existing paragraph

Add "b. Insure that clubs file Internal Revenue Service (IRS) form 990 as needed with the cooperation of the Treasurer."

Add "c. Maintain an accurate member database including name, address, phone number, email address, club affiliation and office, if appropriate.

Add "d. Collect annual dues and advise the President of dues not received from the clubs by September 15. Notify the clubs when dues are delinquent by October 15 and advise them they will be dropped from AFGC on November 15.

The amended paragraph would read as follow

The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in the work of AFGC.

Insure that clubs file Internal Revenue Service (IRS) form 990 as needed with the cooperation of the Treasurer.

Maintain an accurate member database including name, address, phone number, email address, club affiliation and office, if appropriate.

Collect annual dues and advise the President of dues not received from the clubs by September 15. Notify the clubs when dues are delinquent by October 15 and advise them they will be dropped from AFGC on November 15.

Rationale: Clarify current duties of the Assistant Treasurer.

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ARTICLE IX -- NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Actions:

Delete "AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE"

The amended heading would read as follow

ARTICLE IX – NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 -- STRUCTURE

The paragraph reads as follows:

a. The Nominating/~~Personnel~~ Committee shall be composed of one (1) member from each district.

Delete "/Personnel "

The amended paragraph would read as follow

a. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of one (1) member from each district.

Section 2 – DUTIES

The paragraph reads as follows:

b. Ascertain that any person being considered for the office of President, President-Elect or First Vice-President ~~has served as a president of a member club, a council president or a District Director for a full term of office.~~

e. Select a candidate for President-Elect and ~~advise~~ the Executive Committee so that the eligible voters may be notified at least six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting in the even-numbered year.

g. Keep updated ~~copes~~ of AFGC Bylaws and Standing Rules and Pacific Region Policy and Procedure Guidelines and NGC Bylaws and Standing Rules

i. When AFGC is notified that it will be its turn to provide either a member and/or alternate to the NGC Nominating Committee or Regional Director and/or alternate, eligible candidates should be determined. Even if only candidate is eligible, an election shall be held in accordance with NGC Bylaws.

Actions:

Delete a. "has served as a president of a member club, a council president or a District Director for a full term of office."

Add "or Second"

Add "meets the required experience and criteria as stated in Article VII – OFFICERS Section 1 – ELECTED OFFICERS."

Delete e. "advice" Insert "advise"

Delete g. "copes" Insert "copies"

Add i. "one"

The amended paragraph would read as follow

b. Ascertain that any person being considered for the office of President, President-Elect or First or **Second** Vice-President **meets the required experience and criteria as stated in Article VII – OFFICERS** e. Select a candidate for President-Elect and **advise** the Executive Committee so that the eligible voters may be notified at least six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting in the even-numbered year.

g. Keep updated **copies**-of AFGC Bylaws and Standing Rules and Pacific Region Policy and Procedure Guidelines and NGC Bylaws and Standing Rules

i. When AFGC is notified that it will be its turn to provide either a member and/or alternate to the NGC Nominating Committee or Regional Director and/or alternate, eligible candidates should be determined. Even if only **one** candidate is eligible, an election shall be held in accordance with NGC Bylaws.

Rationale: Correct verbiage and reduce duplication of statements.

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ARTICLE X -- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The paragraph reads as follows:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect and/or First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Finance Chairman, ~~the most recent former AFGC president,~~ Chairman of the Nominating/~~Personnel~~ Committee, District Directors and Parliamentarian.

Actions:

Delete “the most recent former AFGC President”

Delete “/Personnel”

Add “Chairman of the Advisory Committee”

The amended paragraph would read as follow

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect and/or First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Finance Chairman, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, District Directors and Parliamentarian

Rationale: The Chairman of the Advisory Committee is the most recent AFGC President. Correct conflicting statements with Article XIII - Section 2.

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ARTICLE XIII -- ADVISORY COMMITTEE Section 2

The paragraph reads as follows:

The Chairman shall be the immediate former President. ~~In the absence of the Chairman, a pro tem shall be elected from those present~~

Actions:

Add “if available to serve”

Delete “In the absence of the Chairman, a pro tem shall be elected from those present”

Add “ If the immediate former President is unavailable to serve, the next most recent former President shall serve as Chairman of the Advisory Committee.”

The amended paragraph would read as follows

The Chairman shall be the immediate former President, if available to serve. If the immediate former President is unavailable to serve, the next most recent former President shall serve as Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

Rationale: Correct conflicting statements and clarify process.

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ARTICLE XIV – FINANCES Section 3 -- GENERAL FUNDS

The paragraph reads as follows:

The General Fund shall be derived from the payment of dues, investments, and other sources as authorized by the Board of Directors. These funds shall be used for administration, program expense and ~~printing and mailing of the~~ state publications.

Actions:

Delete “printing and mailing of the”

The amended paragraph would read as follows

The General Fund shall be derived from the payment of dues, investments, and other sources as authorized by the Board of Directors. These funds shall be used for administration, program expense and state publications.

Rationale: State publications not printed or mailed.

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ARTICLE XIV – FINANCES Section 4 -- RESTRICTED FUNDS

The paragraph reads as follows:

~~Scholarship Fund Income shall be derived from donations to the fund from State Life membership contributions, memorials, honorariums, and investments. Interest from the fund shall be used for scholarships. Scholarships are presented annually from interest earned by the following funds:~~

- ~~1. Madison Sundial, honoring Iva Corpstein (1983 \$5K)~~
- ~~2. Floradora, honoring Ruth Rival~~
- ~~3. Gertrude E. Claypool, administered by Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (1962)~~
- ~~4. Jetty Starkweather bequeath (1983 \$10K)~~
- ~~5. June Weikel bequeath~~
- ~~6. Alta Vista Garden Club, Helen Wright Memorial Scholarship~~
- ~~7. State Life Memberships~~

~~These funds will be deposited in an interest bearing account for AFGC scholarship funds only. See AFGC Standing Rules for procedure~~

Actions:

Delete “a. entire paragraph and replace with the following:”

Scholarship Funds

There are three segments of the scholarship funds:

Permanently Restricted Funds Managed by AFGC;

- 1. Madison -Sundial, honoring Iva Corpstein (1983 \$5K)
- 2. Floradora, honoring Ruth Rival (\$2,500)
- 4. Jetty Starkweather bequeath (1983 \$10,880K)
- 5. June Weikel bequeath (\$1,000)
- 6. Alta Vista Garden Club, Helen Wright Memorial Scholarship (\$5,000)
- 7. State Life Memberships (ongoing)

Only interest from permanently restricted funds is available for awarding scholarships.

Temporarily restricted (or available) scholarship funds Managed by AFGC:

- Interest from all Permanently Restricted Funds
- Club or members’ donations
- Honorariums or memorials designated as scholarship funds

Permanently Restricted Funds Managed and Maintained by ASU:

- Gertrude E. Claypool, administered and maintained by Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (1984) (\$26,000)

Rationale: Clarify the extent and intent of the endowments and donations to the Scholarship Fund

ARTICLE XIV – FINANCES Section 5--Bonds

The paragraph reads as follows:

Bonds shall be required for the Treasurer and others whose duties entail the handling of monies. The Board of Directors shall determine the amount of the bond.

Actions:

Delete “Section 5 – Bonds”

Rationale: AFGC insurance replaces the need for bonds as a part of our insurance policy. Bonds have not been purchased in many years.

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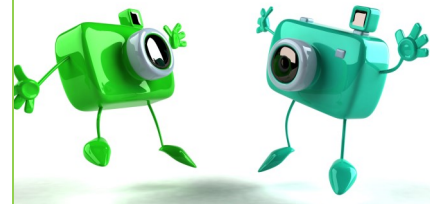
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