



Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs Landscape Design Schools

By the time you read this article, the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs (AFGC) will have conducted their Landscape Design School Course 1 which took place on January 30th and 31st, 2026. Over forty five gardening enthusiasts joined in via Zoom to learn about such topics as Ecosystems, Landscape design principles and elements, Site planning, Xeriscaping in the Desert, and Edible Garden planning to name a few. What a fantastic way to begin the New Year! Special thanks to our amazing Instructors: Alba Rodriquez, Erin Hutton, Kristen Battafarano, Noelle Johnson, and Liz Lonetti! So much gardening information was shared! And Thanks! to our AFGC Schools Chairperson, Peggy Ahola for getting the Arizona Schools back up and running!

And now, AFGC is pleased to announce that the Landscape Design School (LDS) Course 2 is on the schedule! LDS Course 2 will be hosted via Zoom on Friday, March 6th and Saturday, March 7th, 2026, from 9:30am MST until 4:00pm MST. ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2026. Topics to be covered include:

1. Landscape Design Process, part 1
2. Designing for Pollinators and Wildlife
3. Plants in the Landscape
4. Accessible, Enabling and Therapeutic Gardens
5. Structures in the Landscape
6. Redesign of Areas
7. Development of North American Landscape Design
8. Preservation of Historic Sites and Structures
9. Overused, Often Invasive Plants and Native Alternatives in Your Area
10. Supplemental Subject: Butterfly Gardening

Click here to go to our website: <https://azgardenclubs.com/schools/> to see the Course 2 Brochure and for the Online Registration. We hope you will join us for this second Course and know that Course 3 will be coming in November 2026, and Course 4, in December 2026. **Students do not have had to participate in a previous Class to participate in any of the upcoming Classes.** For any questions about any of these Courses, please contact Peggy Ahola at azgardenschools@gmail.com

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