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### President's Message

Janice Miano, President

This has been a busy half of 2018 for me, your new President, and our dedicated Board of Directors and Executive Director. As many of you know, we lost our past President, Beth Woodin of Tucson, on January 10, 2018 after a long battle with cancer. Coincidentally, that was the afternoon that I and Board Members Jim McPherson, Russ Jones, and Dale Wiebusch attended a meeting with State Senator Kate Brophy McGee and several other stakeholder groups to discuss a bill to reinstate the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund using available Arizona Lottery dollars.



Beth planted the seed for this legislation a few months before her passing. The bill came to fruition as *SB1464, parks; historic preservation; lottery fund*. However, State Senator Gail Griffin, Chair of the Senate Natural

and, however, state senator Jan Grimm, chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, chose not to hear the bill in her committee. So SB1484 did not go forward this session, but we are ready to rock for the 2019 session. We are determined. This is what Beth would have wanted.

Beth was a State Game and Fish commissioner from 1990 to 1995; sat on the Arizona Nature Conservancy's board in the 1980s and 90s; and served on the [Arizona Sonoran-Desert Museum's](#) board of trustees multiple times. In the 1980s, she was instrumental in persuading the Legislature to create a checkoff program allowing residents to set aside some of their state income taxes for programs benefiting nongame wildlife. State records show this checkoff has raised nearly \$860,000 in the five fiscal years that ended June 30, 2017.

In 1990, Beth was a prime mover for a statewide voter initiative creating the Heritage Fund, which allocated \$20 million annually from Arizona Lottery proceeds for parks and nongame wildlife. Game and Fish has used the Fund to acquire nearly 18,000 acres of habitat. Last year, she led a successful legislative effort to save the [Arizona State Parks Board](#) when Governor Doug Ducey proposed eliminating many boards and commissions.

With your steadfast support, we will continue to uphold the Alliance's goal to protect the integrity and voter intent of the [Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Fund](#), while actively pursuing sustainable and dedicated funding sources for Arizona's local, regional, and state parks as well as historic and cultural initiatives, grants, programs, and activities.

Beth never gave up, nor will we. Thank you for your continuing support.

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## **Board Member Spotlight**

### **Bonnie Bariola, Secretary**

After working for 14 years in the Business Field as a Manager in the Data Processing Department, Bonnie Bariola returned to college at ASU receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture in 1988. Her first position was Community Development Director for the [Town of Florence](#). In this position she wrote several grants for streetscape projects. She was instrumental in helping create the design and implementation of the 27-acre Heritage Park which contains three ball fields, basketball courts, open space, and a



can tennis, basketball courts, open space, and a skateboard facility.

In 1990 when the Arizona Heritage Fund was established through a voter initiative, Bonnie began writing grants, utilizing the Heritage Fund to provide partial funding for the rehabilitation of numerous historic properties in Florence. While working as Senior Planner for [Pinal County](#) from 1996 to 2004, she continued rehabilitating historic buildings in Florence. She was also the Staff Liaison working with personnel from the National Park Service, Arizona State Parks, Bureau of Land Management, and Arizona Game & Fish in establishing the first Trails Plan for Pinal County. Bonnie has also worked at the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) administering the federal grant the funds the office and as a Planner for the City of Peoria.

After retiring in 2004, Bonnie continued writing grants and rehabilitating primarily commercial buildings until the Legislature ceased funding the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund. Due to her efforts, many buildings were saved and/or rehabilitated in Florence: Chapel of the Gila, Old Main at Florence High School, True Value Hardware Store, Harvey/Niemeyer Building, Silver King (Hotel) Marketplace, the Clarke House, and several others.

Throughout the years, she has traveled extensively with her grandchildren who have now visited 49 of the 50 states and several foreign countries. They visited many state and national parks throughout these travels.

Bonnie received the Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Award in 2001, is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation as well as on the Board of Directors for the Florence Preservation Foundation and Arizona Heritage Alliance. She also serves on the Arizona Historic Preservation Conference planning committee.

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## **Alliance News & Notes**

**Lani Lott, Director**

On March 7, 2018, the [Arizona Game and Fish Commission](#) announced the 2018 Heritage Fund Grants. The [Heritage Fund Grant Program](#) was established by the Arizona Game and Fish Department in 1992 as part of the overall Heritage Fund program. The grants program initially was developed as a way to promote outreach in order to enhance important partnerships and generate fresh approaches in





support of the department's mission. Since inception, the department has had the opportunity to award more than \$16 million through the Heritage Fund grants program and support more than 800 projects throughout the state. A total of \$412,000 was available for the 2018 grant cycle and was awarded through a competitive application process in various categories (Environmental Education, Outdoor Education, Schoolyard Habitat, Urban Wildlife/Habitat, Public Access, and IIAPM). The 2018 Heritage Fund Grant awardees are listed on <http://azheritage.org>. Congratulations to all of the grant recipients.

The [Arizona State Historic Preservation Office](#), [Arizona Preservation Foundation](#), and [City of Scottsdale](#) invite you to join them at the [16th Annual Arizona Historic Preservation Conference](#).

The 2018 conference, "Design in the Desert," is being held in Scottsdale at the beautiful Hotel Valley Ho, June 6-8, 2018. The conference will feature a half-day of pre-conference training workshops, two days of 50-minute concurrent sessions, and two or three keynote/featured speaker presentations. [Click here](#) to read more about the 2018 session descriptions, key note speakers, and other conference highlights.



Alliance Board member, Cheyenne Walsh was featured in the 2018 edition of Top 100 Lawyers. Cheyenne is a partner of [Isaacson & Walsh, P.C.](#), consistently ranked among the top lobbying firms in Arizona. The firm has provided high level legal and government relation services to a diverse clientele, including Fortune 500 companies, small independent business owners, and trade and professional associations for over thirty-five years. Cheyenne joined Don Isaacson at the firm in January of 2015 and specializes in representing clients before the Arizona State Legislature and state and local agencies. Cheyenne has received a number of prestigious accolades, including recognition as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers every year since 2014. The Arizona Capitol Times also recognized her as Best Female Lobbyist Under 40 for both 2016 and 2017. Cheyenne completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Arizona and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Arizona, James E. Rodgers School of Law. She also received a Master of Public Administration degree from Arizona State University.



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## Partner Spotlight: Arizona SHPO

The [Arizona State Historic Preservation Office](#) (SHPO), a division of Arizona State Parks, assists private citizens, private institutions, local governments, tribes, and state and federal agencies in the identification, evaluation, protection, and enhancement of historic and archaeological properties that have significance for local communities, the State of Arizona, or the nation.



The role and function of the SHPO is defined in both state law (Arizona Historic Preservation Act) and federal law ([National Historic Preservation Act](#), as amended). Activities of the SHPO include:

- Statewide survey to identify and evaluate historic structures and archaeological sites
- Nomination of eligible historic and archaeological properties to the [National Register of Historic Places](#)
- Review of federal and state actions that may affect historic and archaeological properties
- Technical assistance to owners of historic properties
- Technical assistance to [Certified Local Governments](#)/local preservation commissions
- [Public Preservation/Archaeology Programs](#)
- Assistance through matching grants; and assistance to property owners seeking [tax credits and incentives](#)

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## Upcoming Events

- [Arizona Historic Preservation Conference](#), June 6-8, 2018, Valley Ho Hotel, Scottsdale
- 2018 [Arizona Rural Policy Forum](#), August 8-10, Wickenburg

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- Protect the integrity and voter intent of the Arizona Game & Fish Heritage Fund
- Pursue sustainable and dedicated funding sources for Arizona's historic, cultural, and natural initiatives, programs, and activities
- Educate Arizonans on the benefits of our state's wildlife, open space, parks, and historic and cultural resources
- Monitor state legislative and agency activity



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