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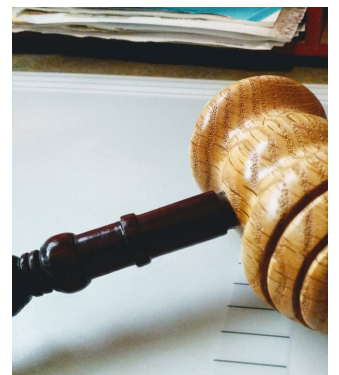
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From the Desk of Janice Miano

More than 650 representatives from the private sector, government, and non-profit world, including the Arizona Heritage Alliance, gathered on September 21, 2019 at the historic Arizona Biltmore resort in Phoenix for the prestigious [Arizona Forward](#) Environmental Excellence Awards presented by SRP. Ninety-three projects were nominated, and I'm happy to report that the Alliance was awarded a 2019 Award of Distinction in the "Healthy Communities: Parks & Trails" category for the restoration of



the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund.

As you know, Senate Bill 1241 was signed into law by Governor Doug Ducey in June, so the Heritage Fund is back! The Alliance's Legislative Task Force, chaired by former State Rep Russ Jones of Yuma is now researching funding sources for the Fund until encumbrances from Arizona Lottery dollars in 2029. We are working again with past bill sponsors, State Rep Kate Brophy McGee and State Representative Joanne Osborne, to get this done.

The year 2020 is the 30th anniversary of the Arizona Heritage Fund. Since 1990, over a billion dollars have been invested from Lottery revenues to preserve, protect, and enhance Arizona

- natural and scenic environment
- historical and cultural heritage
- biological diversity
- local, regional, and state parks and trails
- wildlife and wildlife habitat
- endangered and threatened species
- environmental education

We look forward to working with State Parks and Game & Fish staff and commissions to have a vision for the Heritage Fund for the NEXT 30 years. We welcome your ideas.

Thank you to our members, friends, and supporters who believed – for the past ten years the State Parks Heritage Fund could be restored. Now we are working to fully fund the Fund to its annual \$10 million... because the need is so great all across our wonderful state. Your continued support will help make this goal possible. If you are not an Alliance member, please join us with a stronger commitment to our mission.

Alliance News & Notes

Lani Lott, Director

On May 24, 2019, Senate Bill 1241 (state parks board; heritage fund), introduced by State Senator Kate Brophy McGee (LD-28) was transmitted to Governor Doug Ducey for his signature. It has been ten years since the Arizona State Parks Board was forced to cancel or suspend \$11.7 million in Heritage Fund grants already



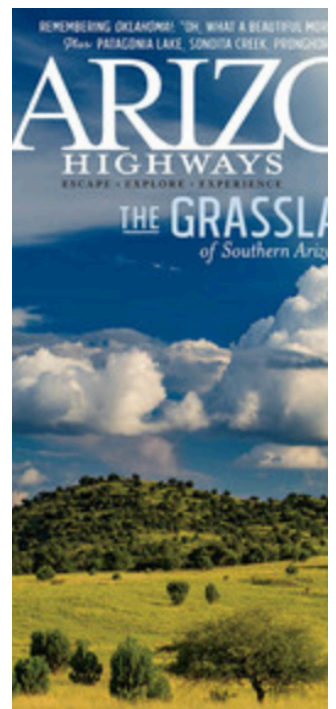
awarded and contracted. It has been a long, hard journey to restore the Heritage Fund, but the Arizona Heritage Alliance, supportive stakeholder groups and legislators, and hundreds and hundreds of Arizona citizens who wrote, called, emailed, and testified finally did it this past legislative session.



The Arizona Game and Fish Commission was recognized with the [Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies \(WAFWA\)](#) of the Year Award at an awards ceremony on July 15, 2019 at WAFWA's annual conference in Manhattan, KS. Each year the WAFWA honors conservation professionals from several western states with awards commending their work to conserve fish and wildlife resources. "As a staunch advocate for the state's authorities to manage wildlife in Arizona, the Commission is a national leader in wildlife conservation," AZGFD Director Ty Gray said. WAFWA also honored Bureau of Land Management State Director Ray Suazo as its Federal Conservation Partner of the Year. Since his appointment as State Director in 2011, Suazo has supported AZGFD's mission to conserve Arizona's diverse wild



Governor Doug Ducey has honored [Arizona Highways](#) and [Arizona State Parks and Trails](#) with his Good Government Award for a collaboration that includes a one-year subscription to the magazine when someone purchases an annual parks pass. Arizona Highways, published by the Arizona Department of Transportation, has added 12,500 subscribers since the promotion launched in July 2018, while the magazine promotes standard and premium annual passes available from Arizona State Parks and Trails. Additionally, Arizona State Parks and Trails has seen a nearly 11% increase in pass sales and promotes Arizona Highways magazine on its website, via social media channels, in parks and on vehicles throughout the state. The partnership has helped both the magazine and Arizona State Parks and Trails better promote travel and tourism around Arizona. For more information on annual passes available from Arizona State Parks and Trails, or on any of the 35 state parks, please visit azstateparks.com.



Congratulations to [Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Award](#) Winners who were honored at APRA's Annual Conference, August 20-22, 2019 at the Hilton El Conquistador, Oro Valley. For a complete listing of the 2019 Award Winners and [click here](#) for a listing all of the individuals and facilities that were nominated.

For more than 20 years the [Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Fund](#) has made a difference not just to wildlife conservation efforts, but also to the state's economy, public access, environmental education, and outdoor recreation. Passed by voters as a ballot initiative in 1990 by a 2-1 ratio, the fund provides up to \$10 million each year from Arizona Lottery proceeds to the Arizona Game and Fish Department for the conservation and protection of the state's wildlife and natural areas. The Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Fund is used to protect endangered species, acquire habitat for the benefit of sensitive species, provide access to outdoor recreational opportunities, and educate children and adults about wildlife.



The Arizona Game and Fish Department is now accepting applications for \$380,000 in [Heritage Fund grants](#) through 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019. Funding will be available through a competitive application process in the following categories: schoolyard habitat, urban wildlife/habitat, public access, and Identification, Inventory, Access, and Management (IIAPM). Applicants for this year's grants should refer to the the Heritage Grant web page for guidance on applying [here](#). The documents include the application manual, the grant application form and the various "Heritage Grant Funding Worksheet" documents, which describe eligibility information and provide specific eligibility criteria for each grant sub-category. Grant proposals and applications can be submitted by email to ldehart@azgfd.gov or mailed to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Heritage Fund Administrator, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086. No faxed applications will be accepted.

If you hike, boat, ride, hunt, fish, watch wildlife, visit a park, or tour historic sites, then Arizona's Heritage Fund affects your life! The Arizona Heritage Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created in 1992 to protect Arizona's Heritage Fund and its objectives. The Alliance is guided by a Board of Directors drawn from a broad base of outdoor sports, environmental conservation, and historic preservation groups that helped pass the 1990 statewide voter initiative creating the Heritage Fund. We're always looking for new voices and talent to help us achieve our mission to preserve and enhance Arizona's historic, cultural, and natural heritage. If you are interested in joining our Board or serve on a Committee, [send a note to our Board Director](#).



Board Member Spotlight

Kathleen Roediger came to Phoenix in 1969, moving from Detroit with her family and h worked in the banking industry from 1968 until retiring in July 2018, most recently as a C Consultant/Certified Treasury Professional at Wells Fargo Bank, having extensive experier operations/processing, correspondent banking, account analysis, and treasury products w government and nonprofit business lines. Kathy is currently service as the Alliance's Treas

Kathy enjoys backpacking, hiking, yoga/fitness, wildlife watching, working on political car reading, and music. She was a horse owner for 45 years, breeding, showing, and racing (horses. She volunteers with Audubon, Wild At Heart (burrowing owl habitat), and the Sier

Kathy serves as the Alliance's representative to Arizona Forward, a business organization sustainability issues, participating on the Natural Resources and Advocacy committee and committee. She was the Conservation Chair for the Wells Fargo Bank Green Team in Arizc 2018. She was a member of the original Board of Directors for REP America, Republicans Environmental Protection (now ConservAmerica) from 1996-2000.

Kathy is a lifetime member of the Sierra Club and served on the Grand Canyon Chapter E Committee from 1995-2002, chairing the Chapter from 1996-2000. She served on the Cit Environmental Quality Commission from 1995-2002 and the City's Surface Transportation Subcommittee from 1994-1995. Kathy also served as a citizen representative on the Arizi Department of Environmental Quality's Soils Cleanup Task Force, which established clean and levels for contaminated soils in the state of Arizona, from 1996-1998.

Partner Spotlight

Black Canyon Heritage Park, 33955 Old Black Canyon Highway, Black Canyon City provides visitors with a chance to experience nature and culture in a friendly, nurturing environment. [The Black Canyon Heritage Park](#) has a short accessible trail that offers a chance to enjoy being outdoors and learn through interpretive signage. Continuously working to maintain and improve the Park includes adding educational media, removing invasive species from the Agua Fria River Corridor and improving riparian habitat for a variety of wildlife species provides resources necessary for butterflies to survive and produce successive generation even earned the distinction as a Monarch Waystation view. The Park is also home to Black



own Historical Society housed in the Historic 1926 Schoolhouse and Museum as well as it
 the Friends of the [Agua Fria National Monument](#) enhances the Park role to introduce you
 Monument and all of its discoveries. With the Chamber of Commerce located in the Visito
 park is also the Gateway to many fun, educational, recreational and historical areas of the
 Black Canyon Heritage Park in partnership with the Cañon School will be hosting the [Smit
 Water/Ways, Museum on Main Street](#) traveling exhibit from December 14, 2019 through
 2020 at the Cañon School, 34630 S. School Loop Road, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324.

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The Arizona Heritage Alliance is a 501-C-3 non-profit organization with the mission to preserve and enhance Arizona’s historic, cultural, and natural heritage. To accomplish our mission, we actively:

- Protect the integrity and voter intent of the Arizona 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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