



MEDIA ALERT

**PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED 01/05/2012, 3:00 P.M. at Wesley Bolin Park
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**CAPITOL GROUNDS MAKEOVER TO GET 'BIG REVEAL':
*Governor Jan Brewer and Senate President Steve Pierce to Speak***

ARIZONA -- (January 3, 2012) -- In advance of Arizona's upcoming centennial in February, a team of community leaders from both the public and private sectors will officially unveil the results of their united effort to beautify Arizona's Capitol Mall and Wesley Bolin Plaza on Thursday. Governor Jan Brewer and Senate President Steve Pierce will speak at the press conference scheduled for Thursday, January 5, at 3:00 p.m.

Hickman's Family Farms, Arizona's only commercial egg producer, led a group of Arizona businesses in the grassroots effort. Inspired by a conversation he had with State Senator Steve Pierce, Clint Hickman helped assemble a task force to realize a common goal – to get the Capitol grounds in shape by February. A co-owner and vice president, Hickman states, "It has been with great pride that our Hickman's Family Farms has been able to help with the Arizona State Capitol Centennial Beautification Project. Given the chance to forge partnerships between trade associations, private and public sector organizations in which to donate our products, services and resources to help the area transform into a beautiful place to celebrate our Centennial has been so worthwhile. Wesley Bolin Park is once again a true gem."

Cheryl Goar, executive director for Arizona Nursery Association, adds, "The Arizona Nursery Association is delighted to play a part in celebrating Arizona's centennial by showcasing the beautiful desert appropriate plant material grown by Arizona nurseries. Our members as well as our partnering organizations really stepped up to make the capitol landscape something of which Arizonans can be proud."

Local businesses and individuals donated products and services related to the beautification project, and government entities and trade associations were involved in giving guidance and supervision of various capacities. Inmate crews, provided by the Department of Corrections, handled the labor.

Among those assisting in the beautification project are the Department of Administration, Department of Corrections, Department of Agriculture, Arizona State Legislature (Senator Steve Pierce), members of the Arizona Nursery Association, and members of the Arizona Rock Products Association.

Participating Arizona businesses include Hickman's Family Farms, Duncan Family Farms, Arizona Grain, Salt River Project, Tim Price Enterprises, and Waibel and Associates.

The Governor and Senator Pierce will be speaking at Wesley Bolin Park where a centennial unveiling will take place.

Additional information is available at www.hickmanseggs.com.

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