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SPRING PLANT SALE

Members' Preview: Wednesday | March 18 | 12 - 6pm

General Public: Saturday | March 21 | 9am - 5pm
Sunday | March 22 | 10am - 4pm

Be aware that the plant sale is located on the east side of the grounds in the Propagation Area at 7211 N. Northern Avenue, which is the first street just west of the Ina and Oracle intersection.

Spring is a magical time in the desert. It washes its paintbrush across the desert landscape. To celebrate we'll be welcoming the public into our Propagation Area for our annual Spring Plant Sale. Our plant advisors will provide you with the information you need to create your own desert garden escape. You'll find hundreds of unique plants that are selected to thrive in our southwestern landscape, including difficult to find native species. We'll have hardy trees, cacti, shrubs, and perennials to fill your yard with wildlife. Annual native wildflowers and exotic succulents that will add color and form to your garden will also be available. Stop by and bring some spring home with you.

SUNDAYS IN THE garden

SPRING CONCERT SERIES

1:30 - 3:00 pm | Performance Garden
Concerts free with admission

MARCH 1	Diana Yusupov Classical Cello
MARCH 8	Randal Dighton Troubadour
MARCH 15	Tucson Guitar Quartet Classical and Latin American Music
MARCH 22	LeeLee Hunter Classical Guitar
*No Concert on March 29	
APRIL 5	Emily Anderson Folk singer-songwriter
APRIL 12	Andrea Roberto Classical Guitar
APRIL 19	#InvestinEd Showcase: Sahuaro High School Chamber Ensemble Chamber Music
APRIL 26	Borderlands Ensemble American and Mexican Music



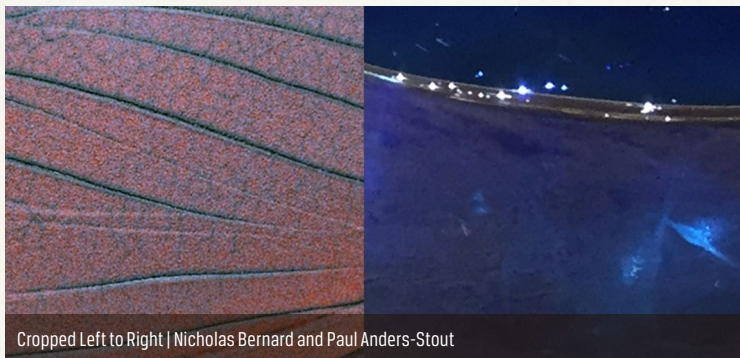
MEXICAN CRAFTS | SALE



FRIDAY, MARCH 6 - SUNDAY, MARCH 8
FROM 10 AM - 4 PM | LOMAKI HOUSE
FREE ADMISSION DURING THE SALE



Jim Waid | Along the Tanque Verde | acrylic on canvas



Cropped Left to Right | Nicholas Bernard and Paul Anders-Stout

ENTRY GALLERY PROJECT SPACE

The Entry Gallery Project Space offers Arizona artists an intimate space for cohesive projects. Ros and Kennedy conduct a colorful dialog that unites their seemingly disparate works; Windsor and Windsor present the inner beauty of desert woods in turned wood and fabric abstractions; Swangstu employs thin strips of hand-dyed cotton fabric in moody textile collages.



Stu Jenks | Three Sisters and a Brother | Saguaro Rib



Doris Smallcanyon | Katsina Design Bracelet | silver, coral and turquoise | 2005.2.10a

EXHIBITIONS 2020

ON THE DESERT: THE DISCOVERY AND INVENTION OF COLOR

Main Gallery | Continuing through April 15

Moves beyond the gray-scale and sets the color wheel spinning across the desert southwest.

FEATURED ARTISTS: PAUL ANDERS-STOUT AND NICHOLAS BERNARD

Welcome Gallery | Continuing through April 15

Intense color on and through hypnotic sculptural forms and vessels; glass works blown and shaped by Tucson-based Paul Anders-Stout and fired ceramic works thrown and glazed by Scottsdale-based Nicholas Bernard.

ERINN KENNEDY AND TODD ROS

Desert Duet | February 7 - March 15

DAVID WINDSOR AND JANET WINDSOR

Slices of Sonora | March 20 - April 26

HOLLY SWANGSTU

May 1 - June 7

IMPRESSIONS IN PLACE

Main Gallery | April 23 - August 9

Investigates the human need to leave behind a mark; an artistic awareness of a 'sense of place' - how a place is impressed upon the artist and vice versa.

Reception with the Artists: Thursday, April 23 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Curator's Talk: Tuesday, April 28 and Thursday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.

PERMANENT COLLECTION | NEW PERSPECTIVES VI

Welcome Gallery | April 25 - July 31

Is the sixth survey of objects from Tohono Chul's Permanent Collection curated by our volunteers: Gigi Kammeyer, Sunny Stone, Phyllis Cavender, Len Poliandro, and Sara Wetegrove.



GIFT SPOTLIGHT:

REMEMBERING ANN HORST

When his wife of 68 years died last summer, Bill Horst remembered Margaret Ann with a generous memorial gift to the Endowment for Tohono Chul. For Bill it is an investment in the long-term success of the project they have supported since it launched 35 years ago.

The Horsts and Wilsons were lifetime family friends. Bill and Dick Wilson became faculty colleagues in the UA School of Mines in 1962. Ann and Jean Wilson volunteered at Tohono Chul; explored their interest in art courses; and worked with two others to found the Girls Club of Tucson. Ann was the first President of the Board of Directors in 1969.

Ann was both wise and optimistic. Family was her first priority and she and Bill enjoyed many happy years with their children, Todd and Melinda. Her precise, rich and detailed artwork fills their home. Her colorful mandalas became family efforts as she participated actively in the Art Therapy Program at Splendido at Rancho Vistoso, where she and Bill have lived since 2006.

MORE ABOUT THE ENDOWMENT

If you wish to leave a gift to the Endowment for Tohono Chul, the following language is provided as an accommodation for you and your professional planner. It is not intended as legal advice.

"Thereby leave (percentage of estate, amount of gift or the rest and residue) to Tohono Chul Park, an Arizona non-profit (#86-0438592), 7366 North Paseo del Norte, Tucson, AZ 85704 to become part of The Endowment for Tohono Chul"

WILSON LEGACY SOCIETY

You are invited to become a member of the Wilson Legacy Society. Simply plan your gift through your will or trust and request a membership packet. The society celebrates those like you who leave a gift through your estate. It is named in honor of Dick and Jean Wilson, who gave their home and property 35 years ago to become Tohono Chul.

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For more information, please visit tohonochul.org/planned-giving or contact Executive Director, Dr. Christine Conte at cconte@tohonochul.org or 520-742-6455, ext. 212



SONORAN SPRING GALA | 20 20

STAY COOL AT THE HOTTEST GARDEN PARTY IN THE WEST!

Sunday, March 29 | 4-7pm

Tickets \$130

Purchase at tohonochul.org/gala
or at any one of our museum shops!

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GRAND PRIZE!

Two-night stay for two at the Bear Mountain Lodge in
Silver City, New Mexico

ADDITIONAL PRIZES:

1ST PRIZE: Sunday Brunch at the Garden Bistro
for 10 (\$400 value)

2ND PRIZE: \$300 Garden Bistro Certificate

3RD PRIZE: \$200 Garden Bistro Certificate

4TH PRIZE: \$100 Garden Bistro Certificate



CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

Phenology: the study of the timing of plant and animal life cycle events, such as flowering and migration, which are affected by seasonal variations in climate

Quite literally, phenology is “the science of appearance” and it is the focus of a variety of docent-inspired projects that are helping spread the concept of citizen science — ordinary people collecting and sharing data about the natural world.

It began about five years ago with the installation of several motion-activated wildlife cameras along select trails and washes. Currently overseen by docent Olivia Carey, we are still determining who exactly our resident wildlife is and what they are up to. We are tracking species, numbers and locations of sightings, particularly those of our “resident” bobcat populations where we are starting to see patterns of activity. The biggest surprise so far? A gray fox.

“I am grateful for the opportunity Tohono Chul provides to do this kind of observing in what is a semi-urban area.”

—Olivia Carey

Our multi-decade saguaro growth study, taken over by docent Don Johnson, has morphed into two additional saguaro-centered projects. In the first, 25 volunteers and docents are working together in the first “official”

count of Tohono Chul saguaros. Motivated by Saguaro National Park’s decennial count of *Carnegiea gigantea*, and with practice distinguishing between baby saguaros and other small cacti, our citizen scientists are plotting the location, height, number of arms and bird nesting holes in their assigned grids. Docent Julie Hallbach and her team are also studying saguaros. Working with specimens from the growth study they are logging flowering, fruiting and events important in the saguaro life cycle. Oh, and that growth study? Those are the saguaros with the color-coded spines and we are still tracking how slowly, or fast, they grow.

“I got involved because I didn’t want to lose any of the data. I would love to see it in about 50 years.” —Don Johnson

Jump-started by a Heritage Grant from Arizona Game and Fish, our 2017-2019 after-school science program with Amphitheater’s Cross Middle School introduced 7th graders to the study of phenology by assigning them specific transects of the grounds. With docent mentors like Hank Verbais, students practiced their observation and notetaking skills while tracking how wildlife used areas with or without access to water, hypothesizing the effects of regular human foot traffic.

“I guess I am all about sharing the incredible story of the desert with kids who may be inspired to become scientists themselves someday.” —Hank Verbais

Having worked extensively with Flowing Wells District in the past, hosting teacher workshops and unique partnerships with Reid Park and the Bronx Zoos, it was fairly easy to reconnect with kindergarten teachers at Richardson Elementary School. Beginning in 2018, docent Karen Endorf put together a team and made the edible and useful plants of the desert a relatable topic for pint-sized scientists, combining classroom visits with field trips to Tohono Chul. An invitation from the District Curriculum Coordinator put us in touch with Hendrickson Elementary this year where we are repeating our successful kindergarten program.

Expanding our school partnerships we are now working with CATS, Flowing Wells’ Center for Academically Talented Students. Grouped by grade level — 5th to 8th — students visit Tohono Chul during the spring semester, collecting data on a pre-determined set of key Sonoran Desert plants. In a “relay race model,” as each grade checks on plant activity, observations are shared with the next grade due to

visit. The resulting summaries are being posted on Nature's Notebook, the national phenology network. Another work-in-progress is a Tohono Chul Phenology



Trail designed to enlist visitors in do-it-yourself citizen science. Newly minted docent Mack Consigny is behind this self-guided tour which will allow our guests to make observations and collect data in the time it takes them to finish a Walk in the Gardens.

And then there's the Lucy's Warbler nest box project with Tucson Audubon and the continuing monarch tagging program with Southwest Monarch Study, but the phenology study that started it all? Well, that would be our Queen of the Night, with bloom cycle observations covering more than 30 years!

"These docent-led projects are cutting edge, engaging volunteers and guests in research that helps us better understand the natural world."

—Stephen Spikes, Interpretive Programs Manager



PLAN YOUR ESTATE FREE SEMINARS

Thursday | April 16 | 2pm or Tuesday | April 21 | 10am

Come learn from two accomplished Tucson Estate Planning Attorneys:

Jacquelyne J. Mingle, Fleming & Curti, PLC, and
Matthew L. Scarber, Rubin & Burnstein, PLC

Enjoy free refreshments. RSVP to Angela Whitsell at philanthropy@tohonochochul.org

MOTHERS & GRANDMOTHERS!

Free Admission on Sunday, May 10

Mothers and Grandmothers receive free admission all day on Sunday, May 10! Make a day of it at Tohono Chul by dining at the Garden Bistro, then explore the gardens, nature trails, museum shops, and art galleries.

FATHERS & GRANDFATHERS!

Free Admission on Sunday, June 21

Fathers and Grandfathers receive free admission all day on Sunday, June 21! Take a relaxing stroll through the gardens and spot wildlife on the nature trails. Don't forget to visit the Retail Greenhouse and museum shops.



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2019 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR:

EDUCATION:

Marlene Shamis

EXHIBITS:

Paul Miller

MARKETING:

Stephen Greene

MUSEUM SHOPS:

Adele Steger

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Tempe Snyder

500 HOURS PINS

Maureen Burns	558
Carole DeBenedetti	536
Karen Erenberg	514
Katherine Gaboury	528
Stephen Greene	581
Julie Hallbach	557
Alison Lang	949
Glen Ostrander	715
Donna Overholt	602
Betsey Parlato	650
Adele Steger	660
Judy Thompson	614
Meryl Wade	527
Rosemary Zimmerman	643

1000 HOURS PINS

Ann Bleakly	1018
Maggie Chrisman	1152
Marion Cimmino	1151
Raymond Deeney	1006
Karen Endorf	1118
Carol Escobedo	1046
Jane Fairchild	1015
Katie Iverson	1177
Alice King	1012
Craig McClure	1034
Julia Nelson	1163
Len Poliandro	1177
Maya Seraphin	1085
Debra-Ann Strahl	1035

1500 HOURS PINS

Ronnie Bishop	1553
Olivia Carey	1632
Marianne Checkovich	1603
Tom Crawford	1733
Link Davenport	1555
Margaret Douglas	1566
Anita Lucas	1643
Carol Massanari	1716
Carlene Parker	1516
Sunny Stone	1743
Lynda Treat-Clemons	1687
Sara Wetegrove	1734

2000 HOURS PINS

Crystal Akazawa	2172
Midege Berlowe	2099
Sharon Edwards	2108

2500 HOURS PINS

Peggie Allen	2524
Kathleen Barber	2619
Laraine Callahan	2650

Michele Dunlap	2730
Janel Feierabend	2508
Jennifer Forsch	2533
Diane Lafayette	2530
Marlene Shamis	2867
Hank Verbais	2995

3000 HOURS PINS

Barb Carolus	3179
Anne Gates	3163
Mike Hicks	3211
Mary Primeau	3034
Carolyn Vemulapalli	3066

3500 HOURS PIN

Cylphine Bresdin	3816
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4000 HOURS PIN

Paul Miller	4518
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4500 HOURS PIN

Jeanie Honn	4518
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5000 HOURS PIN

Jay Suchland	5095
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5500 HOURS PIN

Donald Johnson	5536
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6000 HOURS PIN

Jane Wall	6141
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6500 HOURS PIN

Sarma Spitzer	6556
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8000 HOURS PIN

Karen Jonaitis	8015
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10000 HOURS PIN

Arlene Schneider	10,165
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SPRING 2020 SCHEDULE

Visit tohonochul.org to register for classes
or buy tickets for special events

FEBRUARY 2020 EVENTS

Living in the Desert	Class	February 6 - March 12	10 am - 12 pm
A Pool Re-purposed	Class	February 29 Saturday	10 am
Nature Journaling	Class	February 21 - 23 Saturday - Sunday	5 - 7 pm or 9 am - 3 pm
Southern Arizona Clay Artist Ceramics Sale	Special Event	Feb 28-29 Friday & Sunday	10 am - 4 pm
The Gift of Nature #1	Class	February 29 Saturday	10 am - 2 pm

MARCH 2020 EVENTS

Sundays in the Garden: Concert Series	Special Event	March 1, 8, 15, 22 Sundays	1:30 - 3 pm
Mexican Folk Art Show & Sale	Special Event	March 6, 7, 8 Friday to Sunday	10 am - 4 pm
iPhone Photo Editing #2	Class	March 7 Saturday	9 am - 12 pm
The Traveler's Garden: Durable, Trouble-free Design	Class	March 7 Saturday	10 am
Yoga in the Spring at the Overlook	Class	March 10 - April 28	8:30 - 9:30 am
Pocket Sketching	Class	March 11 - 13 Wednesday - Friday	10 am - 4 pm
Dapper Animal Mosaic Portraits	Class	March 13 Friday	10 am - 4 pm
The Gift of Nature #2	Class	March 14 Saturday	10 am - 2 pm
Tucson Floral Top Ten	Class	March 14 Saturday	10 am
Spring Plant Sale Members' Preview	Special Event	March 18 Wednesday	12 - 6 pm
Home Sweet Habitat	Exhibit	March 19 - June 26	
Slices of Sonora : David Windsor & Janet Windsor	Exhibit	March 20 - April 26	
Spring Plant Sale	Special Event	March 21, 22 Saturday & Sunday	9 am - 5 pm & 10 am - 4 pm
Visual Journaling with Collage	Class	March 27 - May 1 Fridays	10 am - 12 pm
The Frugal Gardner	Class	March 28 Saturday	10 am
Copper Basketry Vessel	Class	March 28 Saturday	9 am - 4 pm
The Gift of Nature #3	Class	March 28 Saturday	10 am - 2 pm
Sonoran Spring Gala	Special Event	March 29 Sunday	4 - 7 pm

APRIL 2020 EVENTS

Sundays in the Garden: Concert Series	Special Event	April 5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays	1:30 - 3 pm
Mount Lemmon SkyNights	Special Event	April 2 Thursday	3 - 11 pm
Garden of Writing Retreat	Class	April 4 Saturday	9 am - 2 pm
Verde Valley in the Spring	Special Event	April 7 Tuesday	7:30 am - 5 pm

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iPhone Photos (Digital Works of Art)	Class	April 11 Saturday	9 am - 12 pm
Agave Mandala	Class	April 11 Saturday	10 am - 4 pm
Reception with the Artists: David & Janet Windsor	Exhibit	April 23 Thursday	5:30 - 8 pm
Impressions in Place	Exhibit	April 23 - August 9	
Paper Flowers - Mexican Gold Poppies!	Class	April 25 Saturday	10 am - 12:30 pm
Curator Talk	Special Event	April 28 Tuesday	10 am - 12 pm
Following the Navajo Weaving Trail	Special Event	April 29 - May 3	
Curator Talk	Special Event	April 30 Tuesday	10 am - 12 pm

MAY 2020 EVENTS

FREE ADMISSION! National Public Gardens Day	Special Event	May 8 Friday	All-Day
FREE ADMISSION FOR MOMS! Mother's Day	Special Event	May 10 Sunday	All-Day
Featured Artist: Holly Swangstu	Exhibits	May 1 - June 7	
Bloom Watch Begins	Special Event	Mid-May - July	

JUNE 2020 EVENTS

FREE ADMISSION FOR DADS! Father's Day	Special Event	June 21 Sunday	All-day
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BLOOM WATCH

Each year, for one evening only between May and July, Tohono Chul opens its doors to visitors from around the world to experience the majestic mass blooming of the Queen of the Night, the night-blooming cereus *Peniocereus greggii*. The Queen of the Night is here in abundance as Tohono Chul is home to the world's largest private collection.

For more information visit tohonochul.org



NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDENS DAY FRIDAY, MAY 8

Enjoy FREE ADMISSION to the park as we celebrate National Public Gardens Day, a day which raises awareness of public gardens and the important role they play in our communities.

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