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TOHONO CHUL'S NEWSLETTER



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SUNDAYS IN THE garden

FALL CONCERT SERIES

CANCELLED THIS SEASON

Check back for more information on the
spring season in 2021

FALL PLANT SALE

NEW!

DATE | HOURS | LOCATION | MEMBER DAYS

Members' Preview:

Thursday | November 5 | 9am - 5pm

Friday | November 6 | 9am - 5pm

General Public:

Saturday | November 7 | 9am - 5pm

Sunday | November 8 | 9am - 5pm

To reserve your spot: tohonochul.org/fallplantsale

This is not our ordinary Fall Plant Sale! In an effort to host the Fall Plant Sale more safely this season, we have made MANY changes to the format. Please note:

- The sale is taking place Thursday, November 5 – Sunday, November 8.
- Now a 4-day sale, starting on a Thursday instead of a Wednesday.
- 2 days devoted to the Members' Preview, instead of just one.
- Shopping by reservation only to control the amount of people in the space at a given time.
- Located in the main parking lot off Paseo del Norte to spread out the product.



GUATEMALAN CRAFTS SALE | NOW ONLINE!

October 29, 30, & 31

This year we are hosting the sale online only!

Visit tohonochul.org/crafts-sale for the link to shop.

Bring a kaleidoscope of color into your home with the Guatemalan Crafts Sale. For almost a decade we've hosted this trunk sale featuring an array of brilliant beaded jewelry, colorful shawls, handwoven textiles, contemporary purses, vests, table runners and embroidered square-cut blouses also known as traditional huipiles.

EXHIBITIONS 2020-2021



TAMARA SCOTT ANDERSON | Shimmering Desert | hand-dyed fabric, thread, and beads



NICHOLAS BERNARD . Sunset Wrap . ceramic



(left to right) JANET WINDSOR . DAVID WINDSOR . KATE BREAKAY



FELÍ JOJOLA | Black, White, and Red Geometric Greenware Jar
from the Agnes T. and Don L. Smith Collection



MICHAEL CHIAGO . Origin of the Saguaro . gouache on paper
from the TOHONO CHUL PERMANENT COLLECTION . ACNO 2003.2.31

ENCOMPASSING ARIZONA

Main Gallery | opening on October 21, 2020

Will encompass a wide variety of artworks and a broad range disciplines and processes from a diverse roster of Arizona artists. Featuring established and emerging artists from across the state, the Main Gallery will be an active space—new work being installed with great frequency.

NICHOLAS BERNARD | FEATURED ARTIST

Welcome Gallery

continuing through November 15, 2020

Intense color on and over elegant ceramic vessels that conjure otherworldly and earthly elements—thrown, shaped, and glazed by Scottsdale based artist Nicholas Bernard.

ENTRY GALLERY PROJECT SPACE

David Windsor and Janet Windsor | Slices of Sonora
continuing through October 25, 2020

Idea and Execution

October 30, 2020 – January 10, 2021

SLICES OF SONORA presents the inner beauty of desert woods in turned wood and fabric abstractions. IDEA and EXECUTION honors six Arizona artists that have contributed mightily to projects at Tohono Chul over the past six years and who have also been selected to be part of this year's Arizona Biennial 2020 exhibition at the Tucson Museum of Art.

THE COLLECTIONS CORNER

Welcome Gallery | November 20, 2020 – January 17, 2021

Helps support Tohono Chul with 100% of each sale going directly to the Gardens, Galleries, and Programs. Unique vintage pieces from five collections that have been gifted and not accessioned into the Tohono Chul Permanent Collection are now available for purchase. The Collections Corner offers a rare opportunity to acquire museum quality artwork, jewelry, and objects.

SELECTIONS FROM THE TOHONO CHUL PERMANENT COLLECTION

Foyer Gallery | Desert Discovery Education Center
opening on October 21, 2020

Presents the depth and scope of Tohono Chul's Permanent Collection. This installment focuses on the Native People of the Desert Southwest through baskets, weavings, ceramics, objects, and artwork.



AN ENDURING LEGACY FOR TOHONO CHUL

Fifteen thousand three hundred. That's a big number, especially when you consider it's the number of hours Chuck and Karen Jonaitis invested volunteering for Tohono Chul. It all began in 1991 when Karen was first introduced to Tohono Chul after moving here from the Midwest with husband, Chuck. An avid Midwest gardener, she was very excited to learn about Sonoran Desert plants and vegetation at Tohono Chul, which was all very new and different, of course. She recruited Chuck to become a docent, too, just four years later when he retired.

Over the years, Chuck and Karen served as docents and greenhouse plant experts, led adult and school day tours on property, and spoke to community groups on behalf of Tohono Chul. Chuck volunteered on the Board of Directors for nine years, serving as the organization's Board President in 2012.

Chuck and Karen loved to travel and they did so extensively with our travel group. They discovered amazing things about the world around us while visiting places like the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, the Yucatan Mayan Ruins and Oaxaca, Mexico.

Tohono Chul holds a special place in their hearts. So much so, that they chose to join the Wilson Legacy Society by designating a portion of their estate to support Tohono Chul.

The Wilson Legacy Society includes members, docents, volunteers, staff and friends who have included Tohono Chul in their estate plans. It is their vision and generosity that will ensure Tohono Chul will be here for generations of families to come.



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

THE ENDOWMENT FOR TOHONO CHUL

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. "I hereby 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 join the Wilson Legacy Society, Tohono Chul's legacy giving circle, named in honor of Dick and Jean Wilson who created Tohono Chul 35 years ago with a gift of their home and property. Simply plan your gift through your will or trust and request a membership packet by contacting Christine Conte, Ph.D. at 520.742.6455, extension 212.



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IN LIEU OF DOCENT CLASS

Out of adversity rises opportunity. The cancelation of the docent class this year has given us the opportunity to return to our roots and examine what is core to the guest experience at Tohono Chul, interpreting our beloved Sonoran Desert upland region.

But first, why was it canceled? The docent class has always been a hands-on training with plenty of in-door lectures, in-person mentoring, on the grounds practice, and other social interactions. The goal is to train folks from diverse backgrounds to become *Desert Interpreters*. In other words, to train our docents to give tours to our guests. The current COVID-19 pandemic makes it difficult to respect social distancing with the number of students who usually enroll for the class while also maintaining our tradition of excellence. And with tours on hold for the time being, there is no need to train a new cohort. Do not worry, the docent class will return in the fall of 2021.

Docents at Tohono Chul like to call themselves *Lifelong Learners*. The docent program aims to enrich our docent's lives and inspire them to be good stewards of our natural world beyond the class. So our continuing education program for current volunteers and docents will continue with some modifications.

The puzzle pieces to enrichment. Docents and volunteers can expand their knowledge in many different ways. Our traditional monthly volunteer meetings continue. To accommodate for social distancing and keep everyone safe, we are holding these meetings online using Zoom. Our fall guest speakers include Kerry Schwartz from Arizona Project Wet,

Mike Crimmins from the University of Arizona Department of Environmental Science, and Jeff Babson from Sky Island Tours.

Our yearly Enrichment Program continues as well. Renamed Enrichment+ to emphasize that these classes expand on the docent training. This year's classes will include fan favorites on birds, butterflies, flowering plants, desert landscaping, ethnobotany, and brand new programs on succulents and cactuses, accessibility and inclusivity, creating a welcoming environment for all, interpretation in non-traditional ways, and more important than ever "why do people visit museums?"

Recertification for giving tours. In person tours at Tohono Chul will eventually return. We need to be ready to welcome our guests and offer outstanding tours that also keep our guests and volunteers safe. Enrichment+ will include classes to earn credits towards recertification and train volunteers and docents in the new safety procedures we put in place to protect the health of our community.

Growing and participating. Interpretation has always been a cornerstone of our mission. While we are not offering tours at the moment, a couple of docent rovers are on grounds, masks on, to answer your questions from a safe distance. Modified Eco-stations will return in October as well. These are now no-touch carts. Docents will provide show-and-tell interpretation following each cart's daily theme. We will also take advantage of the fewer "interpretation moments on grounds" to expand interpretation into the digital space. Our Speakers' Bureau program, hour long presentations on the natural history and culture of our Sonoran Desert, are moving to Zoom!



STROLL N' SHOP

WHAT BETTER ANSWER TO COVID-19 THAN
SHOPPING THERAPY!

**Thursday through Sunday, October 22 through 25
9am to 4pm**

Free for members

Regular admission for the general public

Advance admission available online

This year has disrupted plans and kept us apart, but we're not quite as isolated as we were and it's time to get outside and reconnect with all you love about Tohono Chul. So, while there will be no fall concert series, or Chiles and Chocolate, or even Holiday Nights, there will be the Stroll N' Shop, four days for you to explore the grounds, experience the latest installation in the Exhibit House, have lunch in the Bistro, take home a chile plant or two from the Greenhouse, and do some early holiday shopping in the Museum Shops and with a selection of local vendors.



**NO HOLIDAY NIGHTS, BUT YOU
MAY BE ABLE TO MEET SANTA!
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Grounds | 8am - 5pm

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IMPROVED SAFETY MEASURES

For the safety of our guests and staff, we are only selling timed admission tickets online to limit the number of guests. Please arrive at the time you selected, otherwise you may not be admitted. Masks and social distancing are required. Please note only the main garden area is open during this time and follow the one-way path via directional signage. Please bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated (refill stations available) and be aware of your surroundings.

- Limiting the number of reservations per hour
- Limiting the number of guests in the Museum Shops and the Exhibit House at any given time
- Hand sanitizer stations throughout the gardens
- Only the hands-free water bottle refill stations are available
- Masks required by staff and guests
- The (2) public restrooms available are cleaned every hour
- One-way traffic to aid social distancing
- Sneeze guards at Admissions and the Museum Shops
- Temperature checks for employees and volunteers on duty



DAILY GARDEN UPDATES

For your continued health and safety, and for that of staff and volunteers, we will not be re-instituting our daily tour schedule. However, greeters will be available at Admissions and in the Overlook to answer questions and provide directions.

We will also be installing temporary interpretive signage at various points of interest along the one-way loop through the heart of the gardens. Be sure to check them out!

Your patience and understanding during this difficult time is greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much!

FALL 2020 SCHEDULE

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

OCTOBER 2020 EVENTS

Slices of Sonora Entry Gallery	Exhibits	Continuing through October 25	
Nicholas Bernard Featured Artist Welcome Gallery	Exhibits	Continuing through November 15	
Organic Veggies and Herbs via Zoom	Workshop	Wednesday, October 7	10am
Mosaic Day of the Dead Sugar Skull Ed. Ctr. #1	Workshop	Saturday, October 10	10am-4pm
Photographer's Eye Ed. Ctr. #1	Workshop	Saturday, October 17	10am-12pm
Encompassing Arizona Main Gallery	Exhibits	Opening on October 21	
Selections from the Permanent Collection Foyer Gallery	Exhibits	Opening on October 21	
Stroll N' Shop	Event	Thursday-Sunday, October 22-25	9am-4pm
Patios for the Pandemic via Zoom	Workshop	Saturday, October 24	10am
Papier-mâché Sugar Skulls #1 Ed. Ctr. #1	Workshop	Saturday, October 24	10am
Papier-mâché Sugar Skulls #2 Ed. Ctr. #1	Workshop	Saturday, October 24	2pm
Guatemalan Crafts Sale Now Online	Event	Thursday-Saturday, October 29-31	
Idea and Execution Entry Gallery	Exhibits	Friday, October 30-January 10	
Copper Basketry Vessel Ed. Ctr. #1	Workshop	Saturday, October 31	9am-4pm

NOVEMBER 2020 EVENTS

Fall Plant Sale	Event	Thursday-Sunday, November 5-8	9am-5pm
Virtual Pocket Sketching via Zoom	Workshop	November 10, 13, 17, 20, & 24	10am-12pm
Pruning 101 via Zoom	Workshop	Wednesday, November 11	10am
The Collections Corner Welcome Gallery	Exhibits	Friday, November 20-January 17	
Mosaic Ornaments Ed. Ctr. #1	Workshop	Saturday, November 21	10am-3pm

DECEMBER 2020 EVENTS

Electrocuted Gourds X 3 Ed. Ctr. #1	Workshop	Saturday, December 5	9am-4pm
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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

TOURS & ECO-STATIONS

MONDAYS

ECO-STATION | Winged Things | Overlook | 11am to 1pm

TUESDAYS

ECO-STATION | Ocean to Desert | Overlook | 11am to 1pm

WEDNESDAYS

EVENT | Birds of Prey - Night & Day | Periodically 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
October 28-December 23 | 11am to 1pm

Check Tohono Chul's website for the Birds of Prey - Night & Day schedule

ECO-STATION | Rocks & Ruins | Overlook | 11am to 1pm

THURSDAYS

ECO-STATION | Desert Chow | Overlook | 11am to 1pm

FRIDAYS

EVENT | Reptile Ramble | Overlook | Periodically Fridays
October 2-November 20 | 10am

Check Tohono Chul's website for the Reptile Ramble schedule | No RR October 23

ECO-STATION | Creepy Crawlies | Overlook | 11am to 1pm

SATURDAYS

ECO-STATION | Plants and People | Overlook | 11am to 1pm



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