FALL PLANT SALE

Members’ Preview:
Wednesday | October 27 | 9am - 3pm

General Public:
Saturday | October 30 | 9am - 3pm
Sunday | October 31 | 9am - 3pm

Be aware that the plant sale is now hosted in our main parking lot located off Paseo del Norte.

Now’s your chance to add some local flora to your household with our Fall Plant Sale. Whether you’re potting them or planting in the ground, the selection of over 1,200 species of native vegetation is diverse and includes plants that cannot be found anywhere else. All the plants are propagated for the southern Arizona climate which means they are much hardier and arid-adapted, making them ideal for indoor and outdoor use. Choose from a selection of blooming vegetation to attract local fauna such as butterflies and hummingbirds. There are even special sections to help you find the right plant for your garden. Make your backyard a beautiful Sonoran Desert rainbow.

GUATEMALAN CRAFTS SALE

Friday & Saturday | November 12 & 13 | 10am - 4pm
Education Center Classroom #1 | 7211 N. Northern Avenue | Free Admission During the Sale

Infuse your home with a kaleidoscope of color from the Guatemalan Crafts Sale. For close to 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 the traditional square-cut embroidered blouses known as Huipiles. This unique event supports Tohono Chul and Guatemala’s vibrant cottage industries.
DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS
Main Gallery | Through November 8, 2021
Celebrates the creative ways artists honor and enliven this deeply meaningful holiday through artistic expressions of personal and universal significance. Curated by the Exhibits Department and Maricopa artist/anthropologist, Manuel Fontes, Día de los Muertos features sixty-one works from forty-three Arizona artists.

DIANE GANSKI AND MELODY PRENTICE | DREAMS OF THE DEAD
Welcome Gallery | Through November 8, 2021
This exhibit spotlights the lively, playful, and funky work of Tucson artists Diane Ganski and Melody Prentice in a special exhibition of jewelry, sculpture, and paintings. A big part of the Chiles, Chocolate, and Day of the Dead Festival the past several years, we are excited to welcome their Day of the Dead inspired creations to the Galleries.

VISIONARY REVISIONS
Entry Gallery | Through November 7, 2021
Focusing on artists that trust the “spark of intuition,” Visionary Revisions champions unusual approaches, borrowing from visionary, outsider, and folk art traditions and elevating reclaimed, repurposed, and recycled materials to the level of the precious. Featuring the work of: Royce Davenport, Patrick Hynes, Ed Larson, Mary Bohan, and Ralph Prata.

HOLLY SWANGSTU | FORGOTTEN SOIL
Entry Gallery Project Space
November 19, 2021 – January 2, 2022
The Entry Gallery Project Space series offers Arizona artists an intimate space for cohesive projects. Tucson artist, Holly Swangstu, employs thin strips of colorful hand-dyed cotton fabric in moody vertical and horizontal compositions that evoke the desert’s light, sky, and landscape.

THE ELEMENTS: EARTH
Main Gallery | November 19, 2021 – February 2, 2022
EARTH is the first exhibition in the series, THE ELEMENTS. Four exhibitions will investigate how artists utilize the elements of fire, air, water, and earth as medium, process, and subject. And how, as subject, these elements reflect some of the social, economic, political, and environmental issues Arizona currently faces.
Curator’s Talk: Tuesday, November 23 and Thursday, December 2 at 10 am
THE ROY J. KURTZ COLLECTION

AN INTRODUCTION
Roy J. Kurtz remembers the early beginnings of Tohono Chul when he could reach it from Ina Road. He remembers the Haunted Bookstore and speaks about the incredible place Tohono Chul has grown to be. This story – Roy’s story – blends his passion for collecting with Tohono Chul’s mission of “connecting people with the nature, art, and culture of the Sonoran Desert region...” and has culminated with a wondrous gift that will significantly enhance Tohono Chul’s Permanent Collection.

THE EARLY YEARS
The Kurtz family emigrated from Germany in the 1870s and settled in the coal mining country of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Roy was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania in 1933. After graduating from Greensburg High School in 1952, Roy worked in the steel mills. Earning enough money to attend the University of Pittsburgh, he graduated in 1957 with a B.B.A. in Economics. The day of his graduation, Roy received a draft notice and obediently joined the Army.

Stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, Roy developed an admiration and appreciation for other cultures and began to see serious collecting as a way to preserve them. Coming home, Roy took a position with the Westmoreland County Child Welfare Department that intensified his interest in social work. Backed by a scholarship and the GI Bill, Roy attended West Virginia University and earned a Master of Social Work degree that launched his 42-year career in social work. For over a decade, he devoted himself to child welfare. In 1972 and ready for a change, Roy moved to Tucson to work with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Roy retired in 2003. To celebrate, he acquired a beautiful piece of Tohono O’odham basketry, a large tray with a squash blossom motif of red yucca root. It serves as an acknowledgment of hard work and the importance of tradition.

The Roy J. Kurtz Collection is vast and will provide endless possibilities for Tohono Chul’s Education and Exhibits programs for years to come. Apart from Dick and Jean Wilson’s original gift, no gift has been as significant in representing the arts and traditions of our region as Roy’s donation. Not only did Roy gift his remarkable collection, but he has generously provided funding from his assets and through his estate to care for the collection in perpetuity.
THE ENDOWMENT FOR TOHONO CHUL

Donors with a vision for Tohono Chul’s future often enjoy endowment giving. Endowment earnings support Tohono Chul operations while the balance of the portfolio is reinvested. Including new gifts and investment earnings, Tohono Chul’s endowment has grown by nearly 50% since June 2020. For information on endowment giving, please contact Christine Conte, Ph.D. at 520.742.6455 extension 212.

WILSON LEGACY SOCIETY

You are invited to join the Wilson Legacy Society, Tohono Chul’s legacy giving circle, by leaving a gift to Tohono Chul through your will or estate. While not intended as legal advice, the following language will help guide you. “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.”
Kasey Fry joined Tohono Chul in June as our new Volunteer Services Coordinator and has already made a big impact. In the past several months Kasey has been able to meet a large number of our volunteers and docents, she has scheduled two days of coverage for Monsoon Madness, and is taking great strides to bring new volunteers into the fold for all departments as well as arranging several student internships for the Events Department and the Exhibits Department.

Kasey is a natural fit for Tohono Chul; she holds a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Science from Oregon State University and a B.S. in Veterinary Science from the University of Arizona with internships at the Tucson Audubon Society and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Before coming to Tohono Chul, Kasey was a Veterinary Assistant at Animal Birth Control of Tucson. Possessing considerable experience as a volunteer, Kasey has worked with Sister Jose’s Women’s Center, Sustainable Tucson, Tucson Wildlife Center, Wildlife Rehabilitations of Tucson and most recently Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson and the Tucson Audubon Society.

If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities at Tohono Chul please feel free to contact Kasey by email: kfry@tohonochul.org or by phone at 520.742.6455 extension 241. Kasey’s office is in The Desert Discovery Education Center.

Karen Hayes is Tohono Chul’s first Public Programs Manager. The newly created position will have Karen, who started in August, working with the Education and Exhibits Staff to maintain, develop, promote, and manage programs, workshops, travel, and classes.

Karen is very familiar with Tohono Chul, she served as the Assistant Curator and Collections Manager in the Exhibits Department from 2014 to 2018 and was instrumental in the development of the Tuesday Art Talks Series, Artist Studio Tours, Collections Grants, and General Operating Support Grants. Her connections to the creative community and to our visitors, members, volunteers, and docents runs deep. Karen holds a B.A. in Classics with an Art History Minor from The University of Arizona and an M.A. in Museum Studies from the University of Leicester.

In 2018, Karen moved to Denver and gained valuable experience, cataloging the assets of the U.S. Mint, followed by a stint as a Collections Assistant at the Denver Art Museum. Karen moved back to Tucson in 2019 and has been working at the Arizona State Museum as a Curatorial Assistant. She is very happy to be returning to Tohono Chul in this new role, and we are lucky to have her back.

Karen’s office is in the Desert Discovery Education Center. If you would like to connect with Karen and find out what will be coming up please feel free to contact her by email: khayes@tohonochul.org or by phone at 520.742.6455 extension 228.
TORTOISE TENDING TEAM

Our desert tortoises emerged from hibernation to a new world. When they entered their annual slumber last October we had mask mandates outdoors, the COVID-19 vaccines were still being developed, and there was much uncertainty as to when things would “return to normal”.

Blissfully unaware of our troubles, our six tortoises arose from their slumber ready to eat. They were greeted by a team of passionate and kind volunteers ready to provide the best possible care. Our Tortoise Tending Team is responsible for the feeding of our Desert Tortoises. They meet in pairs every day to ensure our tortoises are properly fed and watered. They follow the recommended diet for desert tortoises living in captivity. They favor native plants such as Globe Mallows, Evening Primroses, Desert Willow flowers, Prickly Pear fruit, Bermuda grass and supplement with leafy greens like collard greens, mustard greens, turnip greens and spinach.

Scooter, our male tortoise in the winter section of the Sonoran Seasons Garden, is getting a new home. Volunteers and grounds staff are building him a new burrow. Desert tortoises use their burrows to hibernate in the winter, escape the summer sun, and sleep safely at night. The ideal burrow is well insulated with dirt and sand. It is deep and wide enough so the tortoise can easily turn around, but not so roomy that the inside temperature changes quickly and to extremes. The temperature should not exceed 85 degrees on a hot and sunny afternoon.

HOLIDAY NIGHTS
A MILLION TWINKLING LIGHTS!

December 10, 11, 17, 18 | 5:30 – 8:30pm
Tickets on sale October 1
$13 members | $17 general public
$6 children ages 5-12 | children under 5 free

MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED SINCE SOCIAL DISTANCING IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS EVENT.

Holiday Nights is a Tucson twinkle light tradition that’s fun for everyone! Stroll along paths draped with over a million twinkling lights while musicians and artists perform throughout the gardens. Who can resist a sing-along, viewing the stars through a telescope, or local art? This is a great time to shop local as the Museum Shops are filled with unique gifts, the gallery has three exhibits on display, and don’t forget the ultimate gift of an annual membership to Tohono Chul.

Friday, December 10
Joe Bourne | Gabriel Ayala | Domingo DeGrazia | Cirque Roots | Santa

Saturday, December 11
Rene Taylor | Mr. Nature’s Music Garden | Tucson Jazz Institute | Cirque Roots | Santa

Friday, December 17
AZ Star Tours | McCann Sisters | Grupo Riken | Cirque Roots | Santa

Saturday, December 18
Dos Sueños | Maderas Strings | Jovert Steel Drum Band | Cirque Roots | Santa
DOCENT CLASS

October 2021 sees the return of Tohono Chul’s Docent Class. Our docents wear many hats, foremost being the guided interpretation they provide our guests. Docents lead tours through the gardens, sharing information about desert plants and creatures, and art exhibitions in addition to presenting eco-stations at the Overlook.

To get ready, Tohono Chul’s Docents in Training spend 18 weeks learning about the nature, art, and culture of the Sonoran Desert region. Seasoned docents fine-tune their interpretation skills by attending continuing education sessions throughout the year. Last year, COVID-19 canceled the Docent Class. Never standing still, current docents and volunteers concentrated on enriching their quest for life-long learning. With public tours returning in October, we will be ready to welcome our visitors with renewed vigor.

Docents, of all levels, focus on topics such as Ensuring a Positive Guest Experience; Inclusion and Accessibility; Principles of Interpretation; Birds, Butterflies, Succulents, Shrubs, Trees, Flowering Plants, and Vines; Connecting Plants and People (Ethnobotany); Desert Landscaping; and Tohono Chul Gardens.
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Visit tohonochul.org to register for classes or buy tickets to special events.
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
OCTOBER- APRIL SCHEDULE
TOURS & ECO-STATIONS

MONDAYS
TOUR | Walk in the Gardens | 10am, 12pm & 2pm
TOUR | Birds of Tohono Chul | 8:30am
ECO-STATION | Winged Things | Overlook | 11am to 1pm

TUESDAYS
TOUR | Walk in the Gardens | 10am, 12pm & 2pm
EVENT | Gallery Buzz | 11am
TOUR | Wildflowers: What's Bloomin'? | 10am
ECO-STATION | Ocean to Desert | Overlook | 11am to 1pm

WEDNESDAYS
TOUR | Walk in the Gardens | 10am, 12pm & 2pm
TOUR | Birds of Tohono Chul | 8:30am
EVENT | Gallery Buzz | 11am
TOUR | Wildflowers: What's Bloomin'? | 10am
EVENT | Birds of Prey - Night & Day | Oct. – Dec. | 11am to 1pm
Periodically 2nd & 4th Wednesday
Check Tohono Chul’s website for the Birds of Prey - Night & Day schedule
ECO-STATION | Ocean to Desert | Overlook | 11am to 1pm

THURSDAYS
TOUR | Walk in the Gardens | 10am, 12pm & 2pm
EVENT | Gallery Buzz | 11am
TOUR | Wildflowers: What's Bloomin'? | Mar – Apr | 10am
ECO-STATION | Desert Chow | Overlook | 11am to 1pm

FRIDAYS
TOUR | Walk in the Gardens | 10am, 12pm & 2pm
TOUR | Birds of Tohono Chul | 8:30am
TOUR | Connecting Plants and People | 11am
EVENT | Reptile Ramble | Overlook | mid-Aug – mid-Nov | 10am
Check Tohono Chul’s website for the Reptile Ramble schedule
ECO-STATION | Creepy Crawlyies | Overlook | 11am to 1pm

SATURDAYS
TOUR | Walk in the Gardens | 10am, 12pm & 2pm
TOUR | Birds of Tohono Chul | 8:30am
TOUR | Wildflowers: What's Bloomin'? | Mar – Apr | 10am
TOUR | Butterflies and their Plants | 11am
TOUR | Desert Landscaping | 9am
ECO-STATION | Plants and People | Overlook | 11am to 1pm

SUNDAYS
TOUR | Walk in the Gardens | 10am
TOUR | Art in the Gardens | 12pm
TOUR | Butterflies & Their Plants | 11am

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HOURS:
Gardens | 8am – 5pm
Garden Bistro | 8am – 4:30pm
Exhibits, Shops & Greenhouse | 9am – 5pm
Closed New Year’s Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving & Christmas