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CLASS, WORKSHOP & LECTURE LINEUP

November 2009 @ Tohono Chul Park

WHAT: AGAVES AND YUCCAS IN THE LANDSCAPE - NEW DATE

Drought-tolerant and visually striking, agaves and yuccas have a style all their own. Noted horticulturist and author Greg Starr (Starr Nursery), discusses the unique characteristics of these kissing cousins, focusing on their adaptations, similarities and differences. Starr shares his favorite plants, showing them in their natural habitats and offers suggestions for their use in the home landscape. Audience participation is mandatory, so come prepared to ask questions! *sponsored by MetroWater*

WHEN: Sat., October 31 / 10am - **Call 742-6455 x0 to reserve your space**

WHERE: **The Education Center, Classroom #1**

Tohono Chul Park
7366 N Paseo del Norte
Tucson, AZ 85704

COST: **\$4 members/\$8 general public**

WHAT: LIFE, DEATH, AND REDEMPTION AT THE GRAND CANYON

This is a tale of foolishness and ultimate redemption in one of the most remote locations in North America. In summer 2008, Docent Instructor Tom McDonald hiked the Lava Falls Trail from the rim of the Grand Canyon at Toroweap to the Colorado River below. The steepest and most rugged trail in the Canyon, McDonald hiked it alone, in 100° weather and against the advice of Park rangers. The result? He was stranded for two days at the bottom. In summer 2009, McDonald returned to the canyon to try his luck again. What happened? How did he get out the first time? You'll have to join us on McDonald's personal journey to the bottom of the Canyon and back to find out!

WHEN: **Sat., Nov. 7 / 10am - Call 742-6455 x0 to reserve your space**

WHERE: **The Education Center, Classroom #1**

Tohono Chul Park
7366 N Paseo del Norte
Tucson, AZ 85704

COST: **\$4 members/\$8 general public**

WHAT: SONORAN DESERT WREATHS

A Tucson and Tohono Chul tradition, Ruth Hamilton's yucca pod wreaths are synonymous with chili ristras and Indian corn when decorating for the harvest, or dressed up along with luminarias and saguaros wrapped in twinkling lights for the end-of-the-year holidays. Students in this two-day workshop will complete a yucca pod wreath, decorating it with dried desert plant materials such as devil's claw, saguaro fruit, coyote gourds and pomegranates. Instruction and all materials (except accent pieces) are provided. Please bring heavy duty scissors or garden pruners, glue gun (if you have one), any accent pieces you wish to incorporate and a brown bag lunch.

WHEN: Wed. & Thurs., Nov. 4 & 5 / 9am-3pm - Call 742-6455 x0 to reserve your space

WHERE: The Education Center, Classroom #1

Tohono Chul Park
7366 N Paseo del Norte
Tucson, AZ 85704

COST: \$65 members/\$80 general public

WHAT: THE ROAD TO MOUNT LEMMON: THE MAKING OF SUMMERHAVEN

The Santa Catalina Mountains first captivated Tony Zimmerman on a 1937 hunting trip. By 1940, the Tucson schoolteacher had begun taking his family to Mount Lemmon for the summers, up a winding, two-track dirt road from Oracle. In those days, Summerhaven was nothing but a sleepy cluster of summer cabins, but Zimmerman was to help change all that. Mary Ellen Barnes shares the story of her father and his decision to resign from teaching to devote his time to the development of this mountain oasis – from real estate sales to building the Mount Lemmon Inn. Her story is also the story of the Catalinas when Tucson was a much smaller dot on the map. Barnes' intimate view of the mountain community over the course of nearly sixty years recalls idyllic adventures in wild country and the cowboys, rangers, ranchers, and loggers who worked there. Copies of *The Road to Mount Lemmon* will be available for sale and signing.

WHEN: Sun., Nov. 8 / 2pm - Call 742-6455 x0 to reserve your space

WHERE: The Education Center, Classroom #1

Tohono Chul Park
7366 N Paseo del Norte
Tucson, AZ 85704

COST: free for members/\$7 general public

WHAT: DATE PALM MEETS GOURD

Every year all across Tucson, date palms produce an abundance of basket weaving materials in the form of their fruiting stems. Lashed to the rim of a gourd or woven through a cut out portion of the container, these non-traditional fibers create organic patterns that enhance the finished piece. In this daylong workshop, gourd artist Sue Brogdon teaches participants three weaving techniques using both natural and black date palm. Gourds, surfacing materials (inks, leather dyes, gels), date palms, lashing materials and decorative beads are provided. Students are asked to bring a pencil, cloth or plastic tape measure, latex or plastic gloves, old towel, and bucket; also, a metal file, heat tool, and drill or Dremel with a 1/16" and a 1/8" drill bit if you have them. Don't forget a brown bag lunch!

WHEN: Sat., Nov. 7 / 9am-4pm - Call 742-6455 x0 to reserve your space

WHERE: The Education Center, Classroom #2

Tohono Chul Park
7366 N Paseo del Norte
Tucson, AZ 85704

COST: \$85 members/\$100 general public

WHAT: SWEET CANDLES

Beeswax candles are easy to make, even for the least crafty! There are many different types, from elegant, bi-colored tapers to grace the holiday table, to decorative blocks that shed soothing light as you relax in the tub, to cute little beehives that complete a gift basket with a bit of whimsy. Beeswax can even be formed into 100% non-fat gingerbread men (and women) candles — a real treat! Jacqueline Soule of Tierra del Sol is back to demonstrate each candle type. Participants then make their own candles to take home just in time for the holidays. Cost includes all materials.

WHEN: Sat., Nov. 14 / 1-4pm - Call 742-6455 x0 to reserve your space

WHERE: The Education Center, Classroom #2

Tohono Chul Park
7366 N Paseo del Norte
Tucson, AZ 85704

COST: \$50 members/\$65 general public

INFO: Tohono Chul Park is the Southwest's center where nature, art, and culture connect. Educational programs, art, and cultural exhibits, nature trails, gardens, and special events offer the visitor the opportunity to experience the desert and all its treasures. For more information on the Park, please call (520) 742-6455, visit our website www.tohonochulpark.org, or visit us in person at 7366 N. Paseo del Norte, one stoplight west of the intersection at Oracle and Ina.

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