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Art of the Guitar

December 15, 2011 – March 4, 2012

Entry Gallery

The guitar is a dynamic instrument with a rich history, and connections to countless styles of music, inspiring musicians and visual artists alike. In tandem with the Tucson Museum of Art exhibit *Who Shot Rock and Roll*, this exhibit highlights the artwork of regional artists who are creating works where the guitar takes center stage. With an eye towards the sheer beauty of the instrument and its contemporary popularity, *Art of the Guitar* is an exciting look at this versatile instrument, and an investigation into its cultural and historical impact in the Southwest region.

Reception: with Arizona Centennial Exhibit, Thursday, January 26, 5:30pm - 7:30pm



Dave Newman – *Western Guitar* – mixed media



Dave Newman – *A Drink to Us* – mixed media



Magdalena Nowacka Jannotta – *My territory* – hand cut paper

Arizona Centennial Exhibit

January 26 – April 22, 2012

Main Gallery

On February 14, 1912, Arizona became the youngest state in the continental United States. Tohono Chul Park is celebrating the state of Arizona's 100th birthday with an exhibit of artworks that highlight the diversity, beauty, wonder and rich history that define this very special corner of the United States. This exhibit features a range of artworks by Arizona artists who are creatively exploring the unique identity of the Grand Canyon State, inspired by the diverse symbols, landscapes, wildlife, iconic places, people and cultures that make Arizona such a multifaceted source of inspiration and wonder. Reception: Thursday, January 26, 2012, 5:30 - 7:30pm | Curator's Talk: Monday, January 30, 9:30 am

Artful Gourds

March 8 – May 6, 2012

Entry Gallery

The simple, yet elegant form of a gourd can be utterly transformed into an exceptional work of art in the hands of an artist dedicated to the craft of gourd carving. The time-honored tradition of using gourds as a starting point for a creative journey is alive in this group exhibition of the work of regional artists who carve, paint, and craft incredible, intricate artworks, all from the humble gourd. Corresponds with *Wild About Gourds* (pg. 6) March 15 – 17



Bonnie Gibson – *Emergence, Double Gourd*



Bonnie Gibson – *Desert Streams*



Bonnie Gibson – *Small Butterfly*



HONORING OUR FOUNDER: RICHARD “DICK” WILSON (November 26, 1930 – August 2, 2011)

A Long Life of Doing Good Things for People and the Environment

In the days before he died, Dick Wilson – founder with his late wife, Jean, of Tohono Chul Park – was surrounded by what he loved best: family, nature and the geological landscape.



Dick Wilson leading a tour at Tohono Chul Park in the spring of 2011

For months before his trip, Dick had been telling his friends at the Park how much he was looking forward to a two-week rafting trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon – part family reunion, part celebration of his grandson's high school graduation. At the age of 80, Dick retained an irrepressible sense of adventure; his friends eagerly awaited his return and hearing his stories from the trip. A few days before he was due to return to Flagstaff, I left a message on his answering machine to welcome him back and share some good news about the Park. But within days, the sad news came.

Near the end of trip, Dick developed an infection. He was taken by helicopter to a Flagstaff hospital where, a few days later, he died surrounded by his family.

“It's so hard to lose him,” said his daughter, Suzie Horst, “but he was having a good time, loving the rocks, loving being with his family. He had a blast. So it wasn't such a bad way to go.”

Dick Wilson was a geologist who studied at Yale and Stanford. He and Jean came to Tucson in 1962 when he accepted a teaching job at the University of Arizona, a position he held until retirement in 1980.

In 1966, Dick and Jean began piecing together patches of desert property to save from commercial development. Eventually they acquired the 37 acres near the corner of Ina and Oracle roads that became Tohono Chul Park. The Wilsons and their children lived on the site that is now the Park's Tea Room restaurant.

During the nearly eight years the family actually lived on the property, before Dick and Jean formally dedicated Tohono Chul Park, they began carving foot-paths through the desert acreage, often working side-by-side, placing identifying markers near plants and bushes, and picking up rocks along the way to make a few raised planter beds.

Last Spring, Dick led a tour of the Park for a small group of staff and volunteers.



The Wilson Children in front of Lomaki

According to Mark Barmann, the Park's Board President, Dick was always soft-spoken and humble, shared his memories as they walked, pointing out Jean's and his handiwork, and a dozen other artifacts—some repurposed, some relocated, some just a memory now. All were part of their “little desert oasis.” Dick could never have imagined, he said, how this place would grow and flourish, or how much it would come to mean to so many in the Tucson community and to visitors from around the world.

“He brought us all up to be curious about the world in all kinds of ways,” said Suzie, “and it was a fun connection to have with him. For us, this spot has a double connection, both public and personal. We can point out where our bedrooms were.”



In 1979, on the eastern boundary of the property, Jean opened the Haunted Bookshop, beloved by so many Tucsonans. In the '80s, she and Dick established the nonprofit Foundation for the Preservation of Natural Areas to promote the conservation of desert regions and educate the public about arid lands and responsible water use.

On April 19, 1985, Tohono Chul Park was formally dedicated, the Wilson's gift to the Tucson community. At what has since become one of the busiest intersections in Pima County, the property was established as a place for people to "find comfort," a 49-acre oasis—a refuge for people, plants and wildlife alike.



Dick Wilson and Mark Barmann conversing near the Cactus Circle in 2010

"Dick and Jean were not uncommonly wealthy, but they were uncommonly generous," said the Park's Board Chair, Mark Barmann. Everything Dick did, he did with goodwill, always thinking of others. What he and Jean gave was more than money, and more than the property even. They opened their home and their hearts and left us a legacy for a good life. They understood and embodied

the true meaning of philanthropy – literally "love of humanity".

Simply put, they lived a long life of doing good things – for people and for nature.

Christine Conte, Executive Director



We invite all Park members to join with the friends and family of Richard "Dick" Wilson in celebrating his life and honoring his legacy at our annual Members' Reception at the Park on January 21, 2012 at 10 am. In keeping with the wishes of his family, we will formally dedicate the newly renovated exhibit at the Geology Wall to his memory and add his name to his late wife Jean's on the plaque at the Summer Garden of the Sonoran Seasons Garden.



The Park's Geology Wall was Dick's idea. A geology professor at the University of Arizona, he wanted to tell the story of the Catalinas,

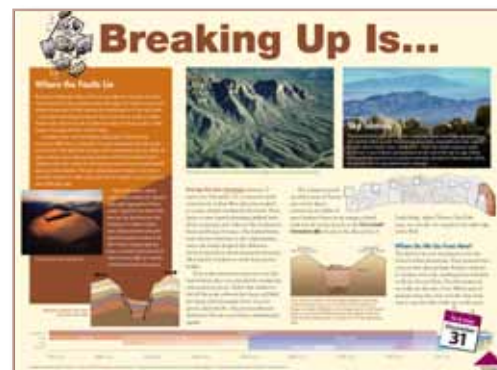


The old and new Geology Wall signage

that huge mountain range looming right on our doorstep. Doug Shakel, the Wall's designer and builder, remembers that when the idea was presented to him, he envisioned something on the scale of a medium-sized coffee table, but Dick had much bigger plans.

While a unique and intriguing display, the Geology Wall has also been somewhat intimidating not only to Park visitors, but to Park docents. While geologically comprehensive, the current signage is also heavily scientific, written more perhaps for other geologists than the average layperson. It has been our longtime goal to replace the worn signs with something more user friendly and engaging. With the help of a committee of interested Park docents headed by retired geologist Sally Clement, long months of research and writing, and the creative input of graphic designer Jackie Oftedahl, the Wall now offers a colorful walk through geologic time and a more contemporary perspective on the history of our mountainous neighbor. I think Dick would approve.

Jo Falls, Director of Education





culture



Best of Zuni – Silver and Stone

10am - 4pm, February 10 - 12 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
Education Center (Please enter off Northern Avenue.)

The Park's museum shops are excited to bring you a fabulous collection of jewelry and carvings by the Zuni. Best known for their intricate stone carved fetishes, they are also renowned for delicate stone mosaic jewelry.

A wonderful collection of high quality contemporary and vintage Zuni arts will be available including fetishes, fetish necklaces, bracelets, rings, chokers and squash blossom necklaces.

Santa Domingo shell and stone necklaces will also be available including work by Nestoria Coriz. There will be a one-of-a kind collectors' items, a Zuni fetish bowl by Lena Boone with cornmeal and loose fetishes in the inside and a fetish nativity set.

New this show will be dancing and cuddly pottery bears by Taos artist Jason Mondragones. About 3" high, these bears are adorable – each bear has its own expression and hugs another bear.



Wild About Gourds – A Gourd Festival

10am - 4pm, March 15 - 17 (Thursday – Saturday)
Free with regular Park admission

Over fifteen gourd artists from Arizona and southern California will be showcasing their work at the first Tohono Chul Park Gourd Festival. Thousands of gourds will be on display – wood-carved vessels, wood-burnt dolls and spirit figures, and containers featuring botanical materials woven into the gourd. This is an excellent opportunity to see how these talented artisans are utilizing the fruit of the gourd plant (genus *Cucurbita*) to create magnificent pieces of art. They will be for sale and classes will be offered in selecting, cleaning and preparing gourds.

In addition to the show and sale, gourd workshops will be schedule during the course of the Festival, and don't forget to stop in the Entry Gallery (pg. 3) to see our companion exhibit, Artful Gourds. Watch for updates in the *Desert Corner Express*.

Artists in the Southwest have developed their own signature style and distinctive techniques. Many different styles of gourd work, from masks, jewelry, vessels and ornaments will be available to purchase. Natural gourds grown on the Park grounds will be available to purchase to give everyone a chance at creating their own work of art.



Mexican Arts Sale

Mata Ortiz Pottery | Oaxacan Carvings | Zapotec Rugs
10am - 4pm, March 22 - 24 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)
Education Center (Please enter off Northern Avenue.)

Mata Ortiz pottery, named for the village in Chihuahua, Mexico where it originated and is still being produced, has achieved the impressive status of being one of the more innovative ceramics movements to evolve in the 20th century. Though steeped in the traditions of potters from the ancient past, today's artists are continually reinventing styles that are remain exciting and fresh.

Baudel Lopez, known for his superbly polished, painted and etched ollas (water vessels) and Jorge Quintana, a master of fineline decoration, will both be on hand to demonstrate their craft and share their vision.

Save the Date, March 25, for the 2012 Sonoran Spring Celebration





Colorful and Tough: Starr's Top 20 Shrubs

Saturday, January 21, 2pm, Ed. Ctr. #1

Shrubs are a staple in any desert garden. Join local plant authority Greg Starr (Starr Nursery – www.starr-nursery.com) as he shares his favorites – the 20 most reliable, colorful desert shrubs for Tucson landscapes! Discover all the colors of the rainbow from red and orange to yellow and purple, and even blue. Don't worry about the cold or wasting water when you can fill your yard with carefree shrubs. \$4 members / \$8 general public



Gardening Where We Live

Saturday, January 29 and February 5, 9am - 12pm, Ed. Ctr. #1

One aspect of the mission of Tohono Chul Park is to model living with the desert; one means of fulfilling that mission is to demonstrate sustainable gardening where we live. Gardening in Tucson is not quite like gardening anywhere else and this popular two-part class is for newcomers to Arizona and newcomers to gardening. Greg Corman and Lynn Hassler (Gardening Insights – www.gardeninginsights.com) share their Tucson gardening experiences, from designing landscapes to growing plants in what can be a difficult environment for the uninitiated. \$16 members / \$20 general public



The Gardener's Guide to Cactus

Saturday, February 18, 10am, Ed. Ctr. #1

Author and garden designer Scott Calhoun (ZonaGardens – www.zonagardens.com) takes us on a journey into the world of cactus for the discriminating gardener. Learn just how easy, hardy and rewarding cactus can be for everyone, and not just the specialists. Scott highlights the best cactus species available whether you want striking form, fragrant flowers, edible fruit or low-maintenance. He will also be launching his new book, *The Gardener's Guide to Cactus*, at this event. \$4 members / \$8 general public



Beautiful Desert Gardens

Saturday, February 25, 2pm - 4pm, Ed. Ctr. #1

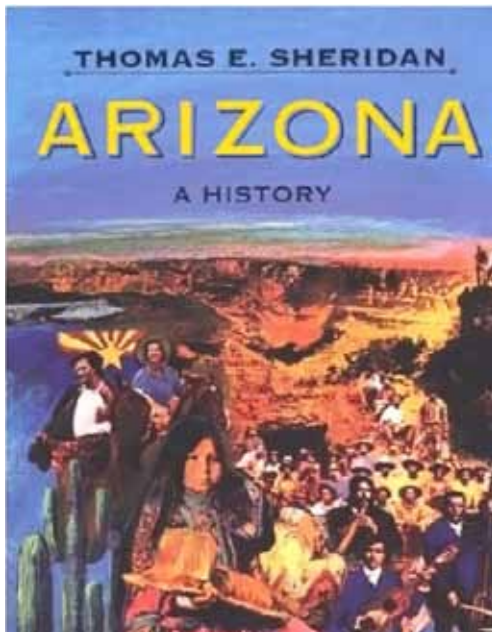
Landscape designer Shelly Ann Abbott (Landscape Design West - www.landscapedesignwest.com) takes us on a colorful and lively arm-chair tour of some of her award-winning Southwest landscapes. Abbott's landscapes feature colorful, low-water, low-maintenance gardens that attract birds, butterflies and night pollinators. \$4 members / \$8 general public

Gardening Lectures Sponsored by



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Arizona: A History

Saturday, March 3, 2pm, Ed. Ctr. #1

In 1995 Dr. Thomas Sheridan, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Arizona's Southwest Center, published a book that set forth new ideas about what a history should be; and in 2012, a revised edition of that history is being released in honor of the state's 100th birthday. *Arizona: A History* explores the ways in which Native Americans, Hispanics and Anglos have inhabited and exploited Arizona from the pursuit of the Naco mammoth 11,000 years ago to the financial adventurism of Charles Keating and others today. It examines how perceptions of Arizona have changed, creating new constituencies of tourists, environmentalists, and outside business interests to challenge the dominance of ranchers, mining companies, and farmers who used to control the state. As Sheridan writes about the past, he balances the gains and losses as global forces interact more and more with local cultural and environmental factors. Copies of *Arizona: A History* will be available for sale and signing. Free for members / \$8 general public



Go Play Outside – Creating Fun, Yet Practical, Outdoor Spaces

Saturday, March 10, 10am, Ctr. #1

Our parents DID know better! Getting outside to play, eat, work or simply relax is good for the soul and is comfortable nearly year-round in Tucson. From simple patios and decks to “outdoor living rooms,” Greg Corman, landscape designer and sculptor has helped hundreds of homeowners envision outdoor living spaces in their gardens. He's now here to help you assess your own landscape and offer examples of creative approaches to the outside life. \$4 members / \$8 general public

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workshops

Crafty Bee Condos!

Saturday, March 3, 10am - 12pm, Ed. Ctr. #1



Tucson is a hotspot of bee biodiversity, providing pollinating services for a variety of agricultural crops as well as ornamentals in our landscapes. Of the hundreds of native species that live here, several use tunnels in wood as safe havens for their young. In this hands-on workshop, Greg Corman, Tucson artist and landscape designer, offers perspective on just why native bees are important and shares tips on how to make nesting habitat for them in your backyard. Participants will each create an attractive and effective habitat for solitary and essentially stingless, native leafcutter, mason, and resin bees and will take home a small bee habitat ready to hang in the garden. Please bring leather gloves and work clothes and/or apron. \$50 members/\$65 general public

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Birding 202

Tuesdays, January 17, 24, 31 & February 7 and 14, 10am - 12pm. Ed. Ctr. #2

This course takes off where Birding 101 left off and explores in greater detail a variety of topics including seasonality and migration, tips for seeing birds year-round, the use of checklists and the importance of note taking, bird vocalizations, characteristics of select families, behaviors associated with courtship and nesting and bird adaptations to desert living. Taught by our resident birder Lynn Hassler, the course includes two in-class sessions and three field trips (times and locations to be announced). **\$69 members / \$79 general public**



Take a Tohono Chul Park birding tour (see page 13 *General Tours*) and learn about our avian residents like the plain but bright-eyed, Curve-billed Thrasher, noted for his whit-weet call and the more striking glossy-black Phainopepla. This crafty mistletoe “farmer” leaves the seeds of desert mistletoe in trees likely to grow his favorite food.

CLASSROOM NOTES

- ▶ Don't get shut out! Please pre-register for all classes.
- ▶ Remember, you can park next to the Education Center off of Northern Avenue.

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Hidden Treasures – Palm Canyons, Mountain Wilderness & Birds of the Salton Sea

February 6 to 11, 2012

There is still time to sign up for this unique travel offering! Our guide for this amazing natural history ed-venture is Peter Siminski, Director of Conservation and Education at the Living Desert Museum; our hosts are Piet & Mary Van de Mark of Baja's Frontier Tours (www.bajasfrontiertours.com).

Each day we venture forth from our base of operations at the Palm Desert Hilton to explore palm and cottonwood canyons, enjoying the bird life or just savoring the cool beauty of an oasis. We'll ride the world's largest rotating tramcar up past the sheer cliffs of Chino Canyon to an 8,516 ft. mountain wilderness; visit the surrounding deserts and the memorable Living Desert, a 1,200-acre wildlife and botanical park; and, we'll spend a full day circumnavigating the Salton Sea, stopping often to enjoy the rich bird life. Moderate walking is required. Cost includes round trip travel from Tucson, accommodations, most meals, admission fees and guide services. **\$1995 per person members / \$2095 general public (single supplement \$294)**



City Parks / City Birds

Thursday, February 2, 8am - 5pm

Reid Park, Sam Lena, Lakeside Park and Aqua Caliente are probably not places that come to mind when suggesting "hot" birding spots to your out-of-town guests, but you might be surprised. This day trip with Tohono Chul Park's resident bird expert Lynn Hassler, takes us birding in a few of Tucson's other "best kept secrets" – our city parks. We should be treated to wintering ducks galore as well as resident birds such as Vermilion Flycatcher, Black Phoebe and Great Blue Heron. Cost includes transportation, guide services and boxed lunch. **\$99 members/\$120 general public**



Arivaca in Spring!

Thursday, April 26, 7:30am - 4:30pm

We've traditionally done this trip in fall, but spring is a different experience with opportunities to see some of the more flashy looking birds of southern Arizona. Many breeding birds will be back as well as migrants traveling through. Arivaca Cienega offers permanent springs and ponds, and a level 2-mile trail includes boardwalks over wet areas. Bird possibilities include Gray Hawk, Cassin's and Western Kingbirds, Lucy's, Wilson's and Yellow Warblers, Summer Tanager, Common Yellowthroat, Black-headed Grosbeak, and Vermilion Flycatcher. Drier hillsides attract cardinals, Pyrrhuloxias, Verdins, gnatcatchers, and more. We'll also bird along Arivaca Creek. Cost includes transportation, guide services and boxed lunch. **\$99 members / \$120 general public**

TRAVEL CANCELLATION POLICY

- ▶ cancellation within two weeks of initial registration = full refund
- ▶ cancellation at least two weeks before date of trip = 50% refund
- ▶ cancellation less than two weeks before date of trip = refund only if your space can be filled
- ▶ cancellation policies for multi-day trips vary with the trip

travel ed-ventures

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It Takes a Volunteer

On November 11 the Park honored its many dedicated volunteers and docents with an Awards Ceremony and Appreciation Brunch. Several local businesses and organizations were also recognized for their continued support of the Park including Ballet Tucson, Citi Group and Trader Joe's. Hours pins were awarded for cumulative service and Nancy Gardner, Cindy Jakobs and Peggy Leggett were named "Volunteers of the Year." As a send-off for longtime docent and Park ambassador, Raleigh Sheffield, the Desert Players performed the final scene from "Rumpelpigskin and the Magic Mesquite Beans," featuring Sheffield as the hero of the play – Rumpelpigskin! You can see for yourself on Youtube by searching for *Tohono Chul Park Rumpelpigskin Part 1*.

6500 HOURS

Ann Nyhan

6000 HOURS

Karen Jonaitis

Jack Quillen

Arlene Schneider

5500 HOURS

Chuck Jonaitis

5000 HOURS

Carolyn Knott

Dave Stout

4500 HOURS

Jane Wall

4000 HOURS

Stan Walker

3500 HOURS

Ann Anovitz

Sue Feyrer

Ernie Hartline

Al Weaver

3000 HOURS

Marilyn Boeker

2500 HOURS

Veronica Gonzales

Nancy Greenway

Helen Roach

Beth Schultz

2000 HOURS

Sally Clement

Jeanie Honn

Rose Ann Kohl

Dorothy

Montgomery

Raleigh Sheffield

Ione Smith

1500 HOURS

Georgia Chapman

Don Feyrer

Joe Friend

Betty Ojeda

Nancy Vana

Barbara Yusup

1000 HOURS

Liz Bezanson

Laraine Callahan

Michele Dunlap

Fred Feibelman

Marj Flory

Sallie Gruszka

Tim Miner

Sarma Spitzer

500 HOURS

Cylphine Bresdin

Barb Carolus

Phyllis Cavender

Dave Clement

Ellyne Dillavou

Donald Eagle

Vanessa Edwards

Kathleen Franzi

Eileen Green

Marcia Halligan

Nick Huige

Cindy Jakobs

Carlton King

KL Lance

Paul Miller

Virgie Miller

Susan O'Connor

Audrey Toepper

Bob Walsh

Lynda Wilder



tours



Hawk Happening Continues!

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, February 8 - April 25, 11am - 1pm
Children's Ramada

Traveling avian ambassador Sueño and her human, Kathie Schroeder, are here to share secrets in the lives of the Southwest's amazing Harris' hawks. **Free with admission.**

TOURS

Tours are free to members and included in the price of admission for non-members. If you would like to schedule a private group tour call 742-6455 x 228.

General Tours

Walk in the Park

Experience Tohono Chul Park while learning some basic Sonoran Desert ecology. Monday through Saturday at 9:00am and 1:00pm

Birds of Tohono Chul

Learn to identify residents and those “just passing through,” plus information on habits and habitat. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30am

Art in the Park

An in-depth and behind-the-scenes look at our changing art and cultural exhibits Tuesdays and Thursdays 11am

Specialty Tours

Stories in the Garden

Traditional and original stories about the desert and its creatures streamside in the Garden for Children. Tuesdays at 10am

Connecting Plants and People

Discover the edible and useful plants of the Sonoran Desert. 1st Saturday of the month at 10am (December 3, January 7 and February 4)

The Great Xeriscape

Unearth the how-to's for using native and arid-adapted plants in water-saving landscapes. 3rd Saturday of the month at 10am (December 17, January 21, February 18)

Eco-Stations at the Overlook 10am - 12pm

Winged Things

Mondays – from birds to butterflies, a look at the winged things of the skies

Wild Woolies

Tuesdays – the warm, hairy beasties of our deserts

Rocks and Ruins

Wednesdays – Explore Tucson Basin geology and archaeology.

Who Eats Whom

Thursdays – an interactive approach to a desert food chain

Creepy Crawlies

Fridays – sometimes scary, but always cool – spiders, scorpions, snakes and lizards

Prickly Plants

Saturdays – Spiny and downright hostile, plants are well adapted to our desert environment.



Park Admission Prices

- \$8 adult
- \$6 senior
- \$5 active military
- \$4 student
- \$2 children ages 5 - 12

With Our Compliments

In commemoration and in celebration, the park will open its gates to the public free of charge this winter on two special days.

- January 8, 2012, to commemorate the events of January 8, 2011
- February 14, 2012 to celebrate the state's centennial birthday!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - ARLENE SCHNEIDER



Self-described “New York City Girl,” Arlene Schneider arrived in Tucson in May of 1996 and thought she had landed on “another planet.” Her sister and her friends, all docents at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, were anxiously awaiting her arrival and her commitment to join their ranks as a fellow docent. But after Arlene visited Tohono Chul Park, she had an idea of her own – to become a docent here at our “desert corner.”

Arlene, a former teacher, joined the docent class in October of 1996 and graduated in February of 1997, earning herself a very positive evaluation from Jo Falls with one critique, “learn how to relax.” Since that time, Arlene has served as a docent and volunteer in every position imaginable, except “maintenance.” When she is not checking in concert guests or working in the shops, she could be leading a tour or doing community outreach.

Even though she dedicates so much time and enthusiastic energy to the Park, Arlene reserves two days per week for another organization that is very dear to her heart, the

Alzheimer’s Association. She serves as a facilitator for a care group working with caregivers as well as patients. According to Arlene, there is an enormous emphasis placed upon the caregiver and the quality of life of the caregiver. While she admits that the caregiver is in need of much support, she concludes, “but what about the patient and their quality of life?”

Arlene’s husband Allan succumbed to Alzheimer’s disease in 2006 and Arlene was his sole caregiver. Her support system during this trying period was comprised of her friends and fellow docents at Tohono Chul Park. If not for the Park, Arlene was not sure she could have survived.

The loss of Allan was compounded by other tragedies that struck Arlene’s life. She lost her only son, Jeffrey, in 1986 while he was serving in the Air Force. Her daughter, Lori, a neurosurgeon at the Cleveland Clinic died in 1998 from a heart attack. Throughout these tumultuous years, Arlene found solace through her friends and her activities at Tohono Chul Park.

Today, Arlene continues to give back to Tohono Chul, or rather, to the people of Tohono Chul – the staff, her classmates and fellow volunteers and docents. Not only does she improve the quality of the Park through her good works, but also through her generosity. Look around at some of the memorial benches, the dedication plaques on the

Eco-station carts, the new “You are Here” signs and the visitors’ map. These are just a few things that have been provided to all of us by Arlene.

If Arlene seems to be smiling even more over the last year, it is because she has found Stan. Stan Walker, a docent since 1998 had been volunteering at the Park along with his late wife, Rose, a most beloved worker in our administrative offices. After losing their spouses, Arlene and Stan have found one another through their commitment to and love for Tohono Chul.

Grandmother of Jaime and Allison, mother of Debra and son-in-law, David, Arlene has devoted her life to improving the lives of others. From all of us at Tohono Chul Park, “thank you, Arlene for choosing to make our ‘desert corner’ a more special place.”

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Did you know? In 2011, an individual 70 ½ years of age or older can make a tax-free, tax-deductible transfer directly from their IRA (Individual Retirement Account) to Tohono Chul Park. (Certain restrictions will apply.) To find out more about this and other planned giving alternatives, please contact Deborah Jassem in the Office of Development at 520-742-6455 x 243. She will work with you and your financial advisor to help determine the best vehicles to use that will fulfill your long-term goals.



MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

AUGUST 5 - NOVEMBER 28, 2011

Donations in Memory of

CAROLYN JACKSON

Helena Brummett

Elaine Jackson

Marie Reyna

Joe and Tillie Smith

MARTHA HERGET STRAUS

Cynthia Bean

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Kim McClellan

Michael and Nikki Thoen

WINTER EVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER

2011

Friday 9

Donor Day – **Interfaith Food Bank**

Wednesday 14

Event – **Hawk Happening** 11am - 1pm

Thursday 15

Exhibit Opening – **The Art of the Guitar**

Wednesday 28

Event – **Hawk Happening** 11am - 1pm

JANUARY

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Tuesdays 17 – February 14

Workshop – **Birding 202** 9am - 12pm

Thursday 19

Travel – **Sandhill Snowbirds** 8am - 5pm

Saturday 21

Event – **Member's Reception** begins 10am

Saturday 21

Lecture – **Starr's Top 20 Shrubs** 2pm

Thursday 26

Travel – **Sandhill Snowbirds** 8am - 5pm

Thursday 26

Exhibit Opening – **Arizona Centennial Exhibition**

Saturday 28

Lecture – **Gardening Where We Live** 9am - 12pm

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2

Travel – **City Parks / City Birds** 7:30am - 4pm

Saturday 4

Workshop – **Gardening Where We Live** 9am - 12pm

Monday 6 – Saturday 11

Travel – **CA Deserts and the Salton Sea**

Wednesday 8

Event – **Hawk Happening** 11am - 1pm

Friday 10 – Sunday 12

Sale – **Best of Zuni: Silver & Stone** 10am - 4pm

Saturday 18

Lecture – **Gardener's Guide to Cactus** Begins 10am

Wednesday 22

Event – **Hawk Happening** 11am - 1pm

MARCH

March 3

Lecture – **Southwest Gardens** 2pm - 4pm

Thursday 1

Tours – **Wildflower Tours Begin** 10am

Saturday 3

Workshop – **Crafty Bee Condos** 10am - 12pm

Wednesday 8

Exhibit Opening – **Artful Gourds**

Saturday 10

Lecture – **Go Play Outside** 10am - 12pm

Wednesday 14

Event – **Hawk Happening** 11am - 1pm

Thursday 15 – Saturday 17

Sale / Event – **Gourd Festival, Show & Sale** 8am -

Thursday 22 – Saturday 24

Sale – **Mexican Folk Arts Sale** 10am - 4pm

Sunday 25

Event – **Sonoran Spring Celebration** 4 - 7pm

Wednesday 28

Event – **Hawk Happening** 11am - 1pm

Wednesday 28

Sale – **Spring Plant Sale: Members Preview** 3 - 6pm

Saturday 31

Sale – **Spring Plant Sale** 9am - 5pm

Saturday 31

Lecture – **Arizona: A History** 2pm - 4pm

APRIL

Sunday 1

Sale – **Spring Plant Sale** 10am - 4pm

Wednesday 11

Event – **Hawk Happening** 11am - 1pm

Wednesday 25

Event – **Hawk Happening** 11am - 1pm

Thursday 26

Travel – **Arivaca in Spring** 7:30am - 4:30pm

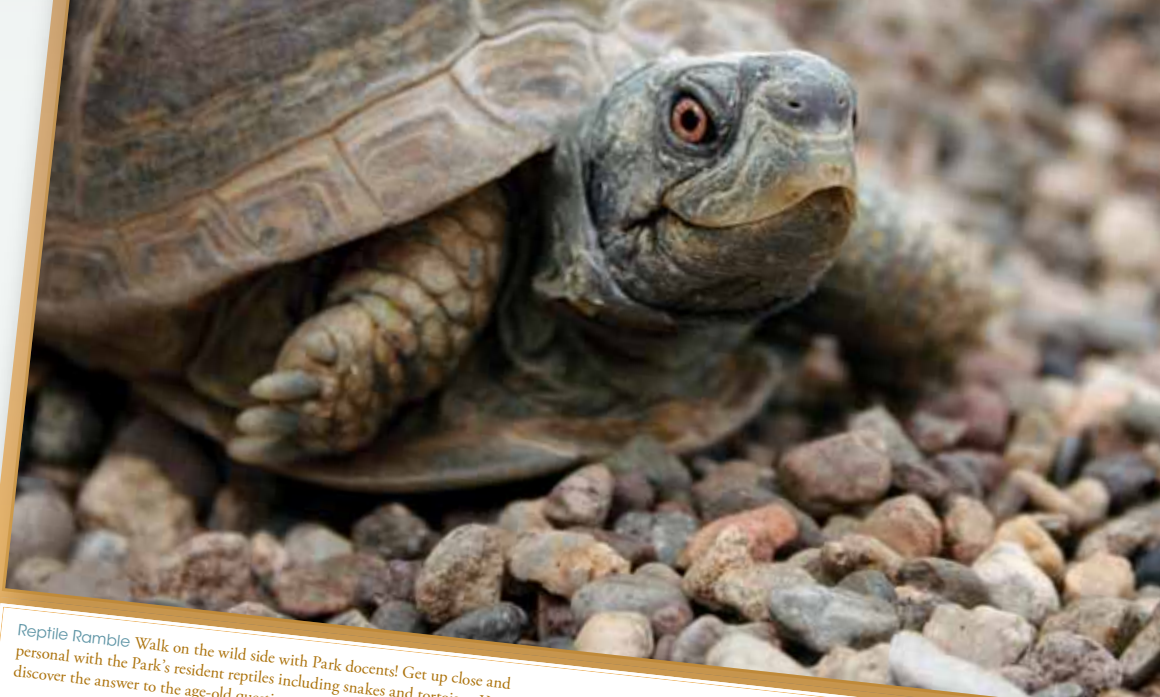
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The Tohono Chul Park 2012 Calendar is Here!

Kee in sync with the five seasons of the Sonoran Desert and Tohono Chul Park's many events throughout the year.

Share your love of the Park with friends and relatives around the country with this easy-to-mail gift. Major United States holidays and Park events are neatly listed side by side. Each page features engaging descriptions of plants you can find in the Park and insights into its world class gardens. The calendar's intuitive layout, with each week beginning on Monday and large areas to write in your own daily reminders, will allow you to keep up with a busy personal schedule.

The calendar is printed on high quality paper and available to purchase for \$14.95 in Tohono Chul Park's museum shops. Supplies are limited.



Reptile Ramble Walk on the wild side with Park docents! Get up close and personal with the Park's resident reptiles including snakes and tortoises. You'll discover the answer to the age-old question - "why do lizards do push-ups?"

May 2012						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Exhibit Opening: Congressional Student Art Exhibit</i>	18 <i>National Public Gardens Day</i>	19 <i>Congressional Student Art Awards Ceremony</i>	20 <i>Mothers get free admission to the Park Mother's Day</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31 <i>Exhibit Opening: Pollinators</i>			

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Soaptree Yucca The Soaptree yucca was used by native peoples primarily as a source of fiber for baskets, cloth, belts, sandals and cordage. Not surprisingly, the plant was also processed into soap, the roots in particular being high in saponins, naturally forming chemical compounds.




The Spring Plant Sale is on Its Way!

Members Preview: Wednesday, March 28, 3 - 6pm

Public Sale: Saturday, March 31, 9am - 5pm

Sunday, April 1, 10am - 4pm

Far more than a simple sale, Tohono Chul Park's spring plant sales are a little slice of paradise. Surround yourself with gorgeous native, arid-adapted and cold-hardy plants, friendly knowledgeable people and a festival atmosphere.

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