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The University of Arizona Campus Arboretum is a living laboratory promoting stewardship and conservation of urban trees.

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**This is the year to make our planet
a better place to live.**



*"The only way forward, if we are going to improve the quality of the environment, is to get everybody involved."
Richard Rogers*

Together we can conserve our environment through tree stewardship. By maintaining a healthy urban forest we are providing food, and habitat for native animal species,

improving air quality, and protecting water and soil quality. The beneficial effects can be seen at the local level and collectively make a big impact! We can all play a part. Read on to learn of ways we are promoting urban tree stewardship and connecting campus and community.

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Plant of the Month

The Boojum - Fouquieria columnaris



Enjoying the extra rain this winter are the boojums, nestled in the Krutch garden on the UA mall. Unlike most of their neighbors, they grow during the cool season and can take advantage of the extra precipitation we've been having. The newest one was planted on by AZ Cactus and FM Grounds last August. As part of an ongoing project, the new addition replaces those planted in 1929 by President Homer Shantz which adorned the historic cactus garden and amazed visitors for almost a century. Sadly, the last of Shantz's original specimens was destroyed in 2014.

A remarkable looking plant, it is slow-growing and long-lived, with some thought to be over 500 years old. This rare member of the ocotillo family is native to the west coast of Baja California, and one small area on the Sonora mainland near Puerto Libertad.

You're invited to visit the new boojum on the east side of the Joseph Wood Krutch garden. It is shown here nestled in between friends - including saguaro, crucifixion thorn, and senita.

Thank you to the Tucson Cactus and Succulent society for making this addition possible and to Patricia Patton of Arizona Cactus and Trees for providing and installing these wonderful new plants! To learn more

about this strange beauty, go to:

[Boojum Species Description](#)
[History of University of Arizona Boojums](#)

Poetry Readings

Gather under a special university tree, and enjoy poetry and discussion with a poetry center docent.



The theme for poems shared on Saturday, Feb. 27 will be: **"Listening to the Trees", Part 2**-sharing the wisdom of trees through Pō é tree. [Learn More](#)

Events and Tours

- Sonoran Native Plants 02/05/2016 @ 2:00 pm
- Tropical Trip Tour 02/17/2016 @ 12:00 pm
- Medicinal Plants Tour 02/27/2015 @ 2:00 pm
- Pō é tree: Listening to the Trees 02/27/2016 @ 3:30 pm

[See the Complete Events Calendar Here](#)

Thanks to The Pima Co. Master Gardener Program for leading the guided tree tours.

Gardening Tips

Pima County Master Gardeners Updates:



February
library garden talks by the Pima County Master Gardeners will focus on spring vegetable gardening.

For a complete list of February's garden talks at the

library [click here](#)

Read the Sonoran Seasons Winter **newsletter online [here](#)**

Not sure what's wrong with your plant? Check out the [Free Plant Clinic!](#)

Sincerely,

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