



2020 in Review

I would venture a guess that you have never experienced a year anything like this one. I also suspect that for most of us, it has been challenging! For me, the radical shift was somewhat turbulent and very demanding. However, while I've often [cited research \(like these\) about the benefits of trees](#), time spent immersed in views of the desert from my home office has made the stabilizing influences of nature so much more tangible to me. Further, as I reflect back on the accomplishments and meaningful interactions, it is hard to begrudge any part of it. From the partnerships with community groups like the [Arizona Community Tree Council](#), the [Dunbar Spring Neighborhood Foresters](#), ongoing work with the [Krutch Garden Florilegium](#) artists, and incredible students like [Gabi Schatz](#) from the New York Botanical Garden's School of Professional Horticulture, undergraduates like [William Lampman](#), and a record year of sponsorship and donations - 2020 was remarkable and inspiring! I hope you have found similar rejuvenation in "nature", whether from your own home, the campus grounds, or beyond and that you feel joy and hope for the year ahead. I whole heartedly look forward with anticipation to days ahead when we can join together in the inspiring campus landscapes, and I am ever more committed to make that special place an oasis of learning and nourishment for the community, and a springboard for positive action in the world. Thank you for your ongoing interest and contributions to the Campus Arboretum program. The work we do together is extending university expertise and improving the lives of individuals and communities both near and far.

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