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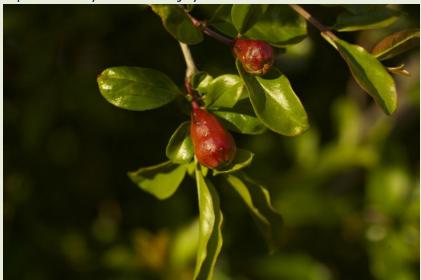
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Dear Tanya,

Season's Greetings

As you pause this month to reflect on the passage of another year, we sincerely hope you will be filled with gratitude and joy for the good fortune, growth, and rich experiences you have enjoyed.



The Campus Arboretum makes a difference for generations of students, landscape professionals, and communities throughout the state.

We Appreciate Your Support!

As the holiday season unfolds, we ask that you also consider with gratitude the Campus Arboretum. It is increasingly important to our social, economic, and

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environmental health that we maintain connections to nature in urban settings. This is where most of us live, and this is where we can make a difference. As part of the University of Arizona's Land Grant Mission, we're committed to making research relevant, education timely, and outreach broad-reaching. We are thankful for our role and proud of all we've accomplished this year. As you support our vision, we hope you will also generously support our future work with a year-end tax-deductible donation. You can donate securely online or by printing the donation form and mailing a check.

We Are Making A Difference

We help students

 In 2014, we provided mentoring and hands-on experience for 20 undergraduate student interns this year who planted 43 new trees, installed 2 new campus gardens, and refurbished hundreds of sign posts. Our student interns researched and described 150 plant species from campus collections for the



website and they took more than **2000** photographs to accompany this web content which are both botanically descriptive and stunning quality.

This year we directly addressed more than 930
undergraduates in formal courses and indirectly
supported dozens of formal courses in plant-, soil-,
and environmental sciences, ecology, landscape
architecture and others through preservation and
development of the campus's rich botanical
resources.

We teach the community about urban trees

- With the help of 15 adult volunteers including the Pima Co. Master Gardeners, we reached 506 visitors to the UA campus this year through our tree tours.
- We also introduced a new online map with improved tools and enhanced utility for searching campus trees. The associated website served more than 50,000 visitors this year!

We care for trees

In Fall 2014, by invitation from UA Facilities
 Management, we have begun for the first time ever
 to provide technical training for UA Grounds
 Services personnel. This effort connects our
 academic expertise with that of the university's
 operations to ensure the campus serves as a model

- of best practices for desert horticulture.
- We worked with other Cooperative Extension
 Specialists and Agents to provide 3 tree health care
 workshops to landscape management professionals
 in Maricopa Co, Yuma, and Tucson.
- We continued work with the Arizona State Forester's office to help communities manage their urban forest with the Urban Forestry Resource inventory, and to respond to the current pine bark beetle infestation in Arizona's low elevations.

We promote urban sustainability



- We partnered with Iskashittaa Refuge Network and Linking Edible Arizona Forests on the UA Campus to harvest, olives, citrus, and pomegranate. These events reduce waste, and promote campus sustainability, but also dissolve campus boundaries and strengthen the community.
- We helped the Tucson Cactus and Succulent society revitalize the historic Joseph Wood Krutch Cactus garden with new Sonoran native plants.

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Upcoming Events

• <u>Mediterranean Landscapes Tour</u> 5th 10:00am

• Arboretum History Tour Jan. 24th 2:00pm

We hope you'll explore the tours page, events calendar, tree selector and locator tools, and other new resources on our website.

Sincerely,

Tanya Quist, Director University of Arizona Campus Arboretum



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