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Special Year End Issue - 2013



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Dear Tanya,

Thank You!

2013

As the year ends, I want to thank you for your ongoing interest and support for The Campus Arboretum. It has been a terrific year with tremendous strides forward in advocating for urban tree stewardship and conservation on campus and throughout the state as we aim to use The University of Arizona campus landscape as a living laboratory and model of best practices for desert horticulture. Here are some highlights of progress this year:

- Planted 127 trees, and 192 other plants. Added 9 new legume tree species from the Desert Legume Program. We now have 9381 plants on record representing 539 unique taxa.
- Held the University's first formal Olive Harvest Event in partnership with Linking Edible Arizona Forests.
- Completed 10 service learning and independent study projects, working with more than 50 UA undergraduate students.
- Engaged students who wrote research reports describing 167 species, published 45 new species pages on the website, and took new botanical reference photographs for 45 taxa.
- Reached more than 1200 UA students, and nearly 1000 citizens through classes, talks, and tours.
- Trained 19 volunteers who provided 25 guided tree tours.
- Created self-guided tree tour booklets available for check-out from Herring Hall January 2014.
- Continued partnerships with UA Administration to implement the Tree Care Plan and promote sustainable landscape practices.
- Maintained important citizen science partnerships with The National Phenology Network's Nature's Notebook program, and with the US Forest Service to facilitate collection of urban tree inventory data.

The top 3 goals for 2014 will focus on publicity and community engagement. **1.** We are seeking funding to replace the Campus Arboretum botanical signs with QR coded signs allowing users to access detailed plant information on the campus grounds using their mobile phone. **2.** In Spring, we will debut a new GIS map allowing users to

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more easily locate campus plants. **3.** Importantly, we are also seeking assistance from a volunteer to promote our programs and resources on campus and throughout the community. **If you can help with any of these needs with your time, talent or dollars, we greatly appreciate your generosity. Please consider donating. You can donate directly online through the UAFoundation link above.** Please contact me if you are interested in getting involved in 2014 or have suggestions for how The University of Arizona Campus Arboretum might better serve your interests.

Happy Holidays,
Dr. Tanya M. Quist, Director
University of Arizona Campus Arboretum

Upcoming Events



Sonoran Native Plants
in the Historic
Joseph Wood Krutch Garden

Jan. 22 10am Wednesday

- Sonoran Native Plants Tour

Jan. 25 10am Saturday

- Arboretum History Tour

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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