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is a living laboratory promoting stewardship
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Dear Tanya,

Finishing Strong New Campus Arboretum Resources

The Campus Arboretum recently completed some wonderful projects which we are anxious to share with you.

We are excited to release a [new version of our campus tree map](#).

We hope you will use it to more easily find trees on campus. From the map, you can also explore [detailed species descriptions and beautiful photography](#) generated by the nine diligent Campus Arboretum student workers employed as interns this Fall ([Meet our interns](#)) *Since the system is new and there are still a few bugs in the program, we would appreciate your feedback.*



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Want to find the perfect tree for your yard? Fall has begun and tree planting season is around the corner, so you may also be interested in using [The Campus Arboretum's new tree search tool](#) to find a tree perfectly suited to your needs. Select characteristics (from a user-friendly drop down menu) like plant size, flower color, water use, or allergenicity

Tree Care Resources:

[Tree Care Information](#)
[Find a Certified Arborist](#)

Nurseries Who Have Helped Us:

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and the tool will provide a list of Campus Arboretum trees that meet your criteria. As students complete species description research, more of our almost 550 species will be included in the search.

New Campus Tree Signs



Say goodbye to our old botanical signs and watch for the new signs Spring 2015!

The University of Arizona Campus Arboretum promotes Stewardship and conservation of almost 8000 campus trees. We want everyone to know about trees! To this end, since the recognition of the Arboretum in 2002, more than 800 botanical signs have been installed to promote understanding of the species represented. **These signs adorn the entire main campus, mark the position of, and tell the name and origin of a representative campus specimen for each of our almost 550 species. We love these signs, but feel the time has come to offer more opportunity for broader learning.** With funding from the UA Green Fund and several generous donors, we have begun the process of refurbishing sign posts and redesigning new signs that will not only detail the name and origin of the species, but will also include a QR code. These QR codes will allow users with mobile devices to scan the sign and access more information about each species. This information includes helpful tips like tree benefits, cultivation notes, water requirements, and practical uses for each plant. In addition, this project will allow us to expand interpretation of significant garden features and to spread the word about the existence of the Campus Arboretum. As one of **The 50 Most Stunning University Arboreta in the World**, we hope to let everyone know The Campus Arboretum is all around them as they visit the main campus. This project requires intensive effort and coordination of all eleven interns. Everyone has a role and each student is accountable to the group. **To learn more about our progress, see the project description on the [website](#) and [LIKE US on Facebook](#).**

Plants- Old and New

The Krutch Garden, our University's most important historic garden has experienced changes this year.

We were saddened by the loss of the very last boojum (*Fouquieria columnaris*)



Fouquieria columnaris
The Boojum have
graced the Krutch
Garden since the
1930s.

specimen installed by Homer Shantz in the 1930's.

The plant was diseased throughout and toppled over in August. The skyline view of the garden is altered significantly for many decades until the new boojum grow tall enough to fill in at a rate of 1-3" of growth per year.

Have you seen the new cacti and succulents that have been added to the new Krutch Garden?

We are pleased to announce that we have been instrumental in creating many positive changes in this historic garden this year. Special thanks to the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society for their leadership and support in this effort. See our [Web Page](#) for more details or visit campus to

see for yourself what we've done. While you're there, find out about plants installed last spring as part of our "[30 Trees In 30 Days Challenge](#)" Special thanks to [DELEP](#) for growing and donating many wonderful new drought tolerant, cold hardy, legumes!



If you have noticed that Old Main is finally finished with all of their renovations, **you also may have noticed the absence of one of the University of Arizona Campus Arboretum's Heritage Trees the Crested Saguaro (*Carnegiea gigantea*)**. The specimen at Old Main was listed as a heritage tree and was a feature of numerous Campus Arboretum tours and plant walks. Due to extensive infection, the specimen toppled over after a very minor wind storm last summer. The specimen has been removed with hopes that another crested specimen

can be identified in the coming years. If you would like to support this effort, please contact Tanya Quist, Campus Arboretum Director.

Upcoming Events

- [Trees Around the World Tour](#) Oct. 4th @ 10:00 AM
- [Medicinal Plants Tour](#) Oct. 15th @ 10:00 AM
- [Food Day Celebration](#) Oct. 22nd 10am-2pm
- [Edible Landscapes Tour](#) Oct. 24th @ 10:00 AM

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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