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CAMPUS ARBORETUM

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

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Take An International Journey



Visit campus and engage with trees from around the world with our new interactive botanical signs.

The U of A Campus Arboretum promotes stewardship and conservation of almost 8000 campus trees. Our reach extends to every campus resident and visitor through our ubiquitous campus signage. Since the recognition of the campus as an arboretum in 2002, more than 800 botanical signs have been installed to promote understanding of their diversity and history. In Fall 2014 we began the process of botanical sign refurbishment and redesign thanks to financial support from the UA Green Fund and generous Campus Arboretum donors.



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The botanical sign project has truly been a learning experience for the more than 9 undergraduate student interns involved. Everyone worked as a team, assisting each other in completing the work. The project has required more than just replacing the tree name signs and signposts! To begin, the location and current taxonomic classification for each of the almost 500 species had to first be accurately accounted and mapped. Since the scientific names often change, we built in an option to list the former names on our website so that a specimens can be located by searching for any of its former names. The sign posts needed to be refurbished to remove rust, and add a sturdy concrete anchor to protect further deterioration of the metal in moist soil. New signs were designed and files created and manufactured for each species. Finally, students strategically selected new locations for the signs to optimize their visibility and utility in complementing our tours. We are now finishing the long process of installing the refurbished signposts and new botanical signs for each designated tree, shrub, and succulent.

"I learned how to navigate Adobe Illustrator which I had never used before, and design and create something I am am very proud of. I learned how amazing a great team can be in coordinating a large project like this; everyone pitches in to pick up the slack and truly works together to get the job completed." Alison R., Class of 2015 student intern responsible for sign design and production.

The newly designed signs are embedded with QR codes. These codes allow mobile users direct access to a wide range of content including tree benefits calculations, tips on plant selection, water harvesting and management, ethnobotanical uses, harvest guidelines, and ecological associations. It is the arboretum's hope that the new signs will inspire interest in our living library and that the community will take advantage of this resource. [Click here to get started using these new signs with your mobile device!](#)

Food Day Tours

Edible Landscape



Master Gardener's will be leading 30 minute Edible Landscape tours during the U of A's Food Day event: [UA Food Day - 2015](#)

Come check out our table for a chance to talk with a Master Gardener about our trees and play a pollination game!

Celebrating the Moon Tree

Three University of Arizona campus partners will celebrate the campus Moon Tree Sycamore with a special program on **Friday, October 30th, 2015 from 4:30-5:30pm**. The event will be held in the Kuiper Space Sciences



Moon Tree
Sycamore,
photo taken by
Poetry Center

Building Auditorium and will feature remarks from Jack Roosa, son of Apollo 14 Astronaut Stuart Roosa.

Check out more information here: [Moon Tree Celebration](#)

Autumn Blossoms



Discover trees in flower on campus from October to November with [Autumn - What's in Bloom Virtual Tour](#)

In addition, trees with spectacular fall foliage on campus are the [Chinese Pistache](#), [Texas Red Oak](#), [Raywood Ash](#) and [Velvet Ash](#).

Events and Tours

- Oct. 3 2-3:30pm **Medicinal Plants Tour** (Meet Old Main Fountain)
- Oct. 3 3:30-4:30pm **Poetry Readings Under the Trees** "Listening to the Trees" (Meet Herring Hall)
- Oct. 14 10am-2pm **Food Day Booth and Edible Landscape Short Tours** (More info on the tours from the Mall Booth)
- Oct. 21 2-3:30pm **Arboretum History Tour** (Meet Old Main Fountain)
- Oct. 30 4:30-5:30pm **Celebrating the Moon Tree** (Meet Lunar and Planetary Sciences Building Auditorium)
- Oct. 31 12-1pm **Sonoran Native Plants Tour** (Meet Old Main Fountain)
- Oct. 31 1-2:30pm **Poetry Reading Under the Trees** "Desert Poetry"

It is my hope you'll find time to spend learning and using the resources we've provided to enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of the campus trees.

Sincerely,

Tanya Quist, Director
University of Arizona Campus Arboretum



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