



# CAMPUS ARBORETUM

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

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Dear Tanya,

## Fall Is For Planting Trees



**"A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit."**

**-Greek Proverb**

The Historic Greenbelt along Park Avenue is the result of dedication in the mid-century to tree

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planting and preservation of green space. It is a shady retreat where campus and community members enjoy daily rejuvenation. Consider what this landscape will look like in the next 50 years and how we can ensure this gift to the future.

## Tree Care Corner

### Tree Selection and Planting Tips



Giraffe Thorn - *Vachellia erioloba* a donation from the Desert Legume Program installed by Campus Arboretum Student Workers in our African collection just South of Gould-Simpson.

Select trees that are rated for your region, but make sure you also consider specific site conditions like soil qualities, available light, radiant heat or shade from adjacent structures. Assessing the site conditions will allow you to customize plant selection to the microclimate, optimize plant health, and reduce maintenance. Buy plants from reputable

nurseries who carry stock that is not only selected for our climate, but which has been produced responsibly to avoid problems with root development that will eventually reduce longevity. Ensure that the tree is installed properly. Although there are myriad factors [researchers cite](#) as affecting mortality, most practitioners agree, the number one reason for urban tree failure is improper planting. For more details on proper selection and planting, refer to this excellent [cooperative extension presentation](#) or review a our [handy guides to tree care here](#).

## Upcoming Events

Join us for a guided campus tree tour

**Sonoran Native Plants Tour** Nov. 14th @10am

**Tropical Trip Tour** Nov. 19th @10am

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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