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## CLASS, WORKSHOP & LECTURE LINEUP

October 2009 @ Tohono Chul Park

### **WHAT: GARDENING WITH WILDFLOWERS**

Across the country there is an ongoing movement towards natural looking, native landscapes that reflect the region they inhabit. A sometimes overlooked component of such landscapes is the use of annuals, seasonal flowerings that can change the look of a yard in unexpected ways. Wildlife landscape designer Lynn Hassler covers Arizona native wildflowers, their adaptations and growing conditions and the best wildflower choices for Tucson area gardens. From how and when to plant, to the added use of perennials, Hassler helps everyone bring a bit of the “wild” to their own backyard. *sponsored by MetroWater*

**WHEN: Sat., Oct. 17 / 10am - Call 742-6455 x0 to reserve your space**

**WHERE: The Education Center, Classroom #1**

Tohono Chul Park

7366 N Paseo del Norte

Tucson, AZ 85704

**COST: \$4 members/\$8 general public**

### **WHAT: WHEN GRASS IS NOT A LAWN: DESIGNING WITH NATIVE GRASSES**

Don't know a sprangletop from a tanglehead? Then this class is for you! Scott Calhoun (Zona-gardens) and Greg Corman (Gardening Insights) are back with a primer on designing with native grasses and other grass-like plants, focusing on the toughest and easiest species for Tucson landscapes. Grasses add color, texture, and movement in a landscape, as well as providing food for several kinds of butterfly larvae and for seed-eating birds and Calhoun and Corman will help you choose those classy grassy plants for your garden. *sponsored by MetroWater*

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**WHAT: WHEN THE RAINS COME: A NATURALIST'S YEAR IN THE SONORAN DESERT**

Author and scientist John Alcock knows the Sonoran Desert better than just about anyone else. He knows that life in the desert is a waiting game: waiting for rain. And in a year of drought, the stakes are especially high. In his latest book, Alcock tracks the changes he observes in the desert's plants and animals over the course of a drought year, what the wait for rain entails and what happens when it finally comes. Blending a personal perspective with field observation, *When the Rains Come* is filled with insights on the desert's dependence on rainfall from the mating behaviors of insects to urban sprawl. It brings us the desert in the harshest of times yet shows us that it is still teeming with life. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

**WHEN: Sun. Oct. 4 / 2pm / Ed. Ctr. #1 - Call 742-6455 x0 to reserve your space**

**WHERE: The Education Center, Classroom #1**

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**COST: FREE**

**WHAT: DOING NATURE DIGITALLY:  
AN INTRODUCTION TO NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**

Not sure why that digital photo you just printed looks so different from what you remember seeing on your LCD viewfinder? Take heart, it is possible to learn how to take great photographs of our amazing desert southwest! Artist and professional photographer Robert Renfrow, MFA provides a solid foundation for photographing nature subjects from plants and animals to landscapes, demystifying today's complex digital camera. Renfrow starts with camera functions such as f/ stops, shutter speeds, light metering, lenses, flash, resolution and file formats, then moves on to the basics of composition and simple ways to dramatically improve your photographs. Come and "make friends" with your camera in this beginner-friendly class!

**WHEN: Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20 / 10am-4pm - Call 742-6455 x0 to reserve your space**

**WHERE: The Education Center, Classroom #2**

Tohono Chul Park  
7366 N Paseo del Norte  
Tucson, AZ 85704

**COST: \$100 members/\$125 general public**

**WHAT: PAPIER MACHE SKULLS/METAL MILAGROS**

Day of the Dead is a time for remembrance and reflection, a time to honor departed loved ones with offerings of sugar skulls that remind us of our mortality and milagros which symbolize wishes and prayers for health and well being. Papier mâché artist Jenny Eschedor crafts happy skulls from paper and pairs them with milagros of embossed aluminum in this two-session workshop. Each participant creates their unique skull mold from clay, filling it with papier mâché to dry overnight. Embossed milagros are made from malleable 36 gauge aluminum, with designs and textures personalized by each student. For Eschedor, the process of creating a milagro can be very positive and affirming; combining it with a skull relief sculpture pays tribute to two traditional forms used throughout the borderlands.

**WHEN: Sat. & Sun., Oct. 17 & 18 / 1-3pm - Call 742-6455 x0 to reserve your space**

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**COST: \$60 members/\$75 general public**

**WHAT: HERBAL SOAPS**

Botanist Jacqueline Soule has been making natural herbal soaps for years and recently, she has been experimenting with adding Sonoran Desert plants. In this workshop she shares her secrets, starting with a demonstration of soap-making soap from scratch. Soule also discusses herbal milled soaps, useful oils and herbs, optional colorants and other natural additives. Then it's time to make your own soap! All materials are included.

**WHEN: Sat., Oct. 31 / 1-4pm - Call 742-6455 x0 to reserve your space**

**WHERE: The Education Center, Classroom #2**

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**COST: \$42 members/\$55 general public**

**WHAT: AGAVES AND YUCCAS IN THE LANDSCAPE - NEW DATE**

Drought-tolerant and visually striking, agaves and yuccas have a style all their own. Noted horticulturist and author Greg Starr (Starr Nursery), discusses the unique characteristics of these kissing cousins, focusing on their adaptations, similarities and differences. Starr shares his favorite plants, showing them in their natural habitats and offers suggestions for their use in the home landscape. Audience participation is mandatory, so come prepared to ask questions! *sponsored by MetroWater*

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**INFO:** Tohono Chul Park is the Southwest's center where nature, art, and culture connect. Educational programs, art, and cultural exhibits, nature trails, gardens, and special events offer the visitor the opportunity to experience the desert and all its treasures. For more information on the Park, please call (520) 742-6455, visit our website [www.tohonochulpark.org](http://www.tohonochulpark.org), or visit us in person at 7366 N. Paseo del Norte, one stoplight west of the intersection at Oracle and Ina.

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