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Touch Wood: A Hands-on Tour of Lynne Yamaguchi's Turned Bowls
Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 10am-noon and 1-3pm
Children's Ramada at Tohono Chul Park

Tohono Chul Park invites the Tucson community and local vision loss organizations to join us for *Touch Wood: A Hands-on Tour of Lynne Yamaguchi's Turned Bowls*. Lynne Yamaguchi, the Park's Artist of the Month for October, will have a display of her bowls in the Exhibit House through the month. *Touch Wood* is an opportunity to meet her and to handle a selection of her elegant turned wood bowls. Lynne will be in the Park's Children's Ramada on Tuesday, October 13, from 10am to noon and from 1pm to 3pm.

In offering *Touch Wood*, Tohono Chul Park joins over 200 partnering institutions around the world who are celebrating October as "Art Beyond Sight Awareness Month," an annual project of Art Education for the Blind designed to provide unique opportunities for people with vision loss to experience and benefit from the arts. A listing of Awareness Month programs can be found at www.artbeyondsight.org.

When wood artist Lynne Yamaguchi was a child, her family visited a town in Bavaria known for its woodcarving. As souvenirs, they bought several finely turned wood bowls and a small vase, which Lynne still owns. Her love of wood began with those vessels; she enjoyed cupping them in her hands and stroking their shaped smoothness. When she took up woodturning herself, Lynne combined that elemental love of the material and form with her Japanese heritage that emphasizes a philosophy of practice as applied to crafts, a worldview that sees wood as an expression of living energy, and an aesthetic that embraces the humble as well as the elegant. For her, perfection in woodturning is an expression of the wood's essential nature, flaws and all.

For more information about *Touch Wood: A Hands-on Tour of Lynne Yamaguchi's Turned Bowls*, contact Peggy Hazard after October 5 at peggyhazard@tohonochulpark.org or 520-742-6455 x217. For more about the art of Lynne Yamaguchi, see her website: www.lynn Yamaguchi.com.

Touch Wood is free with Park Admission (\$7 with discounts for seniors, students, children and active military). Group discounts are available; contact Min Johnson to make arrangements: 520-742-6455 x235 or minjohnson@tohonochulpark.org.

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, 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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