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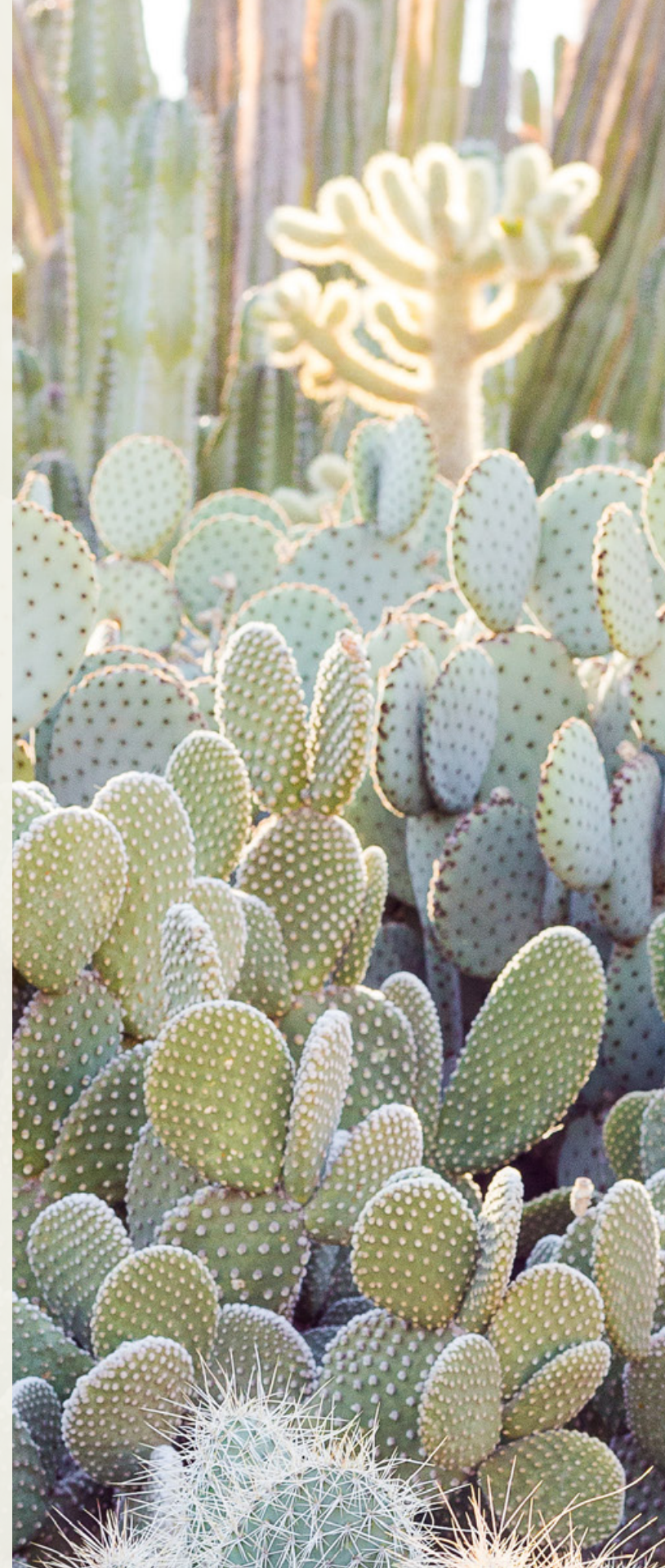
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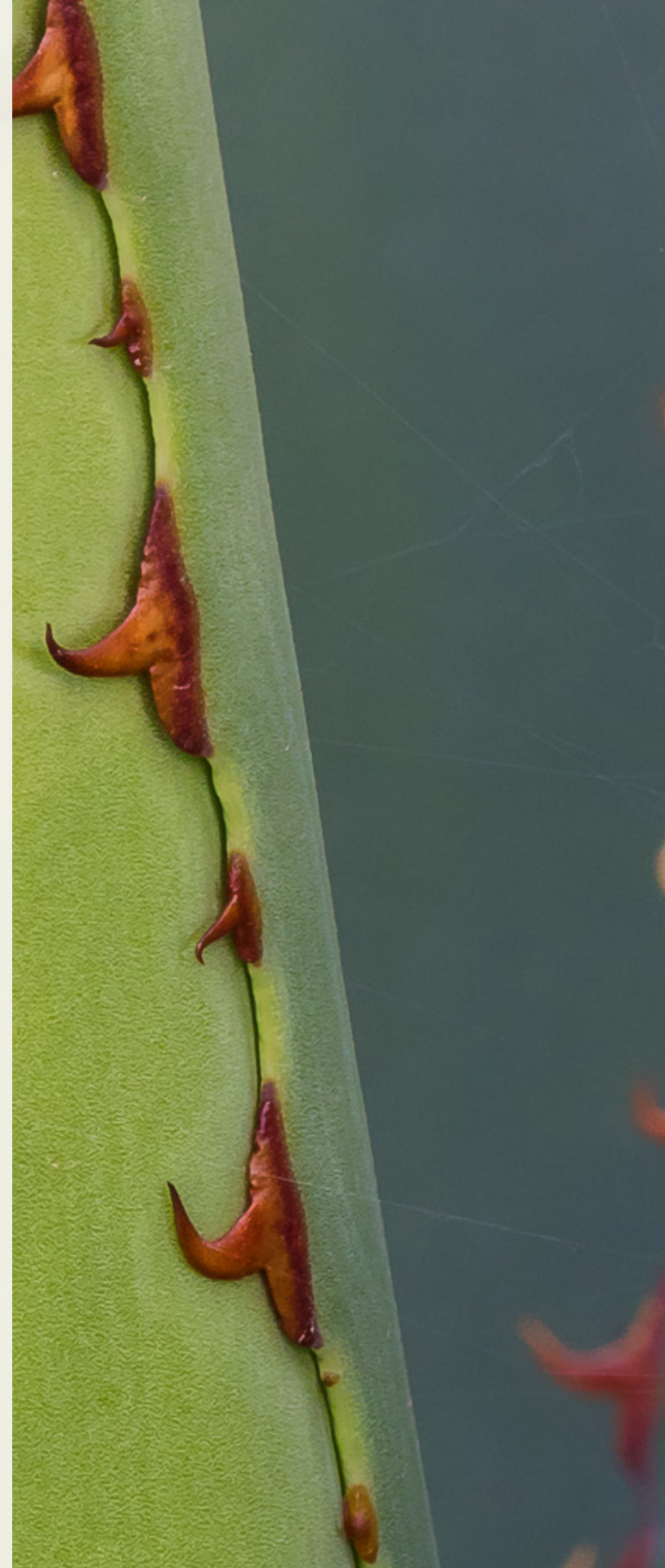
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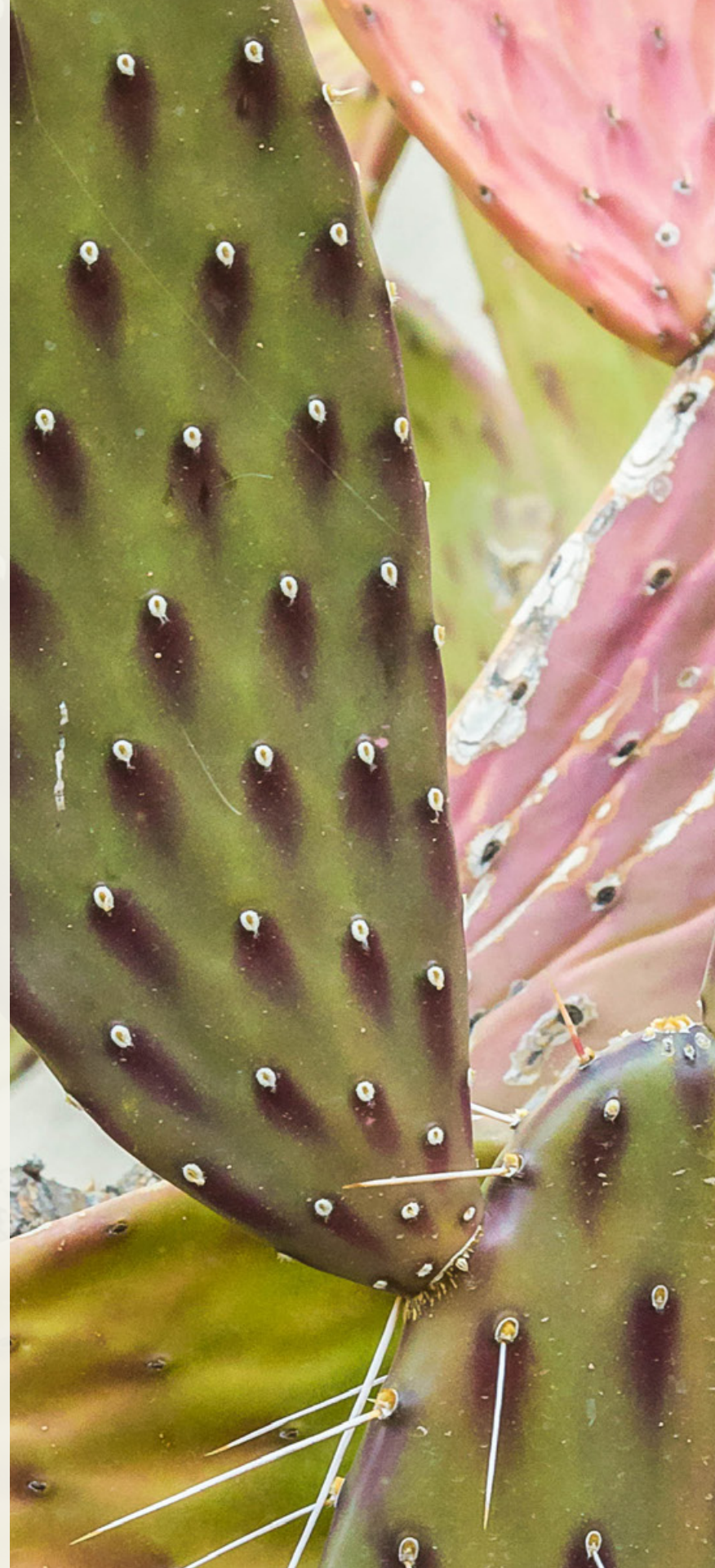
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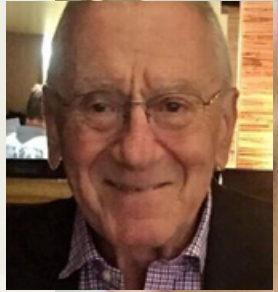


This year, many important members of the Desert Botanical Garden family were lost. Each made a great impact, and will be missed for their passion and generosity.

Dr. Bernard (Bud) Gore

As a volunteer for more than 11 years, Bud was able to clock 1,203 hours at the Garden as a Wednesday Docent. His love for the Sonoran Desert was palpable through the informative and engaging tours he was famous for giving.

Spending his time between California and Arizona, Chicago native Bud Gore was a beloved Docent at the Garden. As a spirited and intelligent man, Bud had numerous passions, including fly fishing and advocating for women's health, and we were lucky to have his support at the Garden.



Robert (Bob) Tancer

Through his work with the Law and government in the United States and Latin America, Bob learned the importance of supporting community. As an active member of numerous organizations in Arizona, Bob showed his dedication to serving the public.

For more than 20 years, Bob served on the Board of Trustees and gave his time to numerous committees. Through the generosity of Bob and his wife, Shoshana, the Garden was able to start the Tancer Distinguished Speaker Series in 2017.



Edward (Ed) Turcotte

As a Herbarium research volunteer and Thursday Docent, Ed volunteered 7,698 hours throughout his tenure at the Garden since 1993.

As a retired Research scientist who worked with cotton breeding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, he used his experience to help with Agave Pollen measurements and chromosome counts. His stories of growing up on a farm and his time in the field will be missed. Before his passing, he was awarded status as a Volunteer Emeritus.



Arlyn Imberman

Arlyn was a well-known graphologist, business owner and author of "Signature for Success". She spent her life advocating for education, art and culture in New York.

She moved to Arizona in 2015, and made a big impact on our state as a member of Arizona Women in Philanthropy, Arizona Opera and Ballet Arizona. Her support and work with the Garden included serving on the Donor Recognition Committee, has enabled the Garden to continue mission work and grow our capacity.





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