

DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN



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Overview

THE GARDEN:

Discover the tranquil vibrancy of 50,000 desert plants nestled amid the red rocks of the Papago Buttes at Desert Botanical Garden. Visitors can stroll through five thematic trails to explore plants, including towering cactus, alluring succulents and brilliant desert wildflowers. Delve deeper to experience world-class art exhibitions, festive events and so much more.

MISSION:

The Garden's commitment to the community is to advance excellence in education, research, exhibition and conservation of desert plants of the world with emphasis on the Sonoran Desert. We will ensure that the Garden is always a compelling attraction that brings to life the many wonders of the desert.

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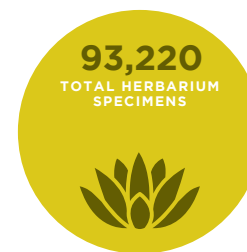
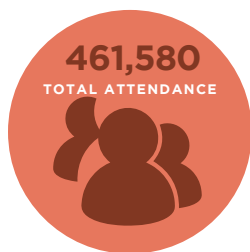
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YOUR GARDEN | BY THE NUMBERS (As of 2021):



History

In the 1930s, a small group of passionate local citizens saw the need to conserve the beautiful desert environment. One was Swedish botanist Gustaf Starck, who found like-minded residents by posting a sign that said “Save the desert,” with an arrow pointing to his home. More than eight decades later, thanks to leadership and investments from many individuals, Desert Botanical Garden has blossomed from a dream into a living museum unlike any other. See how the Garden has grown during its history into a compelling attraction and desert conservation pioneer.



Trails & Exhibitions

Desert Botanical Garden provides a world-class experience for every visitor. Through permanent trailside exhibits, temporary art installations and seasonal experiences, the Garden ignites discovery about the desert and the plants that have adapted to this fascinating ecosystem.

TRAILS:

DESERT DISCOVERY LOOP TRAIL | Exhibits desert plants from around the world.

PLANTS & PEOPLE OF THE SONORAN DESERT LOOP TRAIL | Closed for renovations- July 18 through early October. We apologize for any inconvenience but excited to share the improved trail with you soon.

SONORAN DESERT NATURE LOOP TRAIL | Illustrates the relationship between desert plants and animals.

CENTER FOR DESERT LIVING LOOP TRAIL | Displays ideas and strategies for sustainable ways to live with nature.

Harriet K. Maxwell DESERT WILDFLOWER LOOP TRAIL | Showcases the diversity of desert wildflowers.



Events & Exhibits

Fall Butterfly Exhibit



September 24 - November 13

Mighty monarch butterflies return this fall. Experience a diverse kaleidoscope of butterflies from the Southwest, and discover the magnificence of the mighty monarch butterfly—from their amazing migration to the plants they need to survive.

Cactus Clubhouse



Desert Botanical Garden invites kids to engage with the outdoors around them at Cactus Clubhouse—a brand-new nature play space. The play area provides unstructured, child-led activities for kids under 12 to discover the fun of the natural world.

Rotraut



October 24 - May 13

Global visual artist Rotraut will further enliven the Garden's trails and Ottosen Gallery this fall with an assemble of large-scale sculptures, paintings and photography. Rotraut's art takes inspiration from human subconscious feelings and behavior and explores the relationship between the sky, sun and universe.

Signature Events

Music in the Garden



Oct. 7 - Nov. 18, 2022

Desert Botanical Garden offers an exciting and diverse lineup of talented performers in the Spring and Fall Music in the Garden concert series.

Ages 21 and older

Día De Muertos



Oct. 29, 2022 - Oct. 30, 2022

Celebrate the colorful and vibrant Mexican tradition of Día de Muertos at the Garden with new and exhilarating experiences. The two-day festival will be filled with music, dance, storytelling y mas! Honor a loved one in the community Mega Altar by artist Rufina Ruiz López. Join La Procesión, a procession that honors the dead through the Garden with performers and audience members.

Dog Days at the Garden



Jan. 9 - March 27, 2022

Early risers are invited to bring their whole pack to the trails mornings. Treat your dog to a morning stroll at the Garden. You and your pup will have a tail-wagging good time exploring all the beauty and sniffs of the Garden.

Las Noches de las Luminarias



Dec. 3 - Dec. 31, 2022

Experience the simplicity and beauty of Las Noches de las Luminarias this holiday season with 8,000 flickering luminarias and twinkling lights throughout the Garden. Enjoy a festive drink while listening to holiday melodies.

Research & Conservation

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) identified cactus as one of the most threatened groups of living organisms, but the Garden is working to protect and conserve these treasured desert plants and many others. The Garden's researchers often collaborate internationally, as well as with federal and state agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Parks Service, to protect Arizona flora and habitat.



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Overview



CREDITS:

- Accredited by the American Association of Museums
- Founding member of the Center for Plant Conservation
- Designated by popular vote in 1993 as a “Phoenix Point of Pride”
- Named one of “Arizona’s Treasures” by Governor Janet Napolitano in 2005



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