

High Desert Gardening & Landscaping Conference 2016  
Cochise College Student Union Building, Sierra Vista  
Agenda

**Wednesday, March 9 -- Pre-Conference Event**

7:00 pm Patterson Observatory at University of Arizona Sierra Vista Campus. Southeast Arizona is renowned for its clear dark skies. This is your opportunity to view the sky with the observatory's 20-inch telescope. Sign up early. Limited to the first 25 individuals.

**Thursday, March 10**

7:30 – 8:30 am Registration & Breakfast

8:30 -- 8:45 am Welcome

**8:45 – 10:00 am GENERAL SESSION A**

The Things They Didn't Teach Me in School!!

*Margaret West, President, Margaret West Designs, Inc.*

10:00 – 10:30 am Break/Exhibits

**10:30 – 11:30 am BREAKOUT SESSION ONE**

Diagnosing Plant Problems

*Rick Gibson, Extension Agent, County Director, Pinal County*

Water Gardening – Ponds, Water Gardens, Water Features – What are the differences and how do they fit into water-smart Desert Landscapes.

*Toni Moore, Pima County Master Gardener*

Straw Bale Vegetable Gardening

*Cado Daily, Water Resources Coordinator, Retired*

11:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch, Door Prizes & Exhibits

**1:00 – 3:00 pm BREAKOUT SESSION TWO (Hands on/Interactive Workshops)**

Hypertufa...Creating Fun Garden Containers

*Kunie Kummer, Sierra Vista Area Garden Clubber, and Passionate Recycler*

*Karen Webb, President, Sierra Vista Area Garden Club*

The Gringo Gourmet – Not Your Mam's Napolitos

*Jim Hastings, Master Gardener, El Paso, TX*

Creating Vertical Gardens

*Jan Groth, Master Gardener and Colleen LaFleur of Atelier de LaFleur of Tucson*

Canning with Confidence

*Hope Wilson, Area Assistant Agent, Family, Consumer & Health Sciences, Yavapai and Gila Counties*

Cactus/Succulent Propagation

*Jeff Moore, Arid Adaptations Nursery*

3:00 – 3:30 pm Break/Exhibits

**3:30 – 4:30 pm GENERAL SESSION B**

Newer Selections of Drought Tolerant Plants for Sierra Vista

*Jeff Grass, Mountain States Nursery*

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**Friday, March 11**

7:30 - 8:30 am Registration and Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45 am Welcome

**8:45-10:00 am GENERAL SESSION C**

Neurobotany – How Plants Think

*Tony McCammon, Area Extension Educator, University of Idaho, The Plant Whisperer*

10:00 - 10:30 am Break/Exhibits

**10:30 - 11:30 BREAKOUT SESSION THREE**

Backyard Viticulture – An introduction to grape growing for the home gardener

*Kief Manning, Co-Owner & Winemaker, Kief-Joshua Vineyards*

Rose ‘Smarts’ for High Desert Gardeners

*Doc Stalker, Master Gardener, El Paso, TX*

Raised Bed Gardens

*Rick Gibson, Extension Agent, County Director, Pinal County,*

11:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch—Door Prizes—Exhibits

**1:00 - 2:00 pm BREAKOUT SESSION FOUR**

One Gardener’s Secrets to Successful Small Space Tomatoes & Corn

*Julie Barton, Cochise County Master Gardener*

Garden Birdwatching 101

*Karen LeMay, Founder, Pollinator Corridors Southwest*

Integrated Pest Management – how to create an approach that’s right for you, your health and the environment.

*Dr. Deborah Young, Sputnik Consulting*

2:00 - 2:30 pm Break/Exhibits

**2:30 - 3:30 pm BREAKOUT SESSION FIVE**

Fruit Trees TLC

*Tony McCammon, Area Extension Educator, University of Idaho, The Plant Whisperer*

Wild Plants, Wild Animals and Wild Places to Be - Stories and songs from the borderlands

*Peter Gierlach, Petey Mesquitey*

What’s your Botanical Name?

*Josh Sherman, Area Extension Agent, Cochise, Graham, and Santa Cruz Counties,  
Commercial Horticulture*

**3:45 - 4:30 pm GENERAL SESSION D**

Grassland Plant ID for Everyone – Except Folks Who Take Boring Technical Stuff Too Seriously

*Jim Koweek, Owner, AZ Revegetation & Monitoring Co., and Author*

**BOOK SIGN - UP TO FOLLOW**

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**Saturday, March 12- Post Conference Event**

9:00 - 11:30 am

**WaterWise Presents**

Make the Right Cut: Pruning Maintenance of Woody Plants"

*DeForest Lewis, Cochise County Master Gardener, Certified Arborist – WCISA*

Groth Hall, Public Meeting Room, University of Arizona South Campus

**This is an outside demonstration, dress for the weather**

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