

# Desert Gardening Hub

Sonoran Desert gardening events, information, and resources.

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Monday, March 4, 2019

## Yellow Boots Yard Care

Are you feeling a bit overwhelmed by the amount of spring gardening chores you need to get done? Tree feeding, pruning, mulching, replenishing garden beds, planting, and maybe even grafting? Or are you planning your summer vacation and wondering who you can trust to care for your garden while you are away? Yellow Boots Yard Care can help you!

While most landscape maintenance and yard care companies are "blow-and-go" operations that just mow lawns, trim bushes and blow leaves, Yellow Boots offers more specialized care needed by vegetable gardeners and fruit growers. Owner, Jennifer Layton, is an experienced gardener and is in the Landscape Horticulture Program at Mesa Community College. Jennifer is the brains behind the operation and her husband Kimball is the brawn. Together they make an awesome gardening team. The proof is in their own yard where they have healthy tropical fruit trees, stone fruit trees, and 8 bountiful vegetable garden beds.



*Jennifer Layton, owner of Yellow Boots Yard Care*

### This Week's Events

**Urban Farm Pop-up Nursery OPEN**  
**Fri April 19, Sat April 20, 9am to 3pm**  
 - The Nursery & General Store is open for Citrus Tree Pick-ups. This is where we will have CITRUS trees ready for pick up. We also have a few deciduous potted vines, bushes and trees available. The pickup address for all your trees is: 4549 N 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85014 (You can use 731 E Meadowbrook for your GPS)

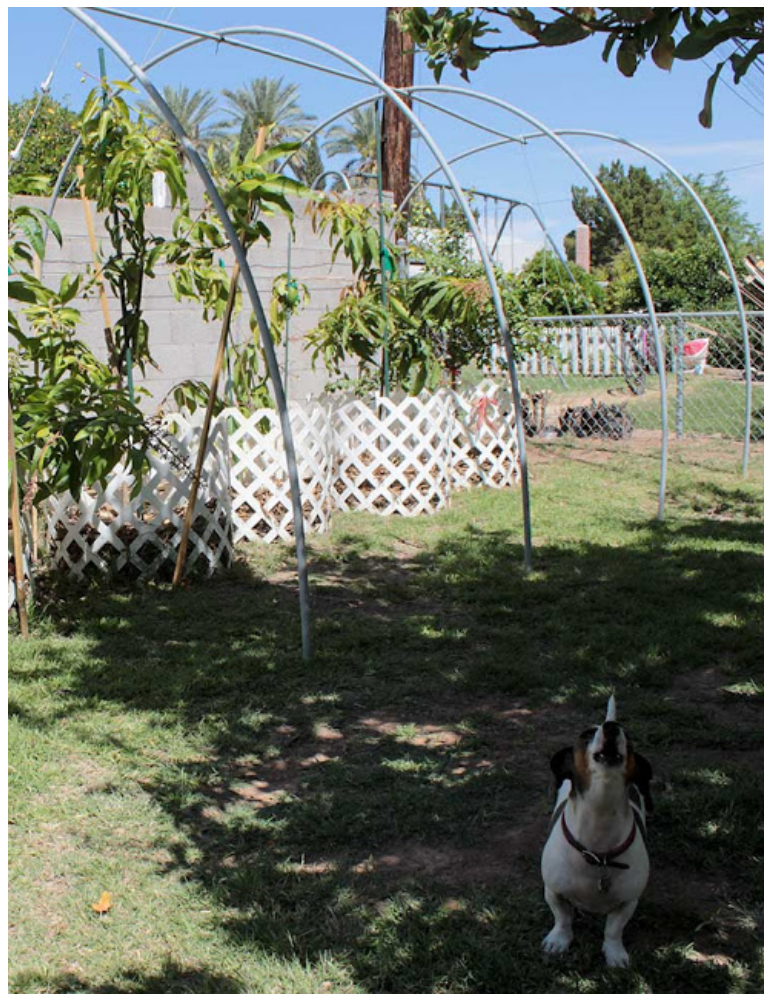
**Phoenix Spring Plant Swap Hosted by Dig It Gardens on Saturday April 20th at 2 PM – 3:30 PM** Come join us for our first annual Spring Plant Swap. Let's grow our plant collections and set some roots down in our community. All proceeds from the event will benefit Epilepsy Foundation of Arizona and Harvesting Hope. What to bring: Please bring a few plants you have grown/propagated to trade. They can be potted or bare root. They should be free of any pests and labeled. If you are new to the plant world and do not have anything to trade, you are still welcome to come make some planty friends! Space is limited. \$5 donation is non-refundable. If you have questions please send Trinity a DM on Instagram @wildbynaturedesigns or email: wildbynaturedesigns@gmail.com Dig It Gardens, 3015 N 16th St, Phoenix, Arizona 85016

### Retailers of Organic Trees / Plants Starts -

**Vilardi Gardens** - All-natural, chemical & pesticide-free, Arizona-grown edible transplants on sale each Saturday at the **Roadrunner Farmers Market** and **Uptown Farmers Market**. Also available at -

Valley Verde Garden  
 Center  
 SummerWinds Nurseries  
 Russ' True Value in  
 Queen Creek  
 Arcadia Color Nursery  
 Botanica at the Farm at  
 South Mountain,

**Shamus O'Leary Tropical Fruit Trees**  
 - An amazing assortment of tropical fruit trees, vines, and spice plants! Included are - Allspice, tamarind, miracle fruit, jackfruit, mamey sapote, moringa, neem, peanut butter, ice cream bean, rainbow eucalyptus, and



*Hoop structure over very happy and healthy mango trees in Layton's garden, provides cold protection in winter, and shade protection in our hot summer months. The Layton's dog Nora warns me to stay away from her mango trees!*

The Layton's have 104 fruiting varieties in their yard (10 vines, 32 grafts, 62 main trees). Most of their trees are tropical - 16 mangoes, 4 avocados, and 1 lime tree with 11 grafts on it! These two avid gardeners have experience with plant and tree installation, flood irrigation management, foliar feeding, cold protection of tropicals, shade structure construction, organic pest management, fruit tree pruning, and garden rehabilitation.

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[GreenLifebyshamusoleary.com](http://GreenLifebyshamusoleary.com)

**A Tropical Concept Plant Nursery** -

Call and check on what is in stock at (602) 315-1966. Carries a wide variety of mangos, atemoyas, sapodillas, custard apples, guavas, grapes, bananas, starfruit, barbados, surinam cherry, black surinam, passion fruits, mamey sapotes, longan, lychees, jackfruit, tamarind, mulberry, pineapple, sugar apple, jabbitocaba, june plum, miracle fruit, and coffee! Need citrus? Kumquats, limes, lemons, mandarins, tangerines, grapefruits, and cara cara.

**Arcadia Color Nursery** - Locally grown plants starts, and all the wonderful and different plant species you could previously find at Baker Nursery.

**Farmstand / True Garden** - Need seedlings for your Tower, hydroponic or raised beds? True Garden has over 5000 seedlings (100 varieties) ready to ship which are grown in their state of the art, solar powered greenhouse. If you are local to the Mesa area you can shop for them at the Farmstand facility, **Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00am to 12:00pm**. Farmstand also ships seedlings to the lower 48 states. All orders received by midnight on Sunday will ship on either the following Monday or Tuesday. 5949 E University, Mesa (University and Recker)

**Dig It Urban Gardens and Nursery** - Check [FB page](#) or call (602) 812-7476 for updates on current inventory.

**Richard's Garden Center** (Garden City) - Has a variety of plant starts now! Inventory changes daily! Please call [623-434-6922](tel:623-434-6922) for Prices, confirm availability, or 24 hr. hold. Check [here](#) for latest inventory.

**Elgin Nursery and Tree Farm** is a retail and wholesale tree and plant nursery that offers a wide selection of native, desert adapted, Mediterranean, and tropical plants. With over 35 acres of production area, Elgin's has a great selection of locally grown quality trees in stock up to 36 inch box. 8606 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85037, Phone: (623) 936-1100. Mon – Sat: 7am-5pm Sunday: 9am-4pm

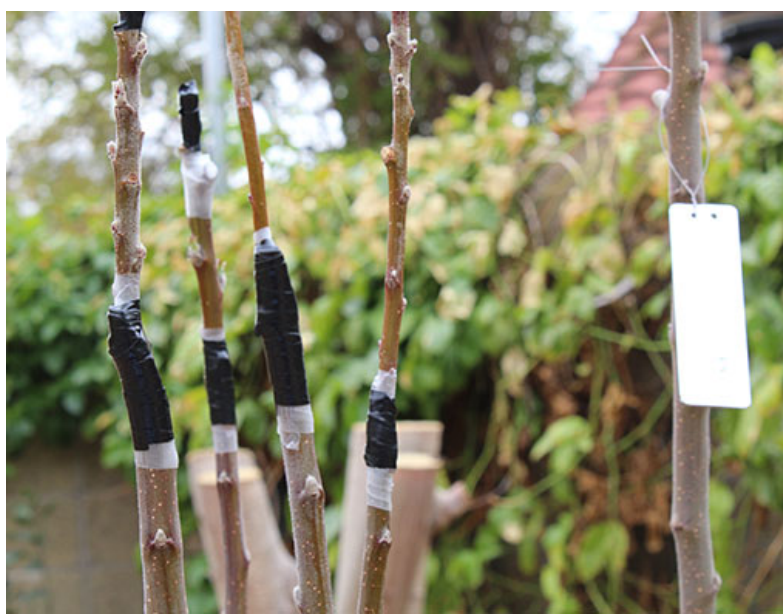
**RSI Growers** - Local Arizona Growers of Deciduous and Citrus Fruit Trees and Vines grown specifically for the American Southwest.

**Low Desert Planting Guide**



**Kimball Layton grafting Black Mission Fig scions on to my Kadota Fig tree under the supervision of my fearless garden-guard dog, Buster Brown.**

In February I was dreading having to make the decisions of what to prune off of my dwarf fruit trees and grape vines, so I called in Yellow Boots Yard Care to help. I also wanted to graft more varieties onto my fruit trees. Jennifer and Kimball did a great job, handling my young fruit trees with the care and attention to detail that they provide their own trees. Kimball even brought scions for my trees and grafted them on using the Tongue and Whip method. So far all of the grafts look good!



*My Fuji Apple (high chill hours) tree now has Anna's Apple (low chill hours) grafted on! Now I have a much better chance of getting fruit from this tree!!*

I originally met the Layton's at a grafting workshop hosted by Don Olson at [Greenlife Tropical Nursery](#). Expert fig grower Jeannine Sander demonstrated how to graft. From there Kimball went on to learn more grafting techniques from local expert tree grafter Jason van dem Bemd. Together they grafted over 50 varieties of apple scions onto the Layton's huge Anna's apple tree!

**Low Desert Planting & Harvest Calendar**  
 Brought to you by the Urban Farm, Matt Suhr and Greg Peterson  
 For information on classes and events offered on gardening and sustainability visit our website at [www.urbanfarm.org](http://www.urbanfarm.org) and add yourself to our email newsletter or email [Greg@urbanfarm.org](mailto:Greg@urbanfarm.org) or to contact Matt Suhr - [happydirt@earthlink.net](mailto:happydirt@earthlink.net)

Crop	Harvest	Month											
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Archoke - Globe	20												
- Jerusalem	15												
Asparagus	15												
Beet	32												
Bean - Blackeye	32												
- Fava	20												
- Garbanzo	25												
- Green snap	32												
- Lentil	25												
- Lima	32												
- Bean	15												

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*The Layton's 20+ year old Anna's apple tree glistens with silver scion tags.*

So go ahead and plan that vacation, just be sure to schedule [Yellow Boots Yard Care](#) to tend to your garden while you are away. Jennifer will even send you photos of your plants to reassure you that all is well at your homestead!



**Yellow Boots Yard Care**  
 (servicing the East Valley and Scottsdale)  
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 (480) 250-9982  
 E-Mail - [yellowbootsyardcare@gmail.com](mailto:yellowbootsyardcare@gmail.com)

If you are interested in grafting and looking for scions or have scions to share, check out Jason van den Bemd's Facebook group [Arizona Fruit Tree Scion Exchange](#).

Posted by [Peggy Thomas](#) at [2:04:00 PM](#)

Reactions: funny (0) interesting (0) cool (0)



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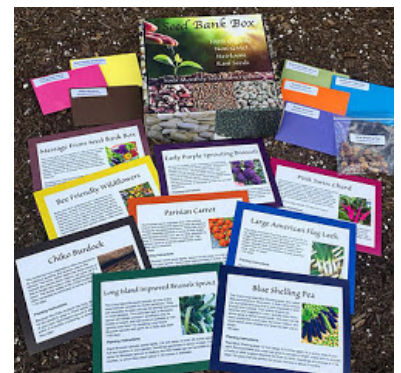
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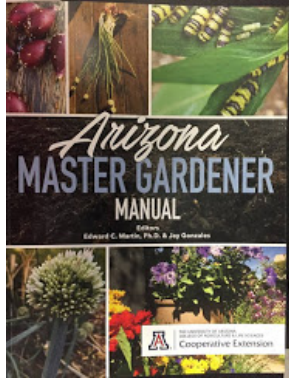
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Sonoran Edible Garden

#### Ask an Arborist FaceBook Group



Have questions about those new trees you have planted???

#### Search This Blog

#### Conserve Water!

Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.

#### Native Plants & Seed Catalogue 2017-18



## BORDERLANDS RESTORATION

Native forbs, shrubs, trees, vines, and grasses

### Control Pests Naturally

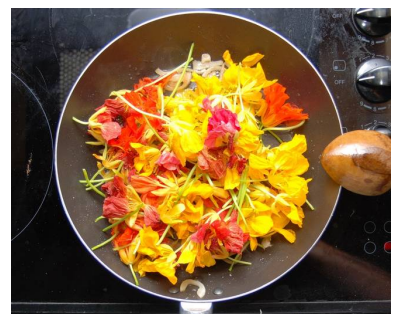


### SAVE A TREE



Giving trees a second life - There are many reasons trees have to be taken down and unfortunately most of the time these trees end up in the landfill. We work with a handful of Arborists to help rescue and reuse these local trees and turn them into something extraordinary. If you have a tree that has fallen or needs to come down for natural reasons - please contact us so we can determine if it can be salvaged. IRONWOOD MILLS, 8342 N 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ, 85020, 602-300-5661, [gsrider1@mac.com](mailto:gsrider1@mac.com) , <http://www.ironwoodmills.com/services.html>

### 42 Flowers You Can Eat!



### Labels

**Desert Gardening**  
**Maricopa Master**  
**Gardeners Jake Mace Jay**  
**Barringer Shamus O'Leary Tropical**  
**Fruit Trees Watershed Management**  
**Group rainwater harvesting Aravaipa**  
**Avocado Tree Arizona Avocado Tree**  
**Bacillus Thuringiensis Greg Peterson Kelly**  
**Athena Moringa Passion fruit vine Phoenix**  
**The Farm at South Mountain black sapote**  
**fruit tree pruning fruit trees passion flowers**  
**tree collards wild sunflowers A Tropical**  
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**Association Arizona Rare Fruit Growers Arizona**  
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**Mesa Jason Trotter Jennifer Layton Julie Knapp**  
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**Layton Kirti Mathura Leaf hoppers Lesser**  
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**Garden EcoVillas Singh Farm Swiss Chard**  
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**landscape drip irrigation dwarf black mulberry**  
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**grapeleaf skeletonizers grapevines greek**  
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**kohler lavender mango trees mesquite flour**  
**mesquite pods miracle mango nasturtium**  
**nopales olives ollas organza drawstring bags**  
**pakistani mulberry palo verde pods passiflora**  
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**garden powdery mildew praying mantis purslane**  
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**What Kind of Tree is THAT???**





Put in your location and find out!

### Phoenix Urban Forest

The city of Phoenix recently finished a complete inventory of the more than 90,000 trees, palms and tall cacti in its parks and along its streets. Citizens can use this interactive tree inventory website to view the location and type of each tree within city limits! Go to [Phoenix Urban Forest](#)

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### Zucchini Blossom




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