

**Program 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Desert Horticulture Conference  
May 10, 2024, El Conquistador Hotel, Tucson**

Track	Plants and Design	Plant Health	Water / Urban Landscapes
<b>Room</b>	Agave Room	Catalina Room (Upstairs)	Joshua Tree Room
<b>Track Sponsors</b>	 		  
6:45 – 7:30 am	<b>Registration and Coffee – Visit Sponsor Exhibits</b>		
7:30–8:30 am	<b><i>The Heat-Proof Desert Garden</i></b> Noelle Johnson, AZ Plant Lady <b>ISA*</b>	<b><i>Invasive Plant Species and their Management in Urban Landscapes</i></b> Tony Figueroa, Tucson Audubon Society and John Scheuring, Arizona Native Plant Society <b>PMD*, AG*, ISA</b>	<b><i>Troubleshooting and Testing Your Irrigation System for Optimal Performance</i></b> Dominic Rullo, Town of Marana <b>ISA</b>
8:45 -9:45 am	<b><i>Developing a Wind and Storm Proof Tree Structure</i></b> Denice Britton, Consulting Arborist <b>ISA</b>	<b><i>Mite Issues on Landscape Plants</i></b> Dr. Shaku Nair, UA Maricopa County Cooperative Extension <b>PMD, AG, ISA</b>	<b><i>Retrofitting Irrigation Systems to Meet the Needs of Trees and Other Plants</i></b> Doug Donahue, Ewing Irrigation <b>ISA</b>
10:00- 11:00 am	<b><i>Underused and Newly Introduced Plants</i></b> Panel: Emilie Augustine, Desert Tree Farm; Berni Jilka, Nighthawk Natives Nursery; Wendy Proud, Mountain States Wholesale Growers; Nick Shipley, Civano Growers <b>ISA</b>	<b><i>Shrub Performance under Minimum Irrigation</i></b> Dr. Ursula Schuch, UA School of Plant Sciences <b>PMD, AG</b>	<b><i>Preserving the Urban Forest: Best Practices for Tree Conservation during Artificial Turf Installation</i></b> Anne LeSenne, Pinal County Cooperative Extension <b>ISA</b>
11:00 am - 12:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b> Visit Sponsor Exhibits, Bookstore    Book Signing: Noelle Johnson		
12:15 - 1:15 pm	<b><i>Plant Selection for Green Stormwater Infrastructure Landscapes</i></b> Nick Shipley, Civano Growers <b>ISA</b>	<b><i>Introduction to Wilt Diseases</i></b> Dr. Alex Hu, UA School of Plant Sciences <b>PMD, AG, ISA</b>	<b><i>Improving Soils through Green Stormwater Infrastructure</i></b> Dr. Bo Yang, UA Landscape Architecture and Planning, Dr. Vanessa Buzzard, UA Natural Resources, Grant McCormick, UA Environmental Science <b>ISA</b>
1:30 - 2:30 pm	<b><i>Eye-Catching Plants for Curb Appeal</i></b> Noelle Johnson, AZ Plant Lady <b>ISA</b>	<b><i>Correct Me If I'm Wrong: Lesson for Pesticide Handlers</i></b> Jennifer Weber, UA Pesticide Safety Education Program <b>PMD, AG, ISA</b>	<b><i>Tucson Residential Rain Water Harvesting Rebates Revamp –</i></b> Irene Ogata and Valeria Galindo, City of Tucson
2:45 - 3:45 pm	<b><i>Landscaping for the Future: Drawing Ideas from Ecological Restoration Practices</i></b> Carianne Funicelli, Strategic Habitats <b>ISA</b>	<b><i>Witches Broom on Parkinsonia Species in Arizona Landscapes</i></b> Dr. Ursula Schuch, UA Plant Sciences <b>PMD, AG, ISA</b>	<b><i>Improving Tree Establishment Success -</i></b> Dr. Bo Yang, UA Landscape Architecture and Planning, Dr. Vanessa Buzzard, UA Natural Resources, Grant McCormick, UA Environmental Science <b>ISA</b>

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