

ARIZONA-SONORA  
**DESERT  
MUSEUM**



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**DESERT MUSEUM ANNUAL PLANT SALE READY TO BLOOM**

**TUCSON** – The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum will hold its **Annual Plant Sale** on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 7:30 AM until 3:00 PM. “We expect to have about 300 species of regional and desert-adapted trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, and succulents specifically chosen to add beauty and attract pollinators to gardens,” states George Montgomery, Curator of Botany for the Museum.

“We’ll also offer some plants that the Museum has never offered before such as trailing russelia (*Russelia furfuracea*), littleleaf green-twigg (*Brogniartia minutifolia*) and adelia (*Adelia obovata*)” adds Mr. Montgomery. Some of the unusual plant species will be offered in limited quantities and in 2011 many varieties of plants sold out, so it is recommended to arrive early.

For those seeking to see immediate results in their gardens, the day-of-the-dead flower, which produces a display of lavender daisies in October and November, will be on sale. Gardeners will also be able to purchase succulent dish gardens, pottery, potting soil and compost.

Museum botany experts will be on hand to answer gardening questions. Potting service also will be available with the purchase of plants and pots.

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Long recognized for its expertise in desert horticulture, many books about the desert and gardening, written and published by ASDM Press, also will be on sale. Enjoy walk-about refreshments while perusing the plants, pots, garden items and books! It's a great time to shop for holiday gifts!

Other activities at the Museum planned for that day include presentations of *Running Wild* and *Live and (sort of) on the Loose*, two of the Museum's popular live animal demonstrations.

A complete listing of plant species being offered will be listed prior to the sale at [www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org).

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### **The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is one of the nation's leading outdoor, living museums, featuring more than 230 animals and 1,200 varieties of desert plants. Its mission is to inspire people to live in harmony with the natural world by fostering love, appreciation, and understanding of the bi-national, Sonoran Desert. The museum is located at 2021 N. Kinney Road, nestled in Tucson Mountain Park adjacent to Saguaro National Park (West). It is open daily year round with operating hours varying by season. Call (520) 883-2702 or visit [www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org) for more information.

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