



DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Your Desert Home-A Gardening Program

Mission Statement

Your Desert Home-A Gardening Program is designed for the home hobbyist interested in plants and is geared toward those wanting to learn more about low-desert gardening and techniques. The courses offered will give you the necessary skills and training to make you a successful home gardener.

Program Information

- Classes are open to all regardless of intent to complete the program.
- Classes are designed for those with no previous gardening experience as well as those who have spent years working with plants.
- Programs are presented both in and out of doors at the Desert Botanical Garden and taught by experts in low-desert gardening.

Procedures

1. To begin the program, participants should complete the online Registration Form and submit to the address listed on the form.
2. Complete 15 classes:
 - 5 Core classes (Core)
 - 10 Elective classes
3. Use the online completion form to self-track courses and upon program completion, submit to the address listed on the form.
4. The program should be completed within three years.
5. Upon verification of completion, the participant will receive an exclusive Desert Botanical Garden item to inspire their gardening adventures.

Core Classes

The 5 core classes will get you started in your garden and are identified with (Core) following the class title in the *Landscape and Gardening* section of the Garden's Quarterly Calendar and on our website under the *Landscape and Gardening* category at dbg.org/education-programs/classes-trips. They are introductory in nature and will help you build a solid foundation in whatever type of gardening endeavor you pursue. The 5 core classes are offered on a rotating quarterly basis. The Garden recommends completing the 5 core classes prior to participating in electives. However, core classes and elective classes may be taken in any order except for the Home Landscape Design Basics series classes. The Home Landscape Design Basics I class is a prerequisite to the Home Landscape Design Basics II class.

- **Home Landscape Design Basics I**
An introduction to design concepts for creating a successful, attractive and functional garden.
- **Home Landscape Design Basics II**
Discusses more detailed aspects of homescape design including both the hardscape and softscape parts of the landscape.
- **Desert-adapted Plants**
Learn the benefits of using desert-adapted plants in your garden.
- **Caring for Your Desert Garden**
Tips on selection, planting and caring for your garden plants.
- **Environmental Challenges of Desert Gardening**
Understanding the unique soils, climate and water concerns in our desert environment.

Elective Classes

Elective classes consist of a variety of gardening topics including pruning, composting, propagation techniques, water harvesting, specialty garden design, and more. Electives can be selected from any classes listed in the "*Landscape and Gardening*" section of the Garden's Quarterly Calendar or on our website under the *Landscape and Gardening* category at dbg.org/education-programs/classes-trips.



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Registration Form

Name : _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Email: _____ Daytime Phone: (_____) - _____

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3. Use the online Completion Form to self-track courses and upon Program completion, submit to the address listed on the form.
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Please mail / fax / email your completed form to:

Desert Botanical Garden

ATTN: Angelica Elliott, Landscape and Gardening Education Coordinator

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Your Desert Home-A Gardening Program

Pre-Evaluation

Thank you for supporting our program!

Please take a few moments to provide your input that will help us understand your needs.

Name: _____
Email: _____

How long have you been a resident of the Phoenix-metro area?

0-3 years 4-10 years 10+ years Not a resident

Are you new to gardening in the Southwest? Yes No

What topics are you hoping to gain more knowledge (please check all that apply).

Pruning_____ Irrigation_____ Pest Management_____ Landscape Design_____

Vegetables_____ Herbs_____ Desert-adapted Plants_____ Soils/Composting_____

Propagation_____ Container Gardening_____ Wildlife Gardening_____

Other_____

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Post-Evaluation

Thank you for supporting our program!

Please take a few moments to provide your input that will help us plan and improve our program.

Name: _____
Email: _____

Did the program meet your expectations? Yes _____ No _____

If not, please explain. _____

What topics did you find most valuable (please check all that apply).

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| Pruning _____ | Irrigation _____ | Pest Management _____ | Landscape Design _____ |
| Vegetables _____ | Herbs _____ | Desert-adapted Plants _____ | Soils/Composting _____ |
| Propagation _____ | Container Gardening _____ | Wildlife Gardening _____ | Other _____ |

Please list any ideas for future program enhancement _____

