SPRING PLANT SALE THIS WEEKEND

Rose Lara does some weeding as she and other employees at Desert Survivors prepare for their annual spring plant sale. The sale is open to the public and will take place on Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds from the weekend sale will benefit services for children and adults with disabilities.

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IF YOU GO

What: Annual sale of indigenous plants.
When: Open to the public 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

What you can find: Desert Survivors sells indigenous and native plants, such as cacti and succulents.
Et cetera: All proceeds benefit services for children and adults with disabilities who work at the nursery.
Tyler Thompson does some weeding at Desert Survivors, a nursery that sells native plants. The nursery will hold its annual fall sale this weekend.

ANNUAL SALE OF INDIGENOUS PLANTS

- **Where:** Desert Survivors, 1020 W. Starr Pass Blvd., near the base of "A" Mountain.
- **When:** Saturday and Sunday.
- **How much:** Prices range from $10 to $70 for cacti and succulents, and $6 to $50 for other plants.
- **Et cetera:** Proceeds benefit services for kids and adults with disabilities who work at the nursery.

**Did you know**
Joseph Patterson, a Tucson psychologist, established Desert Survivors Inc. in 1981.
PLANT SALE AT DESERT SURVIVORS

Patrick Sullivan, left, and Matthias Logoria pull shades over one of the greenhouses at Desert Survivors Native Plant Nursery as the nursery prepares for its annual spring plant sale this weekend. Hours at the nursery, 1020 W. Starr Pass Boulevard, are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.
A FRESH START FOR YOUR GARDEN

The Desert Survivors spring sale of discounted native and heirloom plants runs through the end of the week. The nonprofit nursery employs about 40 developmentally disabled adults who grow and maintain plants. Rodney Wininger, above, tamps down soil in preparation for the sale at 1020 W. Starr Pass Blvd. At right, Diane DeGumba shops for Mexican oregano.
If you're looking for plants that love our climate, Desert Survivors' nursery's fall plant sale might be just the ticket. Here, workers James, right, and Stan move a jojoba plant in preparation for the big event. The nonprofit employs adults with developmental disabilities, and proceeds from the annual sale help fund the enterprise.

James wheels a cart of jojoba plants for display. A members' sale, with 20 percent discounts, is Saturday. The general public may buy items at a 10 percent discount from Tuesday through Oct. 3.

Simone places a small baby bonnet plant (otherwise known as coursetia glandulosa) at an "up-potting" station in advance of the sale.
Sowing seeds in the community

Doris Barry and her dog Moses consider a plant at Desert Survivors Native Plant Nursery's spring sale (10 percent off for the public and 20 percent for members), which started Tuesday, March 8, and runs for five days. Desert Survivors is a "homegrown" human service agency that "provides jobs for folks with disabilities," says Executive Director Richard Bechtold. They also provide over 500 species of Sonoran Desert plants on their four acres at 1020 W. Starr Pass Blvd. All plant purchases at the nursery go directly to providing jobs for adults with disabilities.
Johanna Salmon gets the full effect of a blooming pink trumpet tree during the annual Spring Plant Sale at Desert Survivors, 1020 W. Starr Pass Boulevard, on Tuesday. The sale runs through Sunday, March 19.

Desert Survivors holding annual Spring Plant Sale

It's the 2017 Spring Plant Sale at Desert Survivors Nursery, 1020 W. Starr Pass Boulevard. Everything is 10 percent off through Sunday, March 19. Members receive a 20 percent discount. Desert Survivors provides jobs for adults with disabilities, allowing employees to benefit from the idea of horticultural therapy. The program also builds relationships, self-esteem and a sense of self-worth that comes with having a job or purpose. All plant purchases at the nursery go directly to providing jobs for adults with disabilities.
Time to dig into fall plant sale

Above: Customers browse the selection at Desert Survivors' plant nursery, 1020 W. Starr Pass Blvd., on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Survivors' fall plant sale runs through Sept. 29, featuring 10 percent off plants and 20 percent discounts for members. The nonprofit employs developmentally-disabled adults.

Right: Dewayne T., right, a client at Desert Survivors' plant nursery, admires a silver prairie over for potting at the nursery, while mentor Jorge Marin, middle, looks on at the nursery.
A chance to fill your landscape

Plastic covering is removed from a hoop house as Desert Survivors Nursery gets its spring plant sale underway. A hundred species of desert plants will be available for purchase through Saturday at the nursery, 1020 W. Starr Pass Blvd.
Tidying up the merchandise

Shea Hobbs picks out weeds from a potted plant that's about to go on sale during the Fall Plant Sale at Desert Survivors, 1020 W. Starr Pass Blvd. The sale continues through Saturday. Desert Survivors is a nonprofit nursery that employs adults with disabilities.
Beautiful yards start here

Above: Josh, a 20-year worker at Desert Survivors Native Plant Nursery, removes weeds and debris from potted vines in a hoop house at the nursery, 1020 W. Starr Pass Boulevard. The company’s spring plant sale runs through Saturday, March 16. Desert Survivors is a nonprofit that employs 50 workers with disabilities, all of whom work to cultivate the plants sold to the public.

Right: Kirk, a 17-year worker at Desert Survivors, places hummingbird fuchsia plants in plastic pots for the spring sale.
Desert-plant sale supports good cause

Above: Casey Laverty picks out tiny weeds from potted plants in preparation for the Fall Plant Sale at Desert Survivors, 1020 W. Starr Pass Blvd. The sale began Tuesday and continues through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The nonprofit nursery has more than 700 species of local and regional native plants.

Right: Bishop's cap cacti await buyers at Desert Survivors, which was founded in 1981 and provides employment experience and training for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Spring sale at Desert Survivors

Above: Casey Leverdy, who has worked for eight years at Desert Survivors Nursery, loads a wagon with bags of soil. The nursery at 1020 W. Starr Pass Blvd. is having a spring sale that runs through Saturday.

Left: Cacti and a variety of other desert-adapted plants are on sale at Desert Survivors, a nonprofit that provides jobs to adults with developmental disabilities.