

20 in 20 - By Stan Southwick



This new year is the start of a new decade and is a celebratory year for Southwick LA. This year marks our 20th anniversary! We turn 20 in 20! The firm got its start in 1988 right here in Las Vegas. After becoming a subsidiary of a larger national company for a few years in the late 90's, we broke away and became Southwick Landscape Architects. We are now the largest Nevada based landscape architecture firm with seven licensed landscape architects. We would not be who we are today without our great clients. Thank you for continuing to use our services. We promise to always provide the best design tailored to your specific needs.

We will be celebrating all year! Our yearlong celebration will include 20 events, service projects, marketing campaigns and client touches. The celebration will be topped off with a big 20th anniversary party that you are all invited to attend. We look forward to sharing our celebration with you. Look for event announcements in future issues of the SLAM. Here's to the next 20!

"Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives...To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known."

- Carl Sagan (Pale Blue Dot speech)

Favorite Flora:

Senna nemophila - Desert Senna - By Jon Marenfeld



I was at a local nursery over the weekend and while they had lots of interesting plants everything was well...just kinda green. Green is good but most like seeing their plants bloom at various times of the year. Finding something that blooms in late winter can be tricky. If you have the room a shrub that blooms in the late winter and early spring that should be considered is Senna nemophila, commonly known as Desert Senna. This Australian native is evergreen, has bright green needle-like foliage known as phyllodes, a natural rounded form, and grows to about 4'-6' high and wide. In late winter and early spring it will be flush with yellow pea-like flowers giving a pop of color long before other desert adapted shrubs.

Desert Senna can be used in a variety of ways from mass plantings or in unclipped rows or informal hedges but also looks great as a specimen plant, accent, or foundation planting. Care for Senna nemophila is like most desert adapted plants. Plant in full or reflected sun with soil that has good drainage. Once established water it sparingly ensuring the soil has time to dry out. It's popular with birds and butterflies so it's best to leave it in its natural form. Shearing or excess pruning will lead to little or no flowering. Selective pruning is best to keep it at a certain size. Pair it with mesquite trees, ocotillo, cacti, and boulders for a stunning water-wise landscape.



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