

Thank You - By Stan Southwick

I simply want to say, THANK YOU. At this wonderful time of year my thoughts go out to each of you who have blessed my life. Over the past 30+ years I have made countless acquaintances and developed lasting friendships with those who I have had the pleasure to work with. We at SLA are truly fortunate that you have consistently trusted us with your projects. We couldn't have done it without you! We will diligently work to maintain your trust by always providing the best in land design.

I also want to thank my fantastic employees. I do believe I have the best group of landscape architects in the state! Their dedication, talents and great attitudes make up the heart of SLA.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

“Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all.”
— Stanley Horowitz

Favorite Flora:

Echinopsis terscheckii - Cardón Grande, Argentine Saguaro- By Jon Marenfeld



Often overlooked in some desert landscapes are cacti. Some people are just averse to cacti while others are afraid of getting poked by the thorns or complain that they're boring (don't bloom). All cacti bloom but do so depending on the time of year, age, or a combination of both. One showy accent that could help change your mind is the *Echinopsis terscheckii* commonly known as the Cardón Grande or Argentine Saguaro. Native to northern Argentina this cactus is a great, faster growing, substitute for the Saguaro. *Echinopsis terscheckii* is an attractive columnar cactus that can reach heights of 25 feet or more and has showy, white, nocturnal blossoms in spring that can reach up to 8 inches across! Mature specimens will produce arms that are 10 inches in diameter while having the same yellow spines and deep ribs that the main stem has.

Photo of the Month



The Cardón Grande, like most cacti, is easy to care for. It grows best when planted in full sun and some reflected heat. It thrives in hot, dry climates. While drought resistant it does not like to be watered during the winter season and will suffer from root rot if overwatered. One thing to keep in mind is that if left alone it will get big so plan ahead and plant it somewhere where it can mature unimpeded. For a xeriscape garden pair it with Palo Verde trees, Fairy Duster, Prickly Pear, Desert Spoons, barrel cacti, Agave, and *Trichocereus* hybrids (hybrid torch cactus).

Above the Clouds
Haleakala National Park, Maui, HI
Jon Marenfeld