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## GARDENING NEWS

**□ MAY 2**  
**BASICS OF HARDSCAPES**  
 6-9 p.m., \$36/members, \$45/nonmembers, Desert Botanical Garden, (480) 941-1225, www.dbg.org. The hardscape elements of a garden, including walls and walkways, are as important as plants in creating a lasting outdoor space. Landscape designer Carrie Nimmer talks about the pros and cons, basic properties and appropriateness of building materials. Bring one large photo of your house to class. Limited to 30 participants.

**□ MAY 7**  
**DESIGNING WITH WATER FEATURES**  
 9 a.m.-noon, \$36/members, \$45/nonmembers, Desert Botanical Garden, (480) 941-1225, www.dbg.org. Water in the landscape is a mesmerizing quality, with its varied sounds, visual beauty and refreshing ambience. Join landscape designer Carrie Nimmer during this slide presentation and discover the many options available. Limited to 30 participants.

**□ MAY 14**  
**SALSA GARDENING**  
 10:30 a.m., \$40, Southwest Gardener, (602) 279-9510. Add a

little spice to your life with a salsa garden. Under the guidance of Tucson author Scott Calhoun, participants will create a salsa garden in a pot with tomatoes, peppers, oregano, cilantro and chives. Reservations required.

**□ MAY 14**  
**POND TOUR**  
 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$10/car-load, (480) 654-2107, www.phoenixponds.com. The Greater Phoenix Pond Society presents its ninth-annual self-guided tour with visits to seven homes. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to helping people in Arizona understand and enjoy creating water gardens in the desert. This year's tour will include stops in east Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa.

**□ MAY 24**  
**LANDSCAPING FOR SMALL PLACES**  
 6-9 p.m., \$36/members, \$45/nonmembers, Desert Botanical Garden, (480) 941-1225, www.dbg.org. Not sure how to handle a small outdoor area, but want to create something special? Garden horticulturist Kirti Mathura will help you design a garden with interesting and appropriate plants for intimate spaces. Limited to 30 participants.



## CLEAN AND SIMPLE

**A new line of landscape containers from Valley artist Larry Kornegay showcases the designer's flair for using cast concrete as a sculptural medium. Kornegay says his Dune Series wok-style vessels, shown here in natural gray, were inspired by the desert's sand dunes. The pots come in three sizes in a wide range of integrally colored concrete. They are available to the trade at Kornegay Designs, (888) 967-5767; www.kornegaydesign.com.**



## Growing Orchids

For centuries, gardeners have been enticed by the beauty and mystery of the orchid. In *Orchids: A Care Manual* (Laurel Glen), authors Brian and Sara Ritterhausen offer guidelines for the beginner on how to plant and care for this delicate flower.

Year-round techniques for watering and feeding, in addition to proper lighting and temperature, are explained in detail. Striking images throughout this extensive directory highlight the orchid's colorful splendor.