

VOX SUNDREA

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We're flattered to be renovating the landscape along Alvernon Way for the Tucson Botanical Gardens. The garden itself is a beautiful shady oasis in the heart of Tucson. Just outside the gardens a vibrant new mural was recently completed on the exterior wall. Beyond that, the property was lacking curb appeal.

Starting with the area directly next to the mural we removed all of the overgrown and/or struggling plants and weeds. Only an established grouping of large Yuccas remained. New low-water-use plants including Duranta, Hesperaloe, Salvia, Tetraeneuris, Eremophila and Bougainvillea were selected to provide a variety of color as well as for their small size. These plants along the sidewalk will be allowed to grow to their full size without the need for constant pruning and shaping. We found vintage metal trellises for the Bougainvillea vines and installed 1/2" Apache Brown sized rock ground cover.

Throughout the summer we will be renovating the main entrance while at the same time our construction crews will be remodeling the Yume Japanese Garden entry. The Tucson Botanical Gardens purchased the Japanese Garden last year and have been renovating the old space. As part of the entry design Sundrea just completed a lava rock retaining wall to match the one seen in the photos. The concept is to visually connect the two properties along Alvernon.

For the next several months Sundrea Design/Build will be working to complete the Yume entry in time for the Grand Opening in October. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the Tucson Botanical Gardens! Please stop by to visit and support them.

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