



WILD BILL'S and PRICKLY PROSPECTS' SPECIMEN TOUR Saturday, November 12th - 9am-1pm

Head west out Ajo Way for a special tour of two unique properties. "Wild Bill" has spent 22 years collecting cacti and succulents. He enjoys displaying them both in-ground and in raised beds along with collections of garden art, artifacts, rocks and boulders. Of special interest is his collection of five boojums. He says his property reminds him of Southwest Indian ruins. "Wild Bill" and Odey will be happy to show you around.



(Wild Bill's is just a bit south of Ajo and Sunset and Prickly Prospects is about 10 minutes further west off of Bopp Road)



PRICKLY PROSPECTS NURSERY

Michiel Pillet is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at The University of Arizona and a member of the IUCN Species Survival Commission Cactus and Succulent Plants Specialist Group. Dedicated to cactus conservation, he studies the impact of climate change on cacti. He became interested in cacti as a teenager growing up in Belgium, where he had a small cactus collection. When Michiel moved to Tucson in 2016, this quickly got out of hand.



Huernia 'Spiny Norman'

Last year, he opened a conservation-focused cactus nursery, Prickly Prospects, which focuses on ethical propagation of the most endangered species. He is involved in conservation projects with botanical gardens across the world. He believes strongly in the importance of holistic conservation management including both research in the field, as well as safe-guarding the future of cacti by cultivating them. Michiel is opening his greenhouse on this tour for your opportunity to see his vast collection of special propagated plants.

A true collectors' paradise. Many will be for sale.



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Jasminocereus thouarsii