



Yard Full of SUN, The Story of a Gardener's Obsession That Got a Little Out of Hand, Scott Calhoun, Rio Nuevo Publishers, 2005, paperback, \$22.95, 8 x 9, 93 color photographs, 8 x 9", 192 pages.

Southwest landscaping requires quite a different thought line than lush green grass and towering trees and Calhoun's choice was to start a garden around his new home that used native southwest plants and decorations that benefited from the sun and dry climate. First he built a Sonoran bungalow and then turned to mesquite, acacia, and palo verde trees plus low-water requiring plants. *A Yard Full of Sun* covers the requirements of landscaping in such a space around his new home. It is meant to help others readjust their thinking to in similar areas, especially in Tucson, Arizona to landscape their homes.

Not only does it cover the construction of his home, designing a Sonoran landscape, dealing with and attracting or repelling wildlife, making the most of deluge or drought, living in the yard and going to movies, but it includes an appendix chart of indispensable desert plants. In this day of using native, low-water usage plants this is an indispensable gardening book for the Southwest.

Award-winning gardener, **Scott Calhoun** was born and raised in the arid climate of the Southwest. This fourth-generation Arizonan shares his passion and reverence for the amazing plants that thrive in the desert terrain in his first book *Yard Full of Sun; The Story of a Gardener's Obsession That Got a Little Out of Hand*.

A graduate of the University of Utah, Calhoun is a frequent contributor to Horticulture magazine and has contributed to the online journal *Terrain: a Journal of the Natural and Built Environment*. His home and garden were recently featured in the October 2004 issue of *Sunset* magazine. Calhoun is an Arizona Certified Nursery Professional and a member of the Arizona Nursery Association and the Independent Nursery Association of Arizona. A serious gardener since 1990, Scott Calhoun is the General Manager of Civano Nursery and currently resides in Tucson, Arizona, with his wife and daughter.