



Mission Garden is located at *S-cuk Son*, the site known as Tucson's birthplace, where archaeologists have documented 4,100 years of continuous cultivation. Today, it is surrounded by under-served Tucson neighborhoods.

The Garden contains over a dozen distinct multi-cultural, ethno-agricultural heritage plots, each representing one of the many ethnic groups that farmed the Tucson Basin over the last four millennia. Crops from these plots have proven to be productive, sustainable and well-adapted to this climate and location.

Mission Garden's multi-generational, outdoor, hands-on educational setting encourages interactive exchange of traditional knowledge gathered from diverse community elders and historical documents. By exclusively growing heritage crops and heirloom trees, we aspire to test, refine, and evaluate the practical wisdom of long-term arid-adapted agricultural practices.

The basis of our educational template is to exchange and promote agricultural techniques that combine traditional knowledge with modern science.

With the help of the Kellogg Foundation, we can continue to provide a window into the past, and inspire practical, local, agricultural methods throughout our semi-arid region. As the first UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in the United States, we honor the agricultural contributions of the Sonoran Desert's historic local cultures. Our mission in Tucson is to represent the deep history of multi-cultural regional food production, while mitigating food insecurities, resource depletion and the impacts of climate change.

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