Spring is typically our most colorful time in the landscape. Get creative in your desert garden and try these plant combinations for a striking landscape display.

- **Mexican Gold Poppy** (*Eschscholzia californica ssp. mexicana*) & **Arizona Lupine** (*Lupinus arizonicus*). An outstanding Arizona wildflower combination is the golden yellow-orange flowers of Mexican Gold Poppy with the brilliant blue flowers of Arizona Lupine. Sow seeds for this combination in the fall along with other spring flowering wildflowers.

- **Mexican Gold Poppy** (*Eschscholzia californica ssp. mexicana*) & **Desert Bluebells** (*Phacelia campanularia*). The orange yellow flowers of Mexican Gold Poppy provide striking contrast to the blue iridescent flowers of California or Desert Bluebells for yet another spring wildflower combination.

- **Aloe** (*Aloe maculata*) & **Brittle Bush** (*Encelia farinosa*). Tiger Aloe is a ground covering deep green aloe with masses of reddish orange flowers, which also attract hummingbirds, in contrast with the gray foliage of the Arizona native Brittle Bush.

- **Baja Fairy Duster** (*Calliandra californica*) & **Desert Marigold** (*Baileya multiradiata*). The deep green foliage and intense red flowers of Baja Fairy Duster contrast well with the gray foliage and yellow flowers of Desert Marigold.

- **Ocotillo** (*Fouquieria splendens*) & **Purple Prickly Pear** (*Opuntia santa-rita*). The background accent of ocotillo with its deep green foliage and masses of red flowers, which also attract hummingbirds, is in marked contrast to the grayish-purple pads and brilliant yellow flowers of Purple Prickly Pears.

- **Mescal Bean** (*Sophora secundiflora*) & **Desert Marigold** (*Baileya multiradiata*). Deep green foliage and purple flowers of the shrubby to treelike Mescal Bean forms dramatic contrasts with the gray foliage and yellow flowers of Desert Marigold.

- **Red Hesperaloe** (*Hesperaloe parviflora*) & **Yellow Lantana** (*Lantana camara*). The red flowers of Red Hesperaloe form a great background accent to masses of yellow flowers of the butterfly attracting Yellow Lantana from late spring through early summer.

- **Red & Yellow Hesperaloe** (*Hesperaloe parviflora*). The striking red flowering spikes of the traditional Hesperaloe can be combined with its yellow flowering variety for an outstanding landscape combination that attracts hummingbirds.

- **Palo Brea** (*Cercidium praecox*) & **Chaparral Sage** (*Salvia clevelandii*). The lime green foliage and trunk and yellow flowers of Palo Brea contrasts with gray foliage and purple flowers of the hummingbird attracting Chaparral Sage.

- **Octopus Agave** (*Agave vilmoriniana*) & **Bougainvillea** (*Bougainvillea cvs.*). A different spring combination is the brilliant yellow flowering spikes of Octopus Agave in contrast to the background red flowers of Bougainvillea.

- **Paper Flower** (*Psilotrophe cooperi*) & **Goodding Verbena** (*Verbena gooddingii*). An Arizona native plant combination is gray foliage and yellow flowers of shrubby Paper Flower in contrast to deep green foliage and purple flowers of ground covering Goodding Verbena.