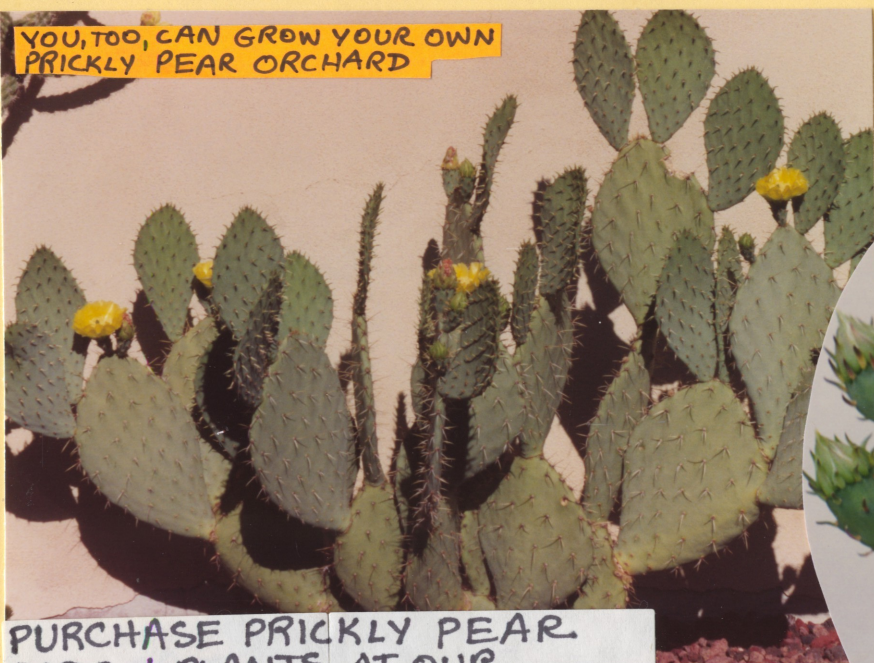


YOU, TOO, CAN GROW YOUR OWN  
PRICKLY PEAR ORCHARD



PURCHASE PRICKLY PEAR  
PADS & PLANTS AT OUR  
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE IN  
APRIL AT THE GARDEN CENTER



*Opuntia engelmannii*

big, bold, beautiful... large, fleshy, juicy  
fruits ideal for jelly

**Penny Hoe, 2013**



OPUNTIAS, LIKE THIS LINDHEIMERI, HAVE 2 KINDS OF SPINES. BOTH TYPES CAUSE PAIN & DISTRESS!



BEEES LOVE TO WALLOW 'in OPUNTIA POLLEN and help form the tasty fruits...



COW'S TONGUE WITH UNRIPE FRUITS. FLOWERS ARE YELLOW.



OPUNTIA ENGLEMANII (above) AND OPUNTIA LINGUIFORMIS ("COW'S TONGUE") (RIGHT) are good for jelly & juice.



OPUNTIA LINDHEIMERI (orange-flowered cultivar) "Tangerine Prickly Pear."



CACTUS JELLY 12-27-04 (mixed)	O. LINDHEIMERI JELLY 10-04-04	PRICKLY PEAR JAM 5-31-05	12-27-04 CACTUS- CRANBERRY- ORANGE JAM
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SAMPLES OF CACTUS GOODIES



OPUNTIA CACANAPA v. ELISIANA is nearly spine-free. New pads the size of your hand (when they still have little fleshy leaves) are easy-to-clean NOPALES...

OPUNTIA PADS are really succulent STEMS. The leaves are small fleshy growths on new pads. They soon fall off.



FRUITS OF SPUNTIA ENGLEMANII



SEE HANDOUT FOR DETAILS

TONGS THE NECESSARY TOOL

JUICY, TART  
2-4 OZ  
ROUND  
"TUNAS" ← Good fruits for jelly

FLESHY  
OBLONG  
"TUNAS" ← Good fruits for jelly

BIG SEEDS  
SPARSE PULP  
ROPEY JUICE ← Do Not use these  
JELLY WON'T SET!

USE BIG JUICY TUNAS FROM OPUNTIA Englemanii, lindheimeri, or discata FOR THE BEST JUICE AND JELLY

JUST BECAUSE OPUNTIA PADS & FRUITS ARE EDIBLE...

WASHED, SLICED CACTUS FRUITS READY FOR COOKING

JUICE IS STRAINED TWICE THROUGH WET FLANNEL

PRICKLY PEAR JUICE AFTER SKINS AND SEEDS ARE STRAINED OFF

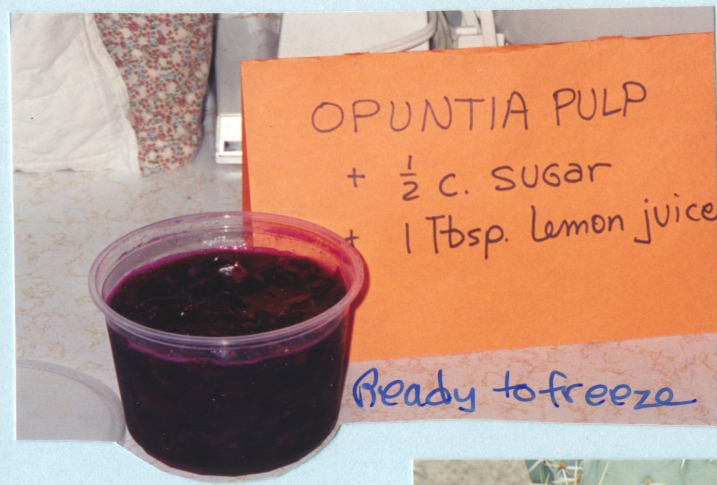
DOESN'T MEAN THEY ALL TASTE THE SAME OR WORK FOR CERTAIN PREPARATIONS!

THIS LOCAL PRICKLY PEAR IS NOT GOOD FOR JUICE AND JELLIES...

CACTUS JELLY



SECOND STRAINING  
OF JUICE  
THROUGH DAMP  
FLANNEL



OPUNTIA PULP  
+ 1/2 c. sugar  
+ 1 Tbsp. lemon juice  
Ready to freeze

*O. engelmannii*

STRAINED JUICE,  
with 1/2 c. lemon juice  
added for each 3 cups,  
MAY BE FROZEN  
FOR MONTHS for  
later use.

Plant is *Opuntia*  
*lindheimeri* v.  
*linguiformis* (aka  
*O. linguiformis* or  
Cow-tongue prickly  
pear). Oct '00



Processed juice w/added Lemon Juice is ready  
to freeze for future use. Oct '00



OPUNTIA FRUITS  
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