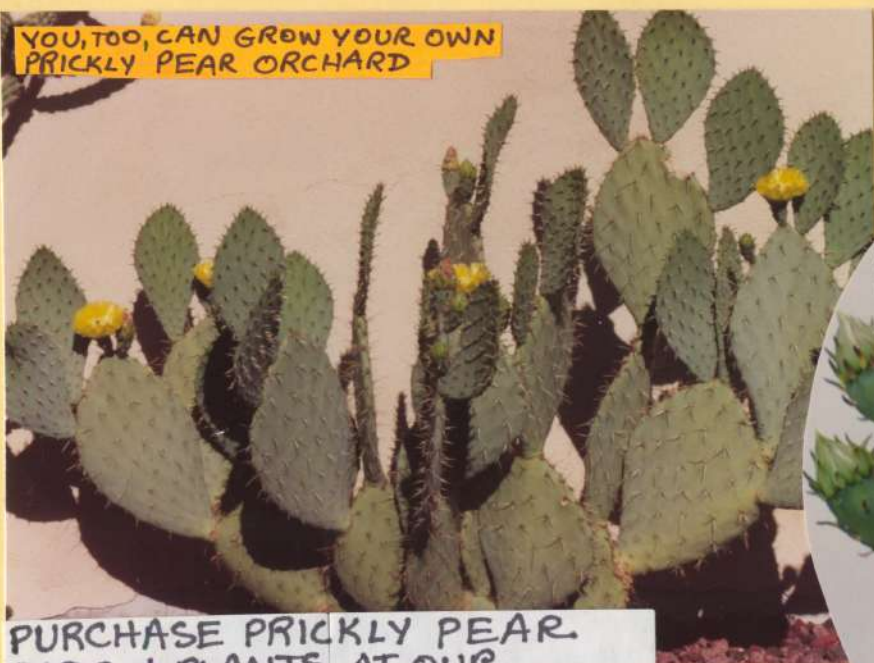


YOU, TOO, CAN GROW YOUR OWN
PRICKLY PEAR ORCHARD



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.

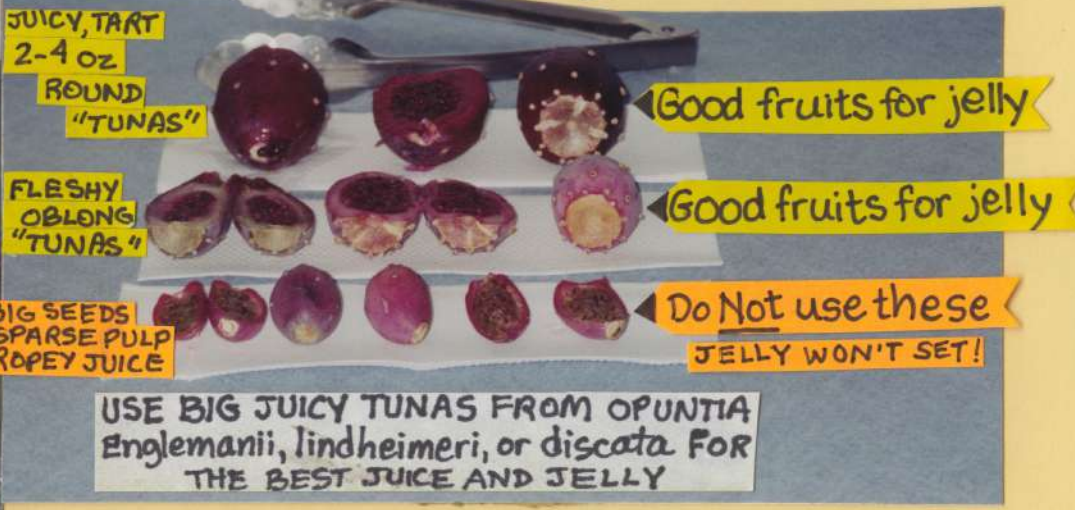


FRUITS OF SPUNTIA ENGLEMANII



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

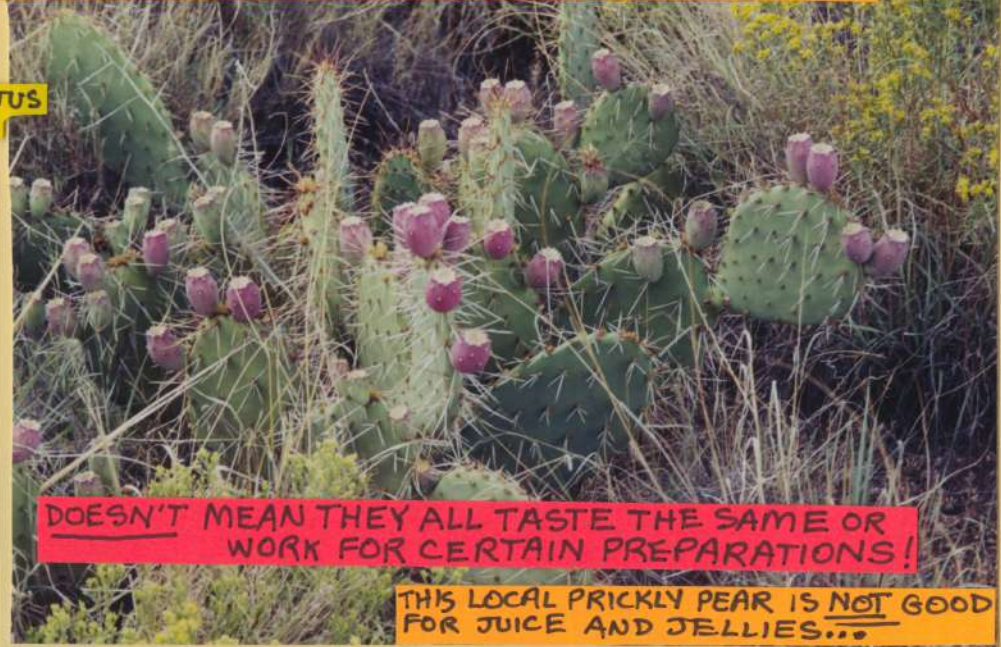
JUST BECAUSE OPUNTIA PADS & FRUITS ARE EDIBLE...



WASHED, SLICED CACTUS FRUITS READY FOR COOKING

JUICE IS STRAINED TWICE THROUGH WET FLANNEL

PRICKLY PEAR JUICE AFTER SKINS AND SEEDS ARE STRAINED OFF



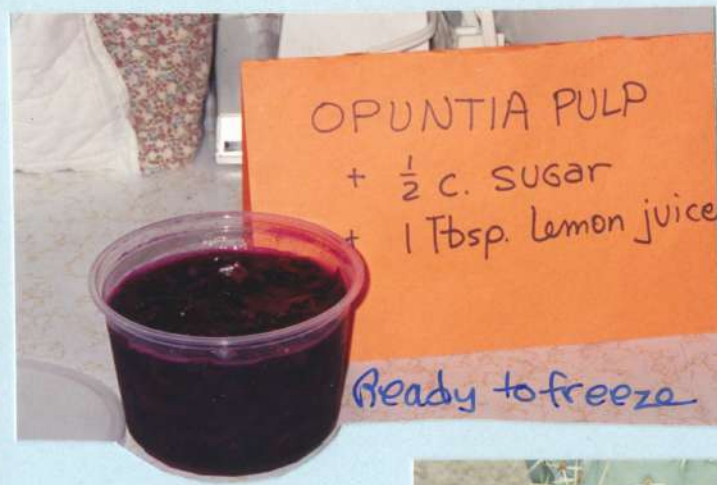
DOESN'T MEAN THEY ALL TASTE THE SAME OR WORK FOR CERTAIN PREPARATIONS!

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

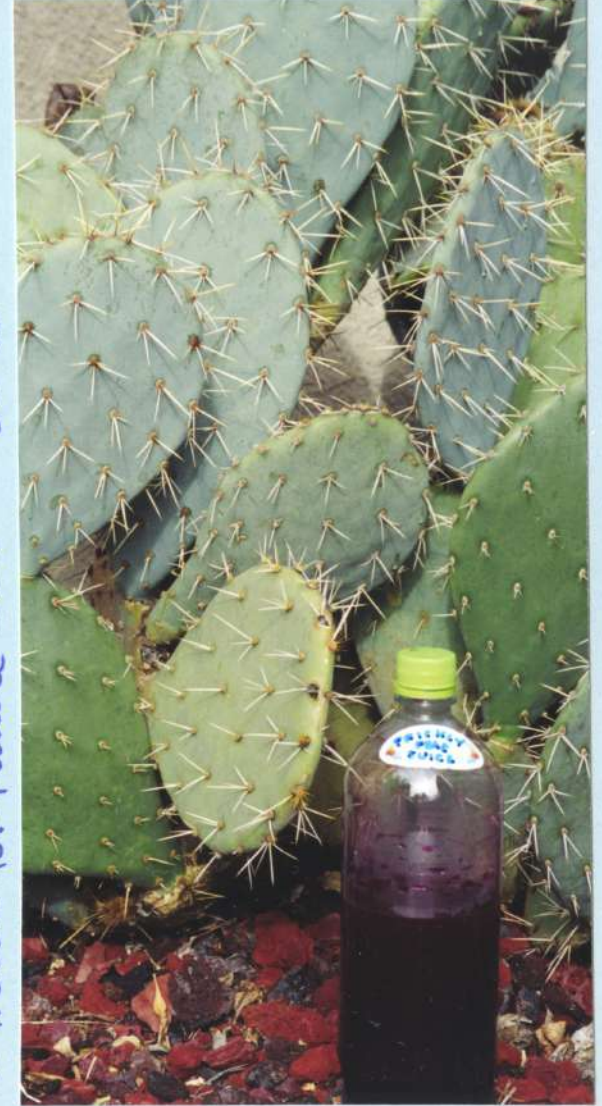
O. engelmannii

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
1998



