21st ANNUAL MASTER GARDENER HOME GARDEN TOUR

The Pima County Master Gardeners are delighted to announce the 21st Annual Home Garden Tour on April 4, 2020 from 9am to 3pm. The four beautiful gardens featured this year are located in the spectacular area near Saguaro National Park East. Whatever your interests may be, you will find inspiration and imaginative ideas for your own gardening adventures. Plan a wonderful spring day soaking in all the sights created by these Master Gardeners and visit the National Park as well! Educational discussions will offer the opportunity to learn about a broad selection of useful topics and guides will answer questions at each site. The Demonstration Gardens at 4210 N. Campbell Avenue will also be open for touring.

Tickets go on sale beginning February 21st and may be purchased online at extension.arizona.edu/pima-county-master-gardeners, at the Cooperative extension service at 4210 N, Campbell Avenue, and at the following garden centers: Arbico’s, Bach’s, EcoGro, Harlowe’s, Mesquite Valley Growers, Plants for the Southwest and Rillito. On the day of the tour tickets may be purchased at each home garden and at the Extension Demonstration Gardens.

Tickets are $15.00 in advance and $20.00 online and on the day of the tour. Credit cards are accepted only online. Cash or check are the only means of payment accepted at garden centers, home gardens and at the Extension Demonstration Gardens. For more information call 626-5161
Desert Wildlife Refuge  12561 E. Calle Tatita

This eclectic, fascinating one acre garden is a reflection of the interests, personalities and backgrounds of its creators. You will see their love of desert plants and wildlife, their memories of barrio gardens of south Tucson and their clever use of antique and flea market treasures. Even pathways are a reminder of the bicycle routes used by their children. Truly a peaceful and delightful refuge!

From Pool to Paradise  2140 N. El Camino Rinconado

The highlight of this lovely desert garden is the large retention pond that captures rainwater where there once was a swimming pool! Learn how pool materials were recycled, water flow redirected and what plants will thrive in their new location! A huge saguaro is also a” must see” along with many other naturally occurring and carefully chosen desert trees, shrubs and flowers surrounding the pond.
Lilacs, Roses and Irises, Oh My  12361 E. Mesquite Trail

This charming garden sits on property that once was a fly-in in guest ranch! Now it is home to beautiful spring time flowers, vegetables, vines, a tortoise enclosure and grassy area for the family dog. At an elevation of nearly 3,000 feet, temperatures are sometimes below freezing. Learn how to care for plants in cold weather at the garden discussion during the tour.

A Desert Sanctuary  12460 E. Mesquite Trail

This tranquil desert garden, next to a wash, is host to many native desert plants and animal. Sharing the space are a variety of roses, irises and many pollinator plants, enough to be certified by the North American Butterfly Association. While absorbing the beauty of this garden, learn about growing these plants in your own garden!