



"Watergardening Possibilities"

**Saturday, September 8th & Sunday, September 9th
9:00 AM—3:00 PM Each Day—Tour Central & Gardens**

Tour is **FREE** & Open To The Public



This is a two-day *self-guided* tour consisting of **eight** distinct watergardens. *Three are located in the Northwest; three are Central; and two are on the East Side. A great place to start is Tour Central* to get an overview of the tour; *talk* to folks who water garden; *admire* a variety of aquatic plants in a beautiful setting; and *purchase* water gardening items.

Tour Central

hosted by **Tucson Koi & Water Gardens**

3372 N. Dodge Boulevard

Between E. Kleindale Road & E. Fort Lowell Road

Come on by!

Welcome to The Tucson Watergardeners Annual Fall Tour! Community outreach is one of our club's service goals. What a better way to achieve this than to select eight very



different styles of watergardening — each with a distinctive theme and

many ideas to choose from. It's a time to learn more about ponding in our desert environment. We hope you enjoy the tour with endless possibilities!

Lost or Questions? Call 520-275-6431 or 520-488-5904

NORTHWEST GARDENS—Open Sat & Sun



A. NORTHWEST SERENITY

12296 N. Paseo Penuela

The Tomczyk Watergarden

This 2,000 gallon, 34-inch deep, watergarden is 4 years old with lush greenery, common and butterfly koi, shubunkins, goldfish and frogs. The yard also contains 1 Desert Box, 6 adult and 3 baby Eastern Box Turtles. The pond is home to Curly Willow, Yerba Mansa, Bacopa, Moneywort, grasses, Cattails, Lizard's Tail, Water Clover, Watercress, Rain Lilies, Giant Taro and waterlilies of every color....hardy, tropical and changeable. Throughout the yard, you will also find several self-sustaining water pots. Welcome to our space!

Major Crossroads Marana

West Tangerine Road or
North Thornydale Road onto

W. Tangerine Crossing Drive
onto

N. Paseo Penuela
12296 is on the right hand side



B. PLANTS AS FOCAL POINTS

8010 W. Star Catcher Drive

The Irwin Watergarden

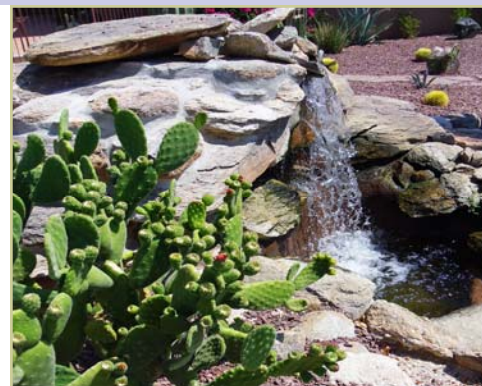
Moving into their house in 2009, the Irwins inherited a backyard with dirt. Always wanting a pond, a stick was used to layout the pond design, and then the digging started! Six months later, a do-it-yourself 1,300 gallon water feature was filled. There are two upper ponds, a meandering stream, and a lower pond that is home to 7 red-eared slider turtles, goldfish, and shubunkins. The turtles even have their own flagstone sunning platform. After looking at several pond designs, what they didn't want to see were pots resting in the pond. So, they set about creating bog areas along the sides of the pond for their collection of aquatic plants. The plants have thrived, and created dramatic architectural interest areas within this pondscape. A fire pit was added in 2010. "Maintaining our pond is an enjoyable and relaxing form of work for us," is the Irwin's take on pond ownership.

Major Crossroads Tucson

If West Twin Peaks Road, go
south on N. Silverbell Road and
right on Misty Brook Drive;

If N. Cortaro Road, turn north
onto N. Silverbell Road and left
on Misty Brook Drive;

Turn onto W. Star Catcher
Drive
8010 is on the north side



C. DRAMA OF WATER & VISTAS

800 E. Magee Road

The Goldberg Watergarden

Finishing construction of their pond in 2009, the current landscape design was completed by *Tucson Koi and Water Gardens*. The pond contains over 8000 gallons of water consisting of concrete (specially treated) and natural rock. The Feature starts with a large rock outcrop waterfall which feeds a small pool then flows into two diverging streams. The streams rush through several tiers traversing a 12' elevation change until they splash into the waterlily basin. This basin has several varieties of water plants in an area of the pond that is inaccessible to any of the koi. The lily basin then flows into the koi pond, with the koi intermixed with several types of water plants. The Koi pond is shaded by a rough wooden gazebo. The whole pond and waterfall system is surrounded by a multitude of cacti completing the effect of a hidden desert oasis.

Major Crossroads Casas Adobes

N. La Canada Drive or N. Oracle
Road onto

W. Magee Road

800 is on south side of the road

CENTRAL TUCSON GARDENS—Open Sat & Sun



D. THE IN TOWN OASIS

240 N. Sierra Vista Drive
The Wisdom Watergarden

We inherited this home in 1999 and completed renovations in June 2000 when we moved in. The 12x24 foot ramada was designed by architect Leo Katz and built by contractor Pat Lioy; Judith Ratliff was the landscape designer; a small pond, amoeba shaped, 18" deep, was part of the landscape. During our travels in France, we have seen many fountains, both utilitarian and decorative; these have inspired the choices for our garden. A Moroccan fountain was installed in the patio and covered with original tile by Mary Lou Williams, working with Explorations; a metal sculpture by Dante Frabone -- we call it "Orlando"-- decorates one corner. Five additional water features demonstrate the owners' flight of fancy, including a limestone basin and statue from Bali, a ladder fountain made in China, and a couple of whiskey barrels. In 2012, Eddie Hoggan redesigned and enlarged the pond and added a ramada. Unique to his design is a "washing machine" filtration system.

Major Crossroads Tucson

N. Campbell Avenue or N. Tucson Blvd onto

E. Waverly Street, then
"south loop" of N. Sierra Vista Drive nearest Campbell Avenue

240 is on east side of road



E. THE ARTFUL GARDEN

649 N. Jerrie Avenue
The Baker-Fearing Watergarden

Several water elements are woven into this self-designed in-town garden. It's an informal style garden set against a colorful blue and purple house color scheme. Entry into the garden area is through a welcoming moon gate. These avid gardeners have filled their yard with a variety of plants and trees—and many edibles. You discover the water features with collections of aquatic plants along each garden path. Ponds have been fashioned out of yard sale finds and metal stock tanks, and the sound of water adds a real sense of tranquility to this city property. Their collection of art and re-purposed items also makes it a very visually interesting walk throughout the garden. Several art pieces have been hand crafted by the owners. This is definitely a place for ideas! "We enjoy sharing our gardens with others," as the owners reflect on their work.

Major Crossroads Tucson

N. Columbus Blvd, E. 4th Street or E. 5th Street

Turn onto N. Jerrie Avenue from E. 4th Street or E. 5th Street

649 is on west side of street



#F. REFLECTIONS & MEMORIES

5720 East Glenn Street
The Pet Cemetery of Tucson
Darla Norrish, Owner

The Pet Cemetery of Tucson is located on about four acres of desert-landscaped ground, and has been in operation since 1986, with burial spaces, memorial gardens, and memorial walls. The most recent addition to the memorial garden is a pond. What is most striking about this pond is the power of rocks and waterfalls—and the emotions this combination of natural elements evokes in terms of personal reflections and memories. The approximate 500 gallon pond is surrounded by massive stones—many of which came from various states and have been given in loving memory of pets. A "green" approach has been used in this pond design by Eddie Hoggan, as the pond backwash water goes directly into the stand of bamboo growing behind the structure. Filtration is accomplished through use of a re-purposed washing machine. The pond will eventually be surrounded by etched memorial flagstones.

Major Crossroads Tucson

N. Craycroft Road or N. Sahuara Avenue intersect with E. Glenn Street (Pet Cemetery is behind the East Lawn Palms Cemetery on E. Grant Road)

Watch for sign on south side of road for The Pet Cemetery of Tucson

EASTSIDE GARDENS



G. FUN OF RE-PURPOSING



H. HUGE IDEAS /SMALL SPACES

11260 East Prince Road
The Minami-Stolley Watergarden
Saturday & Sunday

This acreage became our retirement home in 2004 —with a neglected and virtually barren landscape. Then the fun began! Five ponds, two bog areas, and several tubs later, re-purposing has played a key role in our yard projects. For example, abandoned garden plots became raised ponds, housing a large collection of aquatic plants —and “Torgs”, the red-eared slider turtle. Perusing local junk yards and back alleys has resulted in garden art and plant tables. An old RV pad was transformed into a greenhouse for wintering an ever-growing plant collection. A handout sheet of re-purposing ideas will be available.

Come meet **Darlene Braastad**, a local wildlife rehabilitator and owner of **ForeverWild Rehabilitation Center** and her **animal ambassadors** on **Saturday** from **9:30 am—12.00 noon** at this garden. *Darlene was the recipient of a 2012 watergardening grant from the club.*

Major Crossroads **Tucson**

East Catalina Highway turning east on to

E. Prince Road; cross both N. Houghton Road, then N. Melpomene Way

11260 is on the south side

4734 S. Apple Tree Avenue
The Publicover Watergarden
Saturday ONLY

The 700 gallon pond, and its spectacular waterfall —10 tons of rocks, were completed within 5 months in 2009. This past year has seen the redesign of the pond and backyard area to include 7 water features. Water feature statuary with the boy-girl theme has expanded to 4 different locations, giving the area a feeling of romance. Pondless waterfall features have also been incorporated. Can you locate them? A set of mushrooms is a novel way to water the bog areas, and the pond supports 22 different aquatic plants. This very private back yard includes a 100’ planter that provides a backdrop of lush greenery to the pondscape. When you approach this home with its xeriscaped front yard, your first clue that you are in for a surprise is by the side gate. There you will find hand painted “Fun Flowers” to welcome you into the pond area. “Sitting by our pond is observing harmony in nature,” is how the owners best feel about their creation.

Major Crossroads **Tucson**

S. Pantano Road intersects with

E. Poinciana Drive, then south onto S. Apple Tree Avenue

4734 is on the west side

OTHER TOUR INFORMATION

A Word of Caution

Please note that you will be entering the gardens at your own risk. Neither The Tucson Watergardeners nor the pond owners assume liability for injuries. For walking purposes, please note that the watergardens and surrounds do have uneven surfaces and are generally not handicapped accessible.

There are no restrooms available and wheelchair access is limited.

Please no pets or unaccompanied children in the immediate garden/pond areas.



RAFFLE!

Stop by Tour Central and register to win a hand crafted tile garden side table by local artist Cindy Yrun-Calenti.

\$1.00 per ticket
\$5.00 for 6 tickets

Thank you for coming!

Donations can be made at Tour Central for the club's Grant Fund.



This tour is sponsored by **The Tucson Watergardeners**. The club was established in 1999, and is a non-profit organization registered in the State of Arizona. For more information, our web address:

<http://tucsonwatergardeners.org/>