



First Garden Tour of the Year!

Join the San Diego Horticultural Society and La Mesa Beautiful
In celebrating the La Mesa Centennial with a
Garden Tour for the Senses



Saturday, March 31, 2012, 9 AM to 4 PM ~ Nine Private Gardens in La Mesa

Shown here are a few highlights of the **nine private gardens on our Garden Tour for the Senses**. This generosity of gardens on tour assures there is something for everyone. Whether you visit all the gardens or choose those that interest you the most, all of your senses are in for a treat.

Our tour begins at Briercrest Park: a sensory park with sculptural and mosaic installations by world-renowned artist James Hubbell. An incredible visual treat, the herbs and fragrant flowers here delight the sense of smell, while water features and wind chimes are music to the ears and the texture of lambs' ears and other unusual foliage plants are exquisite to the touch.

Nine unique private gardens in the beautiful Mt. Helix area of La Mesa, appropriately known as the Jewel of the Hills, will continue to delight the senses. From the extraordinary fragrance of hundreds of roses in a rose garden, to a bountiful organic edibles garden, to water-wise gardens with lavish color and fascinating textures, this tour showcases gardens to enchant *all* your senses: sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste.

As an extra treat, you have an opportunity to purchase rare and unusual shrubs, perennials and trees from Perennial Adventure display garden and nursery. This nursery, the only one in La Mesa, emphasizes easy care plants with interesting foliage, texture and color.



Named "Most Eclectic Garden" for 2011 by *San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles* magazine, there are many unusual and edible trees plus palms, gardenias, roses, and shrubs native to South America and Africa. The sound of streams flowing is an auditory delight adding to the fragrance and striking visual beauty of the garden.



Featured in *San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles* magazine, this mid-century home boasts a 1-acre drought-tolerant garden. Terraced areas include productive veggie beds, a chicken coop, and a fruit tree grove, while paths wind in a field of lavender, rosemary, sages, and aromatic natives.



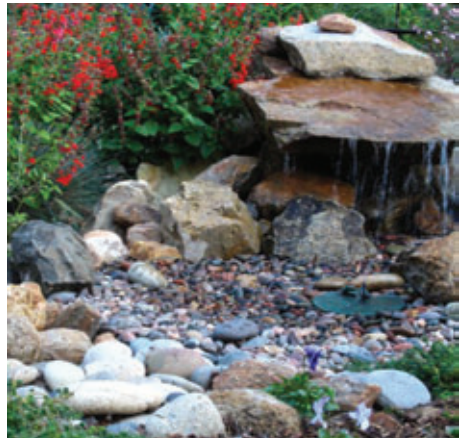
Also featured in *San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles* magazine, this garden's diverse palette ranges from water-loving tropicals to drought tolerant succulents. Waterfalls and streams provide both soothing sounds and a shady retreat, while whimsical statues, fountains, and rock carvings add a sense of whimsy.



Over the last few years these homeowners have eliminated their front and back lawns. Instead of a water thirsty lawn, their garden includes water wise plants such as grevillas, leucandendrams and succulents. A front patio with a fountain provides a nice sitting area to visit with friends and neighbors.



Just a few doors down is another water wise garden. Although there is a small lawn area in the back, these responsible homeowners have chosen to replace much of their lawn with succulents and other drought tolerant plants. A small pond adds to the beauty of the garden.



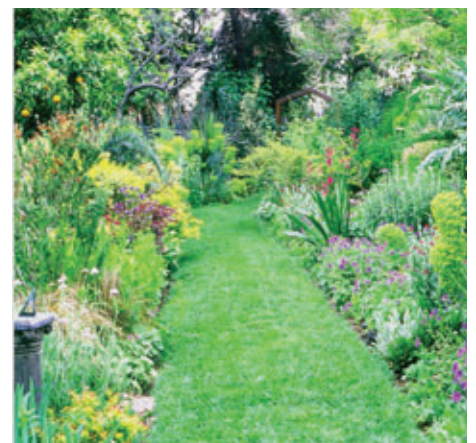
One street over is another water wise yet lush garden. This small container and patio garden shows how much can be achieved in a modest space. Decomposed granite pathways, plus a waterfall and pond, show that good things do, indeed, come in small packages.



It has been said that "A rose, is a rose, is a rose," and nowhere is that more true than in this dedicated rose garden. Come and experience a sensory explosion of color and fragrance as you view over 600 roses carefully tended by a master rosarian. If you love roses, this is the garden for you!



Produce from the handsome raised beds of this bountiful organic vegetable and herb garden is used in the homeowners' two restaurants. An expert from Urban Plantations will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about raised bed gardening.



End your tour at Perennial Adventure, a charming walk-through display garden and nursery. Here you have the opportunity to purchase unusual perennials and shrubs, all grown for ease of care in our Mediterranean climate as well as for their interesting foliage, texture and color.

Advance purchase tickets for members of SDHS and La Mesa Beautiful will be \$20, non-members \$25. Day of tickets will be \$25 for all.

- For tickets and information go to the San Diego Horticultural Society website: www.sdhortsoc.org/events.htm
- Day of tickets will be available at Briercrest Park, 9001 Wakarusa Street, La Mesa, CA 91941 from 9AM to 1PM.
- To encourage carpool, each vehicle with at least 4 people will receive one FREE meeting pass (a \$10 value).



No tickets will be mailed. You will receive a map when you check in at Briercrest Park.

Questions? Contact tours@sdhortsoc.org or 619-296-9215 ext 5

By purchasing a ticket I understand that I will tour these gardens at my own risk. Host gardens, La Mesa Beautiful, and San Diego Horticultural Society assume no liability whatsoever. This tour is not handicapped accessible. No pets are allowed.