

## **BYRON'S DESERT GARDEN**

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Sahaurita with Green Valley Bonus

I purchased this property in 2008. It is just over 1 acre and was sparsely populated with native trees, cactus and succulents. in 2012 after joining the Green Valley Gardeners and later TCSS, I decided to use my new found knowledge to improve my landscape. Over time it has progressed from my landscape to collecting and growing my own cactus from seed.





There are 3 main areas to my property. #1 In the front yard I have created seven mounds from soil removed from the expansion of my back yard. I planted trees (Texas and Mexican ebony), rescued saquaros, barrels, ocotillas, agaves, and a wide variety of non native cactus.

#2 Pool area has an outdoor kitchen which is used mostly to display specimen cactus, three mounds, and many pots with a lot unusual cactus specimens including crested and monstrosed.

#3 Large propagating area has a small greenhouse with wire shelving to house smaller cactus and seedlings, and a few raised pallets for gallon sized plants.





After touring Byron's special landscape with hundreds of plants and distinctive design we hope you'll have time to take advantage of this great event nearby.

The Green Valley Gardeners sponsor this wonderful annual "Art-in-the-Park" and sale. The landscaping that the community has created in this park will amaze you.



TCSS and Desert Meadows
Park have a special connection.
Years ago, Byron and other
Green Valley Gardeners
started the landscaping project
in the park by joining TCSS and
rescuing plants at Silverbell
Mine. Those plants became
the anchor native plantings for
this park and over the years
the park has grown into a lush
desert botanical oasis