

1. Rancho Cielo Leadership Garden **710 Old Stage Road**

This local nonprofit invests in youth by providing diploma education, vocational training, counseling, and enrichment experiences. One of the gems at Rancho Cielo is their Leadership Garden which is supported by Master Gardener volunteers. Students work with volunteers to grow flowers, fruits and vegetables, used by the Culinary Academy to create delicious meals.

2. Avery Garden: Outdoor Living **18447 Kennedy Street**

This garden, designed by UC Master Gardener Dawn Avery, transformed a yard full of weeds into a water-wise low maintenance landscape. The front yard features vegetables and other edibles, as well as colorful



wildflowers. The backyard contains a number of outdoor rooms to enjoy the garden, including a beautiful screened-in gazebo with fire pit for cool evenings, a sewing shed, and winding paths. The

entire landscape is irrigated with a low-cost, custom made rain catchment system which provides water for most of the year.

3. Southard Garden: Water-wise Oasis **13423 Jackson Street**

This desert-inspired oasis was once an overgrown, dry, and patchy yard. The homeowners transformed it into a peaceful garden. The front yard has a variety of interesting succulents and cacti, demonstrating how a low-maintenance and water-wise garden can provide beautiful curb appeal. Installed in the backyard is a large koi pond with 19 koi fish. There is an eclectic mix of plants and garden statues in the backyard adding color and interest to this peaceful retreat.

4. Truskot Garden: Cascade of Roses **350 Chaparral Street**



Author and Rosarian Joe Truskot planted 300 different rose varieties over the years and ruthlessly culled the ones that didn't grow well in Salinas. Today, Truskot's spring garden is a heart-melting riot of scented blossoms erupting from 60 different rose bushes thriving in his Central Coast garden.

Special features include an elaborate drainage system that tames the property's lack of slope and a raised garden bed built using principles of Hügeltkultur, used for growing rotating crops of vegetables and herbs.

5. Desmond Garden: Drought-tolerant Elegance **107 San Gabriel Drive**

This water-saving landscape design, paired with ranch style hardscaping, was inspired by several years of drought. The owners worked with the city to replace broken sidewalks and replaced the dated turf and foundation planting design with pavers, rocks and fencing. New plantings include Ginkgo trees, cordyline, hummingbird mint, and a succulent garden. Special features include pollinator-friendly blooming thyme in the parking strips.

6. Murray Garden: Shakespeare's Garden **40 Willow Street**

This garden was certified as a wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Inspired by a Shakespeare garden, this fragrant, touchable garden has many features that stimulate the senses. There is Ophelia's rue tucked in among the herbs, and birds frequent the garden; filling the space with song. Brick walkways and works of art were repurposed, adding charm to the garden.

7. Solorio Garden: Garden of Memories **130 Oak Street**

This garden transformation traded thirsty lawns for a stone-lined raised kitchen garden bed, native plants, and naturalized Clarkia and California Poppies. Vegetables and herbs grow steps from the back door next to a tranquil seating area. Pollinator-friendly flowers cater to hummingbirds and bees. Special elements include a

century old oak, a St. Francis statue overlooking a memory garden, and an accent wall painted a brilliant Frida Kahlo blue.

8. Petrosky Garden: Super Succulents **114 Oak Street**

Calling all succulent lovers. The beautiful garden surrounding this Spanish-style home is a succulent paradise. Aloes, aeoniums, echeverias, cacti, are just a few of the many succulents you'll come across in this beautiful garden. All plants in this lovely garden, be they succulents, weeping evergreen, or grasses, add interesting texture, color, height, and contrast.



9. McShane Garden: Nurseryman's Garden **20 Dickens Circle**

This meticulously designed quarter-acre garden incorporates intensive food production and a stunning collection of subtropicals with areas for outdoor dining and socializing. Work on this water-thrifty garden began in 2007, and only one tree remains from the original landscape. The owners, who have a passion for rare-fruit cultivation, also run a local landscape supply business. They frequently host community gatherings to enjoy the fire pits, bocce court and outdoor pizza oven. Look for the cherimoya and the guava trees which produced fruit for the first time this year.

10. ALBA Farm: 1700 Old Stage Road

Nestled in the midst of a diverse 110-acre organic farm, the Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA) provides hands-on training to beginning and aspiring farmers, many of them transitioning from farm worker to farm owner. Our tour takes place on ALBA's annual "Family Farm Day" celebration. Take advantage of this happy coincidence to tour the farm, learn about ALBA's programs, buy freshly-harvested organic produce, and pick strawberries from a designated field. Activities for kids, food vendors, and local organizations will also be part of the festivities.

Visit our Garden Tour Headquarters!

Rancho Cielo Youth Campus 710 Old Stage Road, Salinas

Rancho Cielo provides comprehensive learning and social services to at-risk youth in Monterey County on a 100-acre historic ranch in Salinas. Plant sale, silent auction, and raffle will be held at the Garden Tour Headquarters at Rancho Cielo Youth Campus. Cash, check, debit and credit cards are accepted.

Spring Plant Sale!

Come check out the hundreds of plants for sale grown by UC Master Gardeners. Plant selections include a variety of tomatoes in one-gallon pots, Green Globe artichokes, peppers, eggplants, sunflowers, geraniums, herbs, annuals in six-packs, succulents in a variety of containers, and more to get your garden started!



Visit our Silent Auction!

You can purchase raffle tickets to have the chance to win great prizes!

Upon purchasing this ticket, I agree to hold harmless the UC Master Gardeners of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, UCCE, homeowners and their agents, and all agencies, from all costs associated with any injuries and/or damages incurred while participating in this event.

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About UC Master Gardeners

The UC Master Gardener Program is an all-volunteer organization sponsored by the University of California Cooperative Extension with a mission to extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California. Master Gardeners attend classes and are trained in home gardening and horticulture. Upon certification, Master Gardeners provide information and technical assistance to local home gardeners through low-cost classes, public information booths, workshops, a free diagnostic hotline, and social media. Training includes eighty hours of intensive classroom instruction. The training covers a wide variety of topics, including soils, water, fertilizers, vegetables, fruit and landscape trees, plant diseases, pests, and more.

Interested in becoming a Master Gardener? We will be accepting applications for our 2020 Master Gardener Training later this month.

For more information visit
mbmg.ucanr.edu

Tips for the Garden Tour

- Visit the gardens in any order.
- Wear shoes appropriate for uneven surfaces that exist in most gardens.
- Parking: Carpooling recommended. Garden Tour parking is on the street and space is limited in some locations.
- Proceeds from the garden tour help us continue our educational outreach in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties.
- The Garden Tour takes place rain or shine.

Enjoy the garden tour and thank you for supporting UCMGMSCC!



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Salinas Garden Tour 2019

Saturday, May 18
10:00 am to 3:00 pm