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The Secret Garden In Arizona You're Guaranteed To Love

Looking for an excuse to stop and smell the roses? If you like hidden gems, public gardens, and free attractions, then you're going to love this place located in Mesa, Arizona. It's a hidden gem most people don't know about. Take a look:

If you've ever driven down Southern Avenue in Mesa, chances are you've seen this very sight. Hiding behind this fancy bus stop is...




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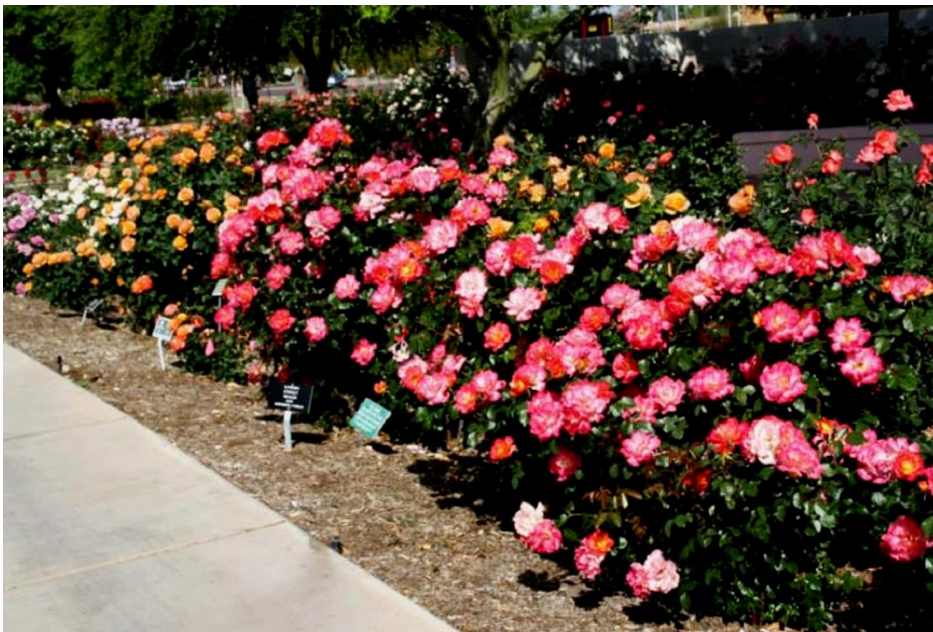
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Located at the north entrance of the Mesa Community College campus is this garden, which is home to more than 9,000 rose bushes in about 350 varieties. That makes it the largest rose garden in our neck of the woods!

The garden's origins began in 1997 as a partnership with the college and the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society to help beautify the area. Since then, it's become the only rose garden testing site in the southwest, a location for small events, and a visitors destination for those will to look for hidden gems.

Fun fact: When I attended MCC many years ago, the garden was in its early phase. Since then, it has blossomed into a true beauty!

The garden is a great spot for a nice stroll through a quiet area.



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Most visitors tend to explore the garden on their own but you'll occasionally find guided tours throughout the year.

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You can learn about horticulture and even volunteer to help out with the garden.



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Since it's a national testing site to learn about how roses can best survive in the desert, you'll get to figure out how to replicate such gorgeous results in your own backyard.

It's also perfect for art, like plein air painting or photography!



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You'll also find several memorials located in here as well, such as this Blue Star Memorial, part of the Veterans Rose Garden.



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The best part of all this? Visiting is free and open to the public daily!



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The best time to visit the garden is in spring (late March through June) and fall (November and December).

The Rose Garden at MCC is located at 1833 West Southern Avenue in Mesa. The garden itself can be found on the north side of campus, along Southern Avenue. You can find details about visiting and volunteering on their website, rosegarden.mesacc.edu.

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