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2012 Real Gardens for Real People Garden Tour
11th Annual Tour presented by
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WHAT: REAL GARDENS FOR REAL PEOPLE TOUR. Enjoy a scenic drive featuring beautiful mountain vista views, as you travel through this self-guided tour of seven inspiring, real gardens designed and created by local Master Gardeners. Pick-up an extensive plant list and enjoy interactive seminars at each garden. Ask the experts your questions about beautiful, yet water-wise and environmentally friendly gardening techniques!

These gardens are unique and imaginative, using the principles of Master Gardener training to select, place and care for plants in an environmentally responsible manner based on research specific to the low desert. Experts will be available at each garden to educate attendees on the topics of composting, attracting birds and wildlife, growing vegetables, container gardening and water gardening. Each garden features water attractions as well as unique art, metal sculpture and mosaic pieces.

WHEN: Saturday, March 31, 2012, 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

WHERE: This year's tour will begin at 10101 E. Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale, AZ, 85255 in the new School Garden being developed in partnership between Master Gardeners and the children at Copper Ridge Elementary. The six additional gardens are located in private homes in the North Scottsdale area.

COST: \$25 pre-tour, available on-line and at selected nurseries beginning in January and \$30 on tour day at Copper Ridge Elementary School and selected nurseries.

Interviews and Photo Op: We will be happy to arrange private interviews with the garden owners at your request. 2012 Tour preview photos are now available to the press. Please request.

