

Palm Spring Neighborhood Involvement Committee Hosts First Eco-Friendly Landscape Tour

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The work of some of the best-known landscape designers in Palm Springs will be showcased during the Palm Springs Office of Neighborhood Involvement Committee's (PSNIC) First Annual Eco-Friendly Landscape Tour on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

"This is an exercise to bring all of the neighborhoods together," said John Williams, Chair of the PSNIC. "We want to showcase eco-friendly landscaping, properties that feature drought-tolerant landscaping in their front yards. We want to play a role in the City Council's commitment to sustainability."

Registration for this free event will be from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the courtyard of The Corridor, at the corner of Alejo Road and Palm Canyon Drive. Participants will be given a map designating some of the City's fabulous desert landscaping, including one property that you will be able to tour, then talk to William Kopelk, the landscape designer. Those who register will be eligible for prizes that will be raffled at the end of the self-guided tour.

The tour will end at the Wellness Park, at the corner of Via Miraleste and Tachevah. Raffle prizes will be awarded between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Participants must be present to win. Prizes include 10 copies of the Coachella Valley Water District's "Lush & Efficient Landscape Gardening in the Coachella Valley." One of the prizes also will be one hour of landscape consultation from Paul Ortega, Landscape Designer and Owner of Desert Garden Center, LLC. It is a prize valued at \$90.

"Not only will the tour provide people with an opportunity to marvel at what others have done with their landscaping, but I hope, those who join us that Saturday will come away with ideas as to what they can do at their homes," said Lee Husfeldt, Director of Neighborhood and Community Relations for the City. "There will be some true pride in ownership on display and some marvelous public properties as well. This is a perfect time of year to see the

desert in its splendor and to learn how you can make your piece of the desert beautiful and efficient.”

The event is designed as a drive-by tour, with stops at one residential property and the Wellness Park.

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