Winchester Forestry
The Friends of Winchester, a neighborhood volunteer group, set out to
revitalize their community park in June of 1999. With help from local
government and Southern Nevada Water Authority landscape rebates,
the Friends of Winchester converted water-thirsty grass into a lush, water-
efficient landscape. In 2004 the Friends appealed to the Nevada Division
of Forestry which awarded them an Urban and Community Forest Grant. The
grant provided funds for trees and woody shrubs to diversify the plant
community of the park and to develop an education plan for teaching
the neighborhood about Winchester Garden, tree care, successful home
landscaping and related conservation issues.

Things to do in the garden/urban forest
ENJOY THE SURROUNDINGS
This is a great place to walk and commune with nature. Relax and visit-
pawful, shady benches look on the garden and its bird population. Watch
for colorful butterflies and hardworking bees.

TEACH WITH THE GARDEN It is a primary resource for xeriscape
information and for maintaining our urban forest.

VOLUNTEER Get your hands dirty at the Friends of Winchester
Gardening Days. Learn skills and help to maintain the garden at the same
time. If you would like to volunteer, please call friends chairman Jenny
Carr, 658-0714 or Buffy Kline, 657-2422.

Seven principles of xeriscape
1. Sound planning and design
2. Limited turf islands
3. Low-water plants
4. Efficient irrigation system
5. Organic soil improvements
6. Surface mulches
7. Maintenance

Use them to gather ideas for your own landscape.

Garden as community resource
• Regional demonstration site of the Southern Nevada Water Authority
and the Nevada Division of Forestry.
• Setting for slope and restoring the plant diversity which has redifined
the community, including drought tolerant trees, shrubs and ornamentals
which showy foliage attracts birds, moths, bees and butterflies to the neighborhood.
• Outdoor classroom for conservation agencies, garden groups, scouts,
school children, teachers and home-schooling parents. Stop in and pick up a field
trip field trip tage with study materials and equipment for observation and hands on activities in the garden. Classroom kits on loan include children’s books on desert plants, insects and animals found in the Winchester Garden.
• Partner far community service projects. Learn more about volunteer
opportunities by calling the Friends of Winchester at 455-7340.

Winchester grant book lists
Butterflies and Moths by John Fetrell
Cactus Plants by Frank Kell and Ted Leon
Cactus Hotel by Brenda Bubsom and Helen Lloyd
Dandelions by Kathleen Kubitz and Jerome Winter
Desert Dinosaurs by Greg Washburn and John Carano
The Desert is My Mother (El Desierto Es Mi Madre) by Pat Mora and Daniel Esteban
The Deserts of Texas by Bert Backer and Peter Parnal
Desert Violets by Bert Backer and Peter Parnal
Earthworms by Kevin Holme and Plant Welter
Earthworms by Elaine Pascoe, Nicole Bowser, and Dwight Kuhn
Erosion by Charlie Winter and Chane Winner
Fairy Dancers and Boing Stomp Exploring Wildflowers with Children by Suzanne M. Samson and Illustrated by Preston Neil
The Gardener by South Stewart with Pictures by David Smith
One Green Prickly Pear Tree by Gladys Jerome
From Seed to Plant by Gail Gibbons
Seeds and Seedlings by Elaine Pascoe, Nicole Bowser, and Dwight Kuhn
Tree (Eye See Books Series) by David Burne

Desert gardening resources
Nevada Division of Forestry Southern Regional Headquarters, 4747 West
Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108 (702) 486-5123. NDF is charged with
improving our city and community environments by increasing tree planting
and improving care and maintenance of existing trees. NDF promotes public
awareness about the important role trees and shrubs play in the quality of life
for all Nevadans.

Desert Demonstration Gardens, Las Vegas Valley Water District, 3701 W.
Arias Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89133 (702) 218-3203. More than 1,000
species of plants on display. Adult education classes offered on xeriscape design,
construction and maintenance. For more information visit the Gardens’
calendar of events at lasvegasgarden.org

Acacia Demonstration Gardens, Acacia Park, 50 Casa Del Fuero,
Henderson, Nevada. A wealth of drought-tolerant landscaping examples.
Offers workshops on Mojave Desert landscaping and gardening. Visit

Ethel M Botanical Cactus Garden, 2 Cactus Garden Drive, Henderson,
Nevada 89015, (702) 435-2635. Over 300 plant species live on the Cactus
Garden. Four acres of drought-tolerant ornamentals, cacti, and other succulents.

Las Vegas Arboretum, 4505 Maryland Parkway, PO Box 451013, Las Vegas,
NV (702) 893-3392. The Arboretum is essentially the land area of
the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. It includes 80 acres of trees,
shrubs and as well as a two-acre xeric garden.

Regional demonstration gardens
Palo Verde High School, 3333 Pavilcon Center Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89144
Kona Mc Donald Elementary School, 1831 Fox Ridge Drive, Henderson, NV 89014
(702) 799-7788
North Las Vegas City Hall Complex, Constitution Way and Civic Center Drive,
NV (Las Vegas 85303)
Grants Sawyer State Office Bldg., 555 E. Washington Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Community College of Southern Nevada
Henderson Campus, 700 S. College Drive, Henderson, NV 89015
West Charleston Campus, 6375 West Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89139
Winchester Gardens/Urban Forest, 3130 S. Maryland, Las Vegas, NV 89119

How it began
The Friends of Winchester, a neighborhood volunteer group set out to
revitalize their community park in June of 1999. With help from local
government and Southern Nevada Water Authority landscape rebates,
the Friends of Winchester converted water-thirsty grass into a lush, water-
efficient landscape. In 2004 the Friends appealed to the Nevada Division
of Forestry which awarded them an Urban and Community Forest Grant. The
grant provided funds for trees and woody shrubs to diversify the plant
community of the park and to develop an education plan for teaching
the neighborhood about Winchester Garden, tree care, successful home
landscaping and related conservation issues.


89015,

3701 W.

89013.

89133.

89144.

89013.

89119.

89144.

89101.

89101.

89121.