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Parade of Gardens in ABQ 2023: The Gardens of Candelaria Tour
Stunning Sunburst Crepes @ the Downtown Growers Market
Downtown Urban Living: The Anasazi Condominiums



Above is the beginnings of a **Sunburst Crepe**, a new Saturday morning food destination at the [Downtown Growers Market](#). More info further below.
Meanwhile: NE Heights Gardens...



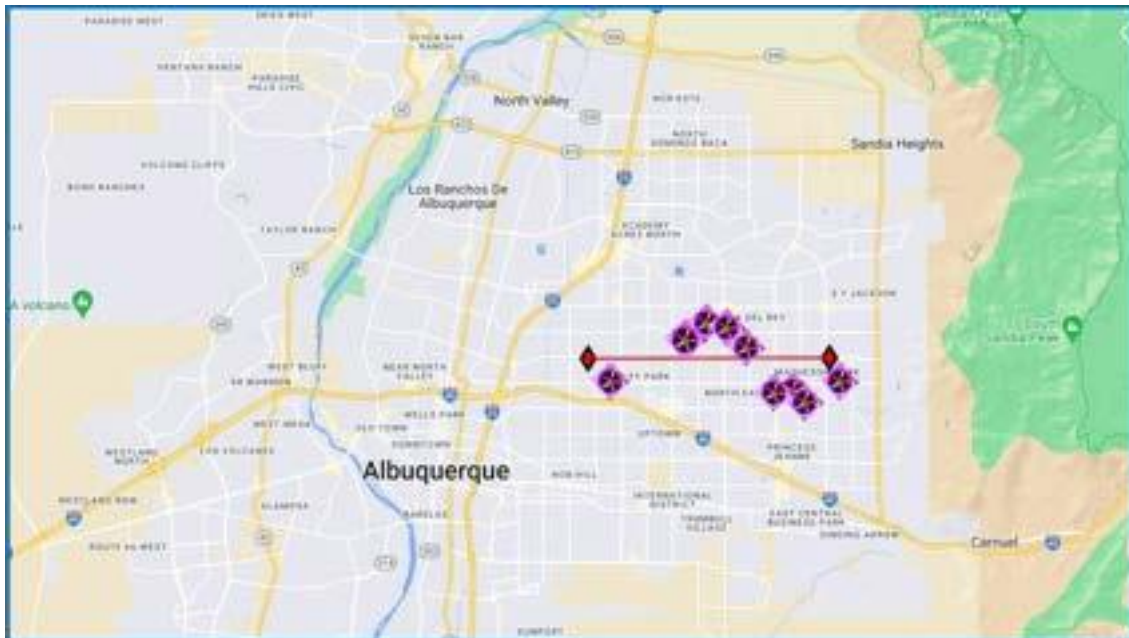
The Gardens of Candelaria

I love exploring houses in all parts of the city. Unfortunately, one isn't always invited in...Occasionally though, it's possible to check out their front & backyard gardens.

The Council of ABQ Garden Clubs, planted at the [Albuquerque Garden Center](#) in Los Altos Park, provides that opportunity each year, with their [Parade of Gardens in ABQ](#) tour.

This year, the tour ran in the NE Heights, a few blocks north & south of Candelaria Blvd--from the Bel-Aire neighborhood that starts at Carlisle Blvd, heading east all the way to the Enchanted Park neighborhood, almost to Tramway Blvd. See the map below.

The second image above is an incredibly lush & mature backyard garden space complete with pond; just above is an elaborate front yard garden adjacent to Kiowa Avenue, in the Stardust Skies neighborhood; along Kiowa, there were other tour gardens within walking...



The '23 **Parade of Gardens in ABQ: The Gardens of Candelaria** took place over a few hours one Sunday in May...On a 5.5 mile stretch of Candelaria Blvd, in the middle of the Northeast Heights, nine unique private gardens were opened to the public to explore.



The colors of the rainbow...

There was quite a variety of tended greenspaces to see, plus great side-sights, like the tile mosaic wall mural outside one garden, seen above & below, & a [classic car](#) exhibit at another.

From the garden tour brochure: In 2020 one of the garden-owners launched an ongoing project constructing an 80-foot mosaic mural along the side yard, visible to the public. Donations of broken pottery, dishes & tiles provided the raw materials to design various themed sections: New Mexican landmarks, ocean creatures, a large rainbow, among others.

Absorbing the entirety of the tile mosaic may take some time...Under the rainbow, below, are some of the donated broken tile pieces slated to be used for the mural.



Urban Green & Blue

One of the gardens on the tour shows how easy it can look to grow an urban garden, above. A lot of salad greens this season will go a long way, along with some gourd--

squash, perhaps?--mixed in.

Below is a water collection cistern from one of the tour properties, part of a 750 gallon water catchment system, used to feed the fruit & vegetable gardens, but also chickens & roadrunners.





Certified Wildlife Habitat

Many of the homes had lush front yard gardens too, & act as natural urban wildlife habitats to all sorts of creatures. The [Hahn Arroyo](#) is close by, which is one connector in the citywide walking/biking trail system, & also used as wildlife corridors by urban animals.

Below is a stand of bamboo in the front yard of one of the homes on the tour. The thicket is thick, & as tall as many SW trees. Besides being used for shade, it's a

great growing material.

From a [bamboo article](#): Bamboo is considered a highly sustainable resource due to its rapid growth rate--up to 4 feet per day--& ability to regenerate after being harvested. It's also resistant to pests and diseases (remember this point), making it an ideal material for eco-friendly buildings. It's been grown for centuries for food & medicine too. It might be a good addition to a front yard Certified Wildlife Habitat.





Flowers sometimes make the garden, or in some cases the Atrium. Above is one section of one of the gardens on the tour: an extensive indoor Orchid Atrium Garden, living colorfully in an atrium space about the size of a large closet.

Below are a few flowering plants found along the way, up & down the Candelaria Garden Tour; the out-of-this-world orchids are included...





One final orchid image, from the shoebox Orchid Garden...wow.



Sunburst Crepes at the Market

At one of the newest food spaces at the Downtown Growers Market in Robinson Park, the artist/chef doesn't just cook, but creates. Check out their Sunburst Crepes, served every Saturday...The green spiral goes on first, then a blue spiral is added on top, & a swish of orange crepe batter finishes up the colorful spiral on the griddle. It's the beginning of a Sunburst Crepe.

The unique breakfast crepes are made with colored vegetable juice, & is added layer-by-layer onto a spinning griddle. Two eggs are mixed in, creating a solid surface to combine all the other ingredients. Bacon is one of the options. It's really good.

There is no website for this crepery--you'll need to go to the Saturday market...





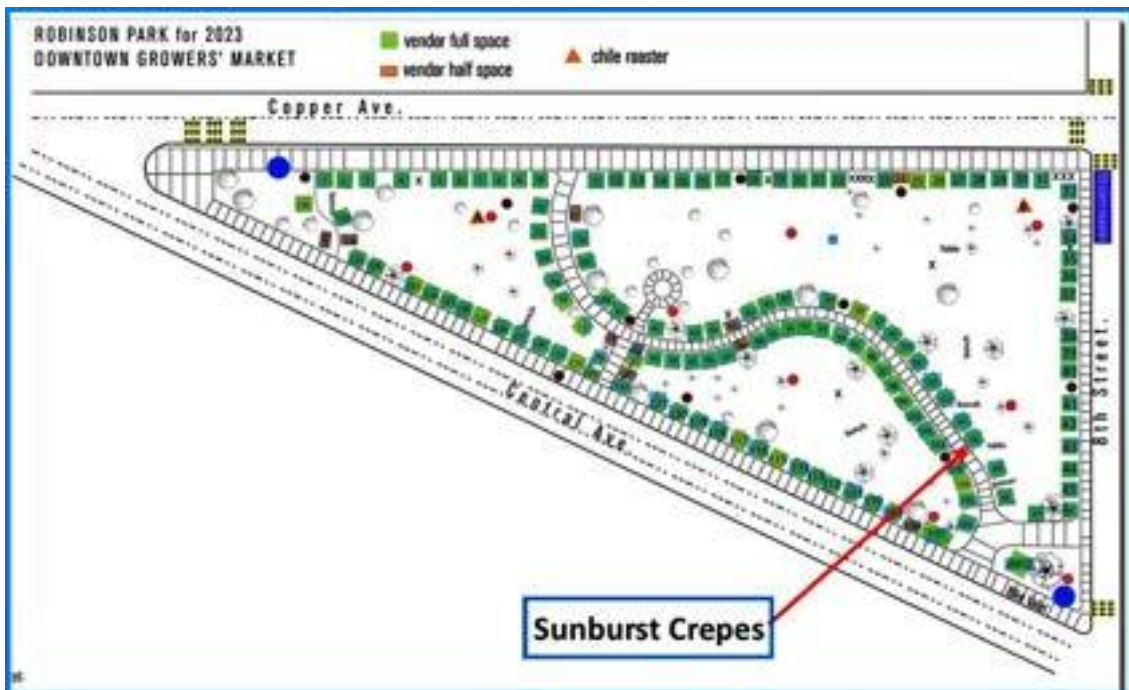
Willie Luk, below, creating my (now regular) Saturday morning crepe breakfast, described it to me simply:

"Our crepe batter is colored with vegetable juice. This provides a means to create art from the crepe batter. Each crepe is a piece of art. The eggs holds the art together..."





Final touches on the work of culinary art--then it's time for breakfast...





Downtown urban living at its best!

Welcome to the architecturally unique Anasazi Building, an 8-years-young residential condominium project. See the 3D Tour for the newest unit available there, #506.

See the full MLS listing:

[524 Central Ave SW Unit 506 -- 3D Tour](#)

View the 3D Virtual Walking Tour, [here](#) & below...then call me.



As interest rates fluctuate, many people are seeking mid-to-long-term rental solutions. Good property management--for **both tenants & owners**--is more essential than ever. Going on a year-long sabbatical? Call me--I quickly find good temporary & long-term tenants for all the properties I manage.

Below are two rental homes, both available beginning July 15th:

One side of a duplex:

A fully-furnished 650sqft 1-bedroom, 1 bath, Nob Hill home.
Asking \$1750/month.

Griegos & 2nd St

A 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1000sqft home with large yard in Near North Valley.
Asking \$1600/month.



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