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ART IN PUBLIC PLACES



*Award Recipient: Phil Jones*

*Submitted by: Phoenix Arts Commission*

Category 18

### *Cordova Gardens Median Enhancement Project*

The Phoenix Arts Commission collaborated with the Cordova community to create a neighborhood amenity out of an eyesore. Prior construction of an underground utility corridor resulted in median islands without landscaping. Landscape architect Michael Dollin and artist Turde Parkinson were commissioned to work with the community and seventh and eighth grade students to enhance seven empty median islands along 31st Avenue.

The median was once the site of an ancient Hohokam canal and is now a utility corridor for SRP. The seven islands have been developed into a series of gardens. The gardens contain special features which convey the students' and community's interest in recycling, history and in the future environmental systems that sustain our desert city.

Features in the project include recycled utility poles and electrical components, boulders, irrigated berms, wildflowers and objects created from students' designs.