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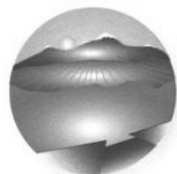
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## Thank you for joining us!

You are free to visit any of the gardens at your leisure, and in any order you wish on the appointed day for that community. Please respect the privacy of each tour home. Visit only on the appointed day with the designated time period. Hosts, gardeners and/or homeowners will be onsite at each garden to answer questions. A Xeriscape resource handout and biographies about each garden will be available. Note that many plants are labeled. Street parking is available at each location. Please do not block driveways and remember to be respectful of neighboring properties as well.

The tour homes are not open to the public, only the gardens. Please be sure to plan your restroom breaks accordingly.

## Enjoy the tour!

## This year's partners:

### Brady's Garden and Patio Center

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## Book Sale!

Colorado Master Gardeners will be conducting a book sale at the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District Demonstration Xeriscape Garden on Saturday and at Cattail Crossings Xeriscape Demonstration Garden on Sunday. The Book Sale will offer xeriscape, gardening and plant books and is a fundraiser for the Pueblo County Colorado Master Gardener Program.

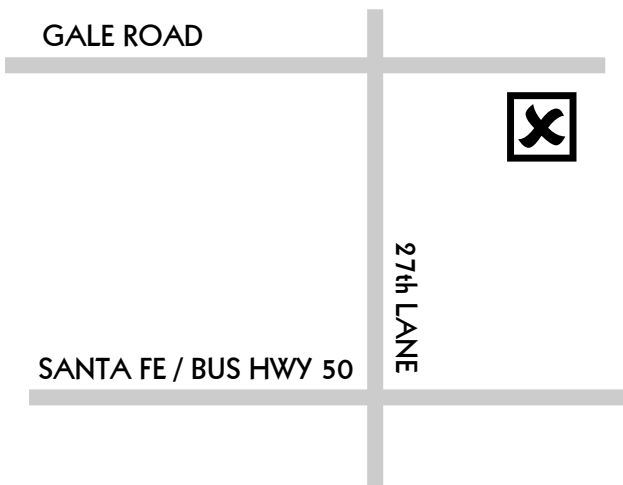


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### 1131 24½ Lane Pueblo, CO 81006

Take Santa Fe Ave. east or from I-25 take Exit 98A to Business Hwy. 50 east through Blende. Turn south at the corner of 24½ Lane (Mi Ranchito Restaurant is on this corner) to the only house on the right.

Designing and creating a garden that challenges traditional garden practices and implementing water saving techniques has been a priority for these homeowners since its inception in 2000. This "user friendly garden" is routinely re-mulched to decrease evaporation and to discourage weeds. The vegetable garden, which is conveniently located close to the kitchen door, is amended with compost each spring. The covered patio facing west invites one to enjoy the garden and the sunsets.



### 27168 Gale Road Pueblo, CO 81006

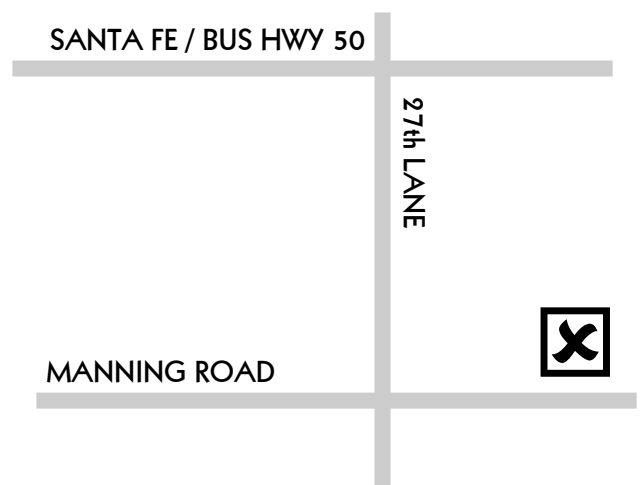
Take Business Highway 50 east, turn north on 27th, at stop sign turn east onto Gale Road.

This garden was planted to create a long succession of blooms and texture. The homeowners have resided here four years and have installed a lawn and fruit trees in the backyard. The shrub and flower beds are irrigated with a drip system. The tall ravenae grasses add a certain drama and punctuation to the landscape. The most intensely planted areas are close to the house, roses, flowers and herbs mingle.

### 27805 Manning Road Pueblo, CO 81006

From Business Highway 50 east, turn south onto 27th Lane, continue south, turn east onto Manning Road. Look for the house with the bright blue roof.

This cheerful home was built 16 years ago and the garden was designed around it. The garden's elements have evolved by both design and by plant migration and continue to expand with the homeowner's knowledge and requirements. The lot is located on an old corn/alfalfa field and the owners are grateful for the native soil that they have continued to amend and mulch. This garden is planted with happy abandonment as to color and is sturdy enough to withstand the wear and tear of pets and children. The garden includes an automatic irrigation and a manual drip system.

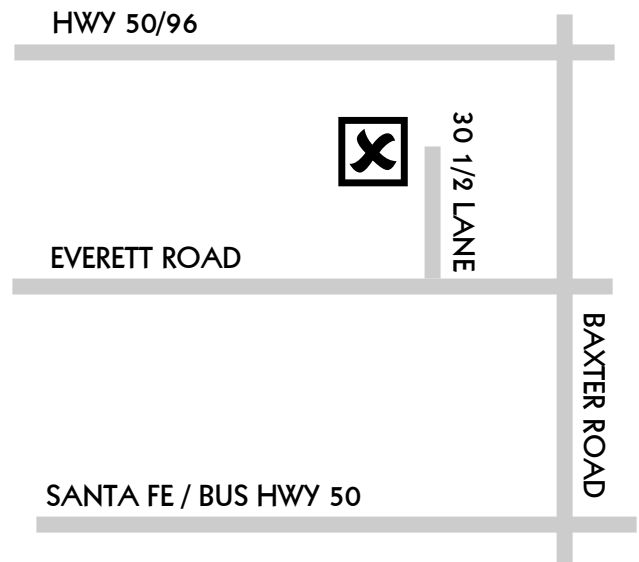


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**833 30 1/2 Lane**  
**Pueblo, CO 81006**

*From Business Highway 50 east turn north onto Baxter Road, or from Highway 50 east (also known as Hwy 96) turn south onto Baxter Road; turn west onto Everett Road then turn north onto 30 1/2 Lane.*

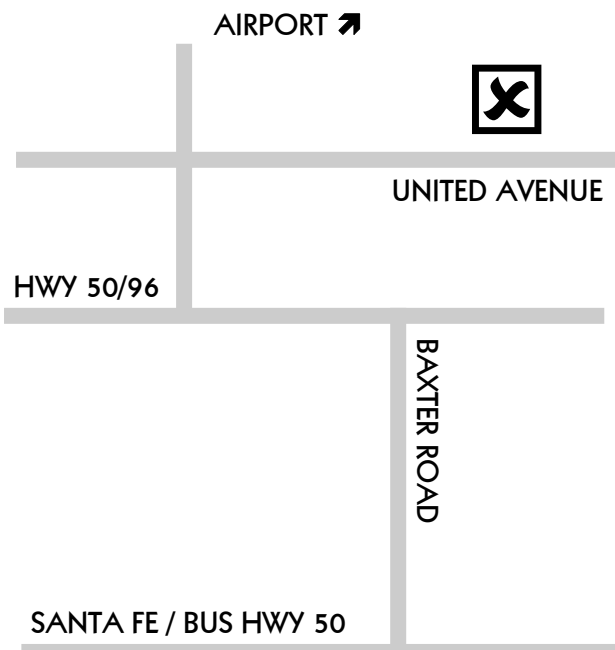
The principle of hydro-zoning is practiced throughout this garden starting with the "oasis" near the front door and rippling out towards the street where the most water wise plantings are. Color, texture, light, shade and sound are all equally important in this garden and plants were chosen with this in mind. The garden was started about 20 years ago and is filled with lovely shade trees, gurgling ponds, fountains and drifts of color. The large vegetable garden supplies a plethora of edibles while the shaded backyard provides a peaceful seating area. This garden is home to many domestic critters and is a sanctuary for many wild birds and butterflies.



### **Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District** **Demonstration Xeriscape Garden** **31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81001**

*From Highway I-25 : take exit 100A; go east approximately 5 miles to the Pueblo Memorial Airport Exit. Turn north under the highway and bear right onto United Avenue; proceed approximately 1/2 mile east. From Baxter Road: turn west onto Highway 50 (aka Hwy 96) take the Pueblo Memorial Airport exit turn north and bear right onto United Avenue proceed 1/2 mile east. The Demonstration Xeriscape Garden is on the corner of Reyes and United Avenue.*

Stop by the Demonstration Xeriscape Garden to enjoy refreshments, wander through the garden, enter the door prize drawing to win a planted trough and pick up valuable information about xeriscape gardening techniques.



# Pueblo West Tour - Sunday, June 7, 2009



## Xeriscape Demonstration Garden at Cattail Crossings

*Take the McCulloch exit (at the stop light) south to Joe Martinez, turn west into Cattail Crossings Park; go around the curve to the parking lot on your right.*

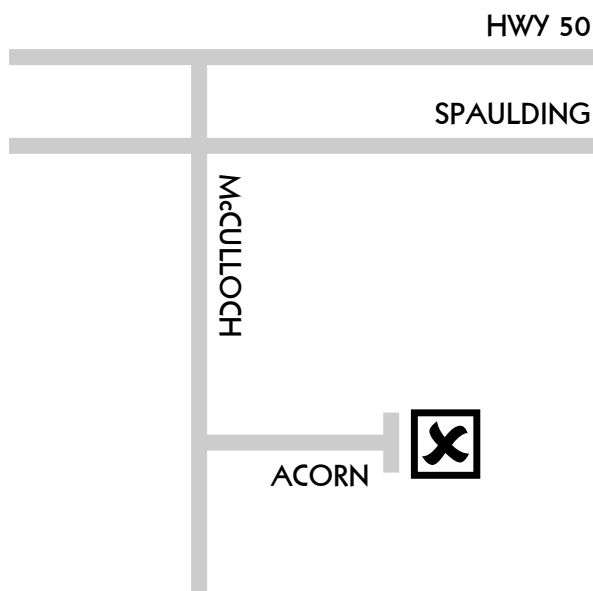
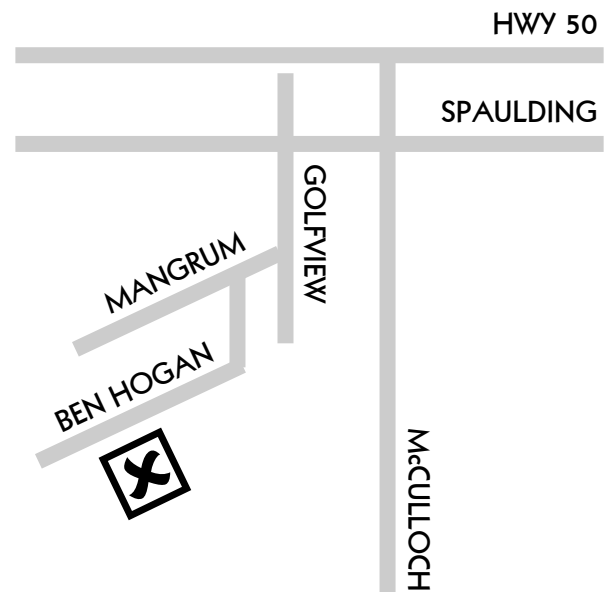
The Xeriscape Demonstration Garden at Cattail Crossings is installed and maintained by the Pueblo West Community Xeriscape Gardeners. The garden has several hydro-zones ranging from moderate to very low. They meet to work in Demonstration garden each Friday morning, weather permitting, so this is a good time to come and ask questions about the plantings or to help them.

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## 290 Ben Hogan Pueblo West, CO 81007

*From the traffic light intersection of Highway 50 and McCulloch Boulevard, turn south and go 0.2 mile to Spaulding. Turn right on Spaulding and go 0.3 mile to Golfview. Turn left on Golfview and go 0.4 mile to Mangrum. Turn right onto Mangrum. After 500 feet, turn left onto Ben Hogan. Proceed 0.2 mile; the property will be on the left.*

This striking Xeriscape is adjacent to Desert Hawk golf course. Because the homeowners wanted time to devote to recreation, including golf, they created a low maintenance, lawn-free landscape. They selected a variety of drought tolerant plants that add winter color and interest to their yard. Plants are grouped by like water needs, and are planted in groups of 3, 5, or 7. The homeowners' water bills are significantly lower than those of their neighbors. The watering system consists of soaker hoses and a relatively inexpensive programmable timer.

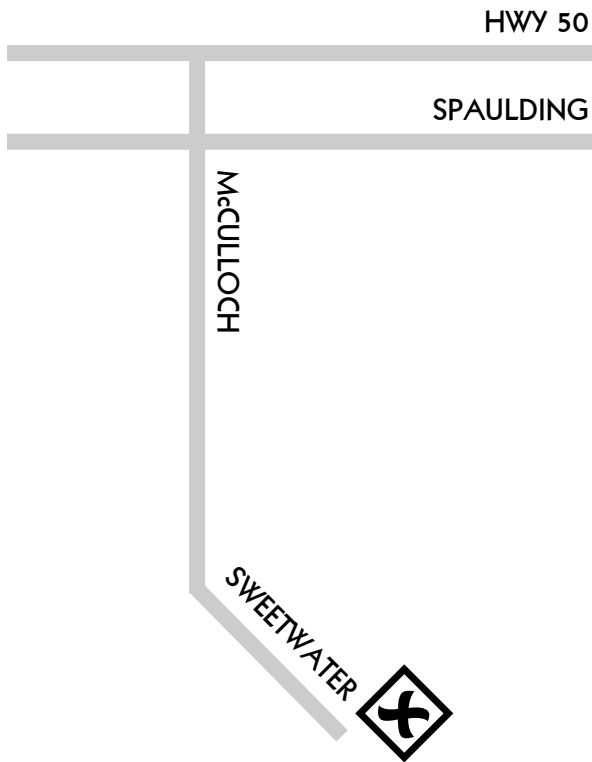


## 806 South Acorn Street Pueblo West, CO 81007

*From the traffic light intersection of Highway 50 and McCulloch Blvd., turn south and proceed 2.0 miles to Acorn Drive. Turn left on Acorn and go 0.4 mile to Acorn Court. Property is on the northeast corner of Acorn Court and Palomar Drive.*

The front yard of this corner lot was designed to blend in with its surroundings. The islands of pinion pine, ornamental grasses, cactus, yucca, apache plume, catmint and roses in the front yard are striking and achieve the desired natural look. An attractive dry riverbed helps with drainage. Native plants with low water needs grace the islands, and native Woods Roses act as a windbreak. All plants are irrigated via automatic drip system and the lawn has an automatic sprinkler system. The only plants that are hand-watered are hanging baskets. The drip irrigation system is even used to keep the birdbath filled.

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**1174 S. Sweetwater Avenue  
Pueblo West, CO 81007**

*From the traffic light intersection of Highway 50 and McCulloch Blvd., turn south and go 3.0 miles to Sweetwater Avenue. Turn left on Sweetwater and proceed 0.2 mile to property, which will be on the left.*

This beautiful, prairie-like Xeriscape reflects the homeowners' desire to build on what Mother Nature provides. Wood chips serve as mulch and a visual backdrop for the numerous plants that can be found in this xeriscape. Plants are grouped by similar water needs and are irrigated using soaker hoses and sometimes a sprinkler. The garden is watered only twice a month, with new plantings being watered once a week. Maintenance of the garden has proven to be fairly simple. The homeowners' efforts are rewarded not only by the beautiful landscape, but also by comments and inquiries from neighbors and passersby.

**1678 North Gill Street  
Pueblo West, CO 81007**

*From traffic light intersection of Highway 50 and McCulloch Blvd, turn north onto North McCulloch Blvd. At 3.4 miles, turn left onto Platteville Blvd. At 3.0 miles, turn left onto Hastings Ave. At 0.7 mile, turn right onto Gill Drive. At 0.1 mile, property will be on your right (look for metal buffalo).*

This two+ acre property is located in one of the higher elevations in Pueblo West and beautifully blends into the surrounding environment. There have been two or three evolutions of the garden based on the homeowners' increasing knowledge of Xeriscape gardening. It now contains some semi-moist plants, which need some water, Xeric plants which require less water, and "prairie plants" which transition from the gardens into the natural landscape. They used shale from their property to create extensive garden walls and paths. A portion of the garden has a sprinkler system while the most recent addition is on a soaker hose system.

