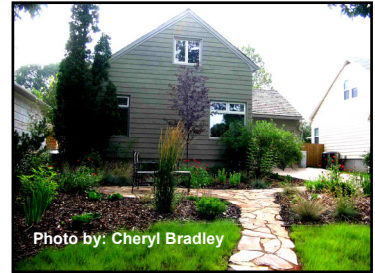


# Come take a walk through a garden – a Prairie Urban Garden



The Oldman Watershed Council's Prairie Urban Garden sub-committee hosted its first ever garden tour on Saturday, June 27th in Lethbridge. The turnout was better than we had imagined, with a total of over 70 people participating!



The day started off with a presentation by local xeriscape expert Steve MacRae at his garden. After the presentation people were free to go to which ever gardens they wanted at their own leisure. Many of the comments made afterwards were that the tour offered them a look at the different



options one has when xeriscaping. These are not just rock gardens! The gardens varied in age, establishment, species, size and amount of xeriscaping. The PUG committee is encouraging yard owners to follow the 7 principles of xeriscaping to convert their yard into a water efficient (drought tolerant), low maintenance, beautiful space!



The Prairie Urban Garden Committee would like to say a big thank you to all the garden-owners and tour attendees who made our garden tour such a success!

We are very excited for the winner of our door prize - Leona Jacobs won a yard consultation with Prairie Xeriscape Designs, a prize valued at \$350.00!!

## The 7 principles of xeriscaping:

- \* Planning and design
- \* Improve the soil
- \* Create practical turf areas
- \* Water efficiently
- \* Select appropriate plants and group by water needs
- \* Use mulches
- \* Maintain your xeriscape

We are already looking forward to next years' tour! We encourage anyone who has a xeriscaped garden and would like to have it profiled on our tour or on our website to please contact us!



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