

# Prairie Urban Garden Tour 2010

The Prairie Urban Garden Tour was a success!!

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 couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day to have our tour and we were thrilled to have nearly 140 people come out to join us! Local expert and Xeriscape designer Steve MacRae started the day off with a presentation at the newly planted native garden in front of the Cousin's Building at the Lethbridge College. He talked about the 7 main principles of Xeriscaping and why we should be considering this as a gardening practice in our semi-arid environment.

A total of 10 Lethbridge homeowners were gracious enough to open their gardens to us and people were able to see first hand the variety of Xeriscapes in the city. Hopefully people left inspired and ready to start Xeriscaping!!

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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## 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



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