

**Talk Description: Rockin' with Cacti and Succulents.** If you want to succeed with a collection of cacti and succulents, a rock garden is the ideal environment. Raised beds allow you to provide soil that is compatible to the plant's needs. Rocks help protect against weather extremes, while moderating temperature fluctuations enough to increase hardiness by a zone or two. This presentation considers stone selection, the basics of construction and tricks that rock gardeners use that will make your garden work for you.

**Bio:**

Marcia Tatroe writes the monthly "Mountain Garden Checklist" for *Sunset Magazine* and is a frequent contributor to *Colorado Gardener* and other gardening publications. Her photography and gardens have been featured in numerous books, magazines and nationally televised gardening shows. She lectures throughout the West focusing on garden design, rock gardening, xeriscape, and native plants. In her most recent book, *Cutting Edge Gardening in the Intermountain West*, she advocates using drought-tolerant and native plants and indigenous materials to create a gardening aesthetic unique to this region. Her garden was awarded Habitat Hero status by the Audubon Rockies in 2015 as an outstanding urban wildscape.