

Year Round Gardening

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2017 Residential Gardens Tour – Who Knew It? In Patty Jewett!

Since its inception in 2011, this popular Tour has been in various locations around Colorado Springs including Village Seven, the West Side, the Old North End and Broadmoor. It has received high acclaim as reflected in this comment reported by Linda Navarro, Colorado Springs Gazette Reporter/Nonprofit event columnist: “Indeed, glowing reports from people who attended *Through the Gardener’s Gate* (the 2013 FOX tour) included comments that it was one of the finest tours in the country.”



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Saturday & Sunday
June 24 & 25, 2017
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Seventh Annual
Open Garden Tour
Fundraiser

(FOX)
El Paso County
Friends Of eXtension

This year’s FOX tour will also delight attendees. Patty Jewett, a walkable, “bikeable” neighborhood located in North Central Colorado Springs is the venue for 2017. This neighborhood is mostly residential and situated within a mature urban forest with homes of varied architectural styles ranging from Victorian and Craftsman to mid-century modern ranch and contemporary. The ten gardens included in this year’s tour reflect the diversity of the neighborhood. Attendees will see water-wise gardens, rain water harvesting methods, a Zen garden, herb, vegetable and cutting gardens, and chicken farming. As in the past, Colorado Master Gardeners will be available at each of the gardens to answer questions about plants and good gardening practices.

Once again this year, the Tour will include local Plein Air Garden Artists on site painting various aspects of some of the gardens and 4-H youth selling kettle corn and other snacks. Additionally this year, Master Food Safety Advisors (will be on site with their new “blender bike” demonstrating how to make healthy smoothies.

Attendees will want to bring comfortable shoes, a sun hat and sunscreen, water and a camera. FOX will provide you with a colorful garden tour guide to record the plants and ideas that you want to remember. Please be aware that private gardens may not be able to accommodate strollers, walkers or wheelchairs due to narrow pathways and steps. Also, no bicycles will be allowed in private gardens. Working service dogs are permitted.

FOX is a non-profit organization that was organized in 2009. The mission of FOX is to raise money for the El Paso County CSU Extension Office. The additional revenue raised by FOX supplements County, State and Federal support of the Extension programs. These programs include youth development through 4-H, agriculture through the new Building Farmers program and horticulture through the Colorado Master Gardener program and nutrition through the Food Safety Education program. Funds raised by FOX are managed through the Pikes Peak Community Foundation (PPCF). Tax-deductible donations to FOX can be made on the PPCF web page - <https://www.ppcf.org/community-development/the-friends-of-extension-the-fox/>.

When you have questions, Colorado State University Extension has research based answers. Get answers to your horticulture questions by ask.extension.org. any time day or night. Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. you can phone 520-7684 or emailing CSUmg2@elpasoco.com.

For current garden tips visit www.facebook.com/ColoradoMasterGardeners.EPC

For current classes visit: elpaso.extension.colostate.edu.

FOX Garden Tour Information

Who Knew It? In Patty Jewett! How to go!

The cost of the Tour is \$20.00 per ticket and children under 12 years of age are free.

Tickets are available at:

Don's Garden Shop and Landscape Materials

Good Earth Garden Center

Phelan Gardens

Rick's Garden Center

Spencer's Produce, Lawn and Garden Center (Tejon St. location)

Summerland Garden Center

McCord's Garden Center **in Monument**

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You may also purchase your tickets on-line at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-fox-open-garden-tour-who-knew-it-in-patty-jewett-june-2425-tickets-32836855920?aff=erelexpmlt>