



Self-Guided Landscapes Tour

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Favorite Plant: Lion's Tail (*Leonotis leonurus*)

Project Size / Amount of Grass Removed: We removed approximately 1,500 square feet of grass.

Materials Used: Decomposed granite; dry creek bed of various size stones; aluminum bender board; drip irrigation system; and sustainable and California native plants.

What I like most about my updated landscape: How to conserve water without sacrificing flowering plants.

What I learned while completing my project: There is still maintenance involved. No garden is maintenance free; however, instead of a weekly service you can maintain the garden yourself or if you don't have time, hire a crew four times a year to upkeep.

Tips: Don't be afraid to try new plants. A garden takes patience and sometimes things just won't work. You have to know the right plant for the right place. Don't try to grow plants that are not suited for our area. Many retailers sell plants that just won't work. There is a great selection of chaparral and natives that are beautiful and need little care. The plant has adapted to the climate. I recommend the Theodore Payne Nursery in Sun Valley and Green Thumb Nursery also has very knowledgeable people.



Before



After



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Plant List



Anigozanthus (hybrids)
Kangaroo Paw



Agave americana
Century Plant - variegated



Salvia greggii
Autumn Sage 'Alba'



Coleonema pulchellum
Pink Breath of Heaven
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Salvia leucantha
Mexican Bush Sage



Rosa
Iceberg (Floribunch rose)
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Leonotis leonurus
Lion's Tail
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