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Favorite Plant: Plants that prompt pollinators (salvia and milkweed) Pelargonium

Project Size / Amount of Grass Removed: 590 square feet of grass removed



Materials Used: Hardscape - rocks, mulch, pecky cedar logs and the following plnt "Rosanne" geranium, gaura, lavender, verbena de a mina & bonvuensis, salvia "Danielle Dream", Pride of Madera, yarrow and Russian sage.

What I like most about my updated landscape: The view from the front of my house is interesting, colorful and brings many birds and pollinators. We have are first monarch butterfly crystalis and we will soon have two new butterflies who will return next spring.

What I learned while completing my project: Not all plants will live when first planted or in the exact location where they were planted. For fun plant a few drought tolerant seeds like sunflowers and poppies. Best time to plant is mid to late fall.

Tips for someone considering updating their landscape: Research the types of plants you have seen in other landscapes. Do your homework: visit native garden tours and nurseries that specialize in natives and drought tolerant plants. Be sure to take lots of pictures and identify which ones you like best. Remember natives can take up a large amount of space at maturity. Plant for year-round color and interesting plant material.

Saving water is important because: Water is a limited resource. A green lawn takes an extreme amount of care, feeding and water. Drought tolerant, natives and Mediterranean landscapes are much more interesting and conserve water.

Before Photo



After Photo



Project Photos

























Plant List



Verbena bonvuensis 'Lolipop' Verbena Lilipop-Bonvuensis



Cynara scolymus Artichoke



Achillea 'Moonshine' Fern Leaf Yarrow



Guara (Rosy Jane & Belleza) Wand Flower



Ascepias species Milkweed



Plectranthus amboinicus
Mexican Mint



Leucadendron 'Safari Sunset' Safari Conebush



Salvia leucantha 'Danielle's Dream' Mexican Bush Sage 'Danielle's Dream'



Podacarpus Plum Pine

