

Xeric Demonstration Garden

Purpose

The 3.5 acre Xeric Demonstration Garden was developed and completed in 2006 emphasizes the selection of native and low water-use plants and the use of drip irrigation systems, which contribute to the primary goal of water conservation.

A self-guided tour map provides interpretation of various plantings that are marked by numbered stones throughout the Garden.

History

This Garden was a joint effort with the City of Greeley, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and the University of Northern Colorado. The concept and design were developed in 1989-90 and The Garden was constructed in phases and would be completed in 2003. There was a Garden Committee that administered the development of the Garden, but was abandoned shortly after its completion in 2004.

Recent Developments

New solar powered lighting has been introduced.



Community Gardens have replaced the plots formerly used for Biology class studies. There are 24 Garden Plots that are managed by the City of Greeley Neighborhood Association.



Gladiolus Garden In 2016 Marvin Bruce, the President of the International Gladiolus Hall of Fame approached us about establishing a Demonstration Exhibit for the Hall of Fame Gladiolus Collection. The International Gladiolus Hall of Fame also has exhibits and extensive reference library housed on campus at the Michener Library. This Garden is located on the East end of the Garden.

