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>> THIS GARDEN IS HEALTHY, BEAUTIFUL AND THRIVING.  
WHAT'S AMAZING IS THAT IT HAS NO BUILT-IN IRRIGATION SYSTEM, AND IT'S  
ALSO LOCATED IN ONE OF THE WARMEST AND DRIEST REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY.  
ITS SECRET TO SUCCESS IS CALLED XEROSCAPING.  
"XERO" IS THE GREEK WORD FOR DRY.  
HENCE THE WORD XEROSCAPE.  
HERE AT ELIZABETEH^ANNA'S, WE LIKE TO THINK OF XEROSCAPE AS A  
SUSTAINABLE GARDEN THAT THRIVES OFF THE NATURAL RAINFALL.  
IT'S RELATIVELY EASY TO INSTALL, SO LET'S GO AHEAD AND GET STARTED.  
XEROSCAPING ALWAYS BEGINS WITH PROPER PLANTING AND PREPARATION.  
MY CREW AND I FIRST GET TO WORK BY DIGGING OUT AND THEN BUILDING UP THE  
EARTH IN THE GARDEN.  
TO INCREASE THE HEALTH OF THE SOIL, WE ADD NATIVE COMPOST.  
NOT ONLY IS THIS AN EARTH-FRIENDLY MATERIAL, BUT IT ALSO WILL CONSERVE  
WATER AND ORGANICALLY FEED THE PLANTS.  
THE NEXT STEP IS CHOOSING THE PLANTS FOR YOUR XEROSCAPE.  
IT IS BEST TO CHOOSE PLANTS THAT ARE INDIGENOUS TO THE AREA.  
THESE PLANTS WILL THRIVE IN THEIR NATURAL CLIMATE.  
IT ALSO GIVES YOUR LANDSCAPE A MORE NATURAL AND BEAUTIFUL LOOK.  
ONCE YOU'VE PICKED OUT NATIVE PERENNIALS, VINES AND GRASSES, IT'S TIME  
TO COMPOSE THE GARDEN.  
WHEN BEGINNING A XEROSCAPE INSTALLATION, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO  
CONSULT YOUR LOCAL NURSERY TO FIND OUT THE PLANTS THAT ARE INDIGENOUS  
TO YOUR REGION.  
TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE PLANTS THAT I CHOSE FOR THIS  
REGION.  
THE FIRST ONE I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS THYME.  
THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT SPECIES OF THYME THROUGHOUT SEVERAL REGIONS.  
IT'S AN ALL-AROUND GOOD PLANT.  
IT'S AN HERB.  
IT'S HARDY.  
IT'S EVERGREEN.  
IT MAKES A WONDERFUL BORDER.  
AND BESIDES THAT, IF YOU CHOOSE TO XEROSCAPE YOUR LAWN, YOU CAN HAVE A  
THYME LAWN.  
ANOTHER PLANT THAT I LIKE TO USE IN THE LANDSCAPE IS VERBENA.  
VERBENA, THERE IS A PLETHORA OF SPECIES AND COLORS AND VARIETIES.  
TODAY, I'VE CHOSEN APPLE BLOSSOM, WHICH IS INDIGENOUS TO OUR AREA.  
NOW, AGAIN, DO CONSULT YOUR NURSERY, BECAUSE I DO KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT  
THAT COLD HARDY.  
IT WILL WORK IN MY REGION, BUT IT MAY NOT WORK IN YOURS, AND THAT'S AN  
IMPORTANT THING TO CONSIDER.  
I ALSO LOVE THIS PLANT.  
THIS PLANT IS SCUTELLARIA, ALSO KNOWN AS SKULLCAP, BECAUSE IT HAS THESE  
LITTLE SKULL BLOOMS ON IT.  
THIS IS A WONDERFUL SHRUB PLANT THAT BLOOMS PROFUSELY IN DROUGHT AND IN  
HEAT.  
WHEN IT GETS RATTY, IT SHEERS BACK WONDERFULLY.  
A GREAT CHOICE FOR YOUR XEROSCAPE.  
ANOTHER PLANT THAT I REALLY, REALLY LIKE TO USE IN THE XEROSCAPE IS  
THIS ROCK ROSE.  
IT IS INDIGENOUS TO THIS AREA.  
AND I LOVE IT BECAUSE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL BLOOM.  
A LOT OF THE XEROSCAPE MORE NATIVE PLANTS HAVE A SMALL BLOOM, BUT THIS  
ONE IN PARTICULAR IS VERY SHOWY, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO BREAK UP THE  
LANDSCAPE WITH SOME PLANTS THAT ALSO HAVE SHOW ON THEM AND COLOR.

ANOTHER PERENNIAL THAT I LIKE USING FOR THE XEROSCAPE IS THIS GRAY PLANT.  
GRAY IS A REALLY NICE ADDITION TO USE IN THE LANDSCAPE.  
THIS PERENNIAL, ITS COMMON NAME IS CURRY.  
NOT NATIVE TO THIS AREA, BUT DOES WORK HERE, NATIVE TO SOUTH EUROPE.  
AGAIN, CHECK YOUR LOCAL NURSERY FOR HEAT AS WELL AS COLD TOLERANT PLANTS.  
ALSO, A PLANT TO THIS REGION THAT DOES REALLY WELL, AND I FOUND THAT IT DOES WELL SEVERAL REGIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED^STATES, IS GAURA.  
I LIKE THIS PLANT BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE GRASS, BUT ITS COMMON NAME, WHIRLING BUTTERFLY, APTLY EXPLAINS THE LOVELY LITTLE LACY BLOOMS THAT COME ON THE END OF THIS SPECIES.  
BUT PROBABLY MY MOST FAVORITE IS THIS PROLIFIC BLOOMER CALLED THE PASSION VINE.  
THIS PARTICULAR PASSION VINE IS REALLY SPECIAL.  
ALL PASSION VINES ARE NATIVE TO SOUTH^AMERICA, OTHER THAN THIS ONE THAT IS A NORTH^AMERICAN NATIVE.  
AND BECAUSE IT IS INDIGENOUS TO NORTH^AMERICA, IT IS COLD HARDY TO TEN DEGREES.  
SO IT NOT ONLY CAN TAKE THE COLD, THE HEAT AND THE DROUGHT, BUT IT IS A BEAUTIFUL BLOOM, AND IT DRAWS THE BUTTERFLIES.  
WHEN INSTALLING YOUR LANDSCAPE, IT'S BEST TO SOAK YOUR PLANTS IN AERATED COMPOST TEA.  
THIS FABULOUS FEED IS ALIVE WITH MICROBIOLOGICAL ORGANISMS, WHICH GIVE A BOOST TO ANY PLANT FORM.  
A XEROSCAPE GARDEN ISN'T JUST AN AREA THAT'S PLEASING TO THE EYE.  
IT ALSO SERVES AS A NATURAL HABITAT FOR LIFE.  
BEST OF ALL, A XEROSCAPE GARDEN REQUIRES VERY LITTLE WATER.  
APART FROM EXTENDED DROUGHT, NATURAL RAINFALL SHOULD SUFFICE.  
BUT BEAR IN MIND, DURING INSTALLATION, EVEN XEROSCAPE NEEDS A GOOD SOAKING AND REGULAR WATER UNTIL THE PLANTS ARE ESTABLISHED.  
XEROSCAPING USES REGIONAL PLANTS, BUT SOME HOME GARDENERS MAY WISH TO ADD BOLDER COLORS TO THEIR GARDENS.  
IS THERE A WAY TO DO THIS WITHOUT ADDING NON-NATIVE PLANTS THAT MAY NOT THRIVE IN A FOREIGN SETTING?  
THE ANSWER IS YES, AND ONE OF THE WAYS I'VE CHOSE TO DO THIS TODAY IS BY USING THIS GARDEN ACCENT.  
THIS BRIGHT RED GLASS BIRDBATH IS A BEAUTIFUL ADDITION TO THIS XEROSCAPE.  
NOT ONLY DOES IT ADD COLOR, BUT IT ALSO GIVES A HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE.  
XEROSCAPE GARDENS CAN ENHANCE HOMES, BUSINESSES AND CAMPUSES.  
THEY COMBINE NATURAL BEAUTY AND EARTH-FRIENDLY TECHNIQUES TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT TRULY GRABS THE EYE AND NURTURES THE SOUL.  
WHEN INSTALLING YOUR NATURAL XEROSCAPE, REMEMBER TO VISIT YOUR LOCAL NURSERY TO FIND OUT THE PLANTS THAT ARE INDIGENOUS TO YOUR AREA.  
THIS WILL SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY.  
TO FIND OUT MORE IN HOW TO BEAUTIFY YOUR NATURAL LANDSCAPE, VISIT US AT YOURHOUSEANDHOME.TV.  
>> FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES, MORE PEOPLE ARE MOVING INTO THE CITY CENTERS THAN ARE MOVING OUT.  
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