

What's a Faerie Garden ?

Faerie gardens can be as small as a tea cup, a flower pot or a 3 ft x 3 ft area outside under a bush or tree. Faerie Gardens have become the latest rage among gardeners--especially among grandmas, mothers and children. This summer, three Master Gardeners, Carley Borcharding, Kathy Kubitz, and Terry Wood, have been busy creating a Faerie Garden at Katie's Garden which is located next to the Platteville Chamber of Commerce. This faerie garden is larger than the 3 ft x3 ft recommended size; it feature homes for the different types of faeries, along with the 5 elements needed to make 'real' faerie garden--wind, earth, fire, water and the "ether". Small size, minature and dwarf plants are used to create the small-scaled landscape of a tiny village. Brochures are available listing the perennial plants used, how the elements are represented, directions and tips to construct your own special faerie garden and houses, along with a list of resources on the internet. In order to attract the faeries, finds from nature and recycled items were used to make the accessories and to decorated the houses instead of purchased pieces that are used in minature gardens.