



## **Botanic Park Children's Garden Buds New Design & Features** *Annual Fairy Garden House Contest Entries Due Thursday, June 10*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-June 3, 2021**-Spring brings renewal, and the Yampa River Botanic Park's Children's Garden is also sprouting a new look, features and cool gardening structures after a recently completed remodel.

"We wanted a spot where all our children's gardens and features are in one convenient location," said Executive Director Jennifer MacNeil. "I think kids will really be blown away by the new space and believe it will quickly become a favorite location within the Park."

As part of the comprehensive remodel, the Fairy Garden is being relocated to the new space in the Children's Garden in a specially designed display area. Ram's Masonry, Inc, donated all the intricate stonework and materials that feature raised rock islands for the fairy houses. The project moves the houses off the ground and puts them at kids' height to ensure a close-up look from all sides of this magical village all season long.



In addition, the Park will unveil a new structure that incorporates a children's library on gardening and nature, along with features like a wagon wheel and namesake paddlewheel which pays homage to Steamboat Springs. Kids will be able to submit ideas to name this new structure.

The Annual Fairy Garden House Contest is open to children of all ages, but one builder must be under 12 years of age. Designs must be no larger than 18 inches square, and 12 inches high, and need to be made of natural materials, such as wood, stone and sand, no plastic. Most themes are welcome, but no religious or political themes.

Entries are due no later than June 10, 2021. Judging will take place at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11 by the Yampa River Botanic Park Design Committee. Winners will receive an annual membership to the Yampa River Botanic Park and other prizes. All the submissions will be featured in the Park's new Fairy Garden Village throughout the summer.

Storytime in the Park finds a new home in the new Children's Garden this summer. Every Friday, a storyteller from the Bud Werner Library shares a fun and exciting themed book and activity with kids up to 7 years old. The outdoor program goes from 10:30am to 11:30am and sunscreen, hat and bug spray are recommended.

For more information visit [www.yrbp.org](http://www.yrbp.org), or contact the Yampa River Botanic Park via email at [office@yrbp.org](mailto:office@yrbp.org) or at 970-846-5172.

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