



## Where Magic Blooms: YRBP Fairy Garden House Contest Returns

Annual Contest Entries Due By 3pm on Wednesday, June 10

**Steamboat Springs, Colorado-April 28, 2026**-Creativity takes flight, and magic fills the air as the Yampa River Botanic Park invites local youth to celebrate nature and get imaginative by creating a house of dreams for the park's tiniest inhabitants during the Fairy Garden House Contest.

"Where imagination takes root, tiny worlds come to life, and we are so excited to see the creativity on display in this year's Fairy Garden House Contest," said Executive Director Jennifer McNeil. "Fairy houses celebrate the special connection between nature and imagination, and we hope each one inspires visitors to explore, create, and discover a little magic every time they visit the park."

The annual contest is open to children of all ages, but one builder must be under 12 years of age. Designs must be no larger than 18x18 inches square, and 12 inches high. All fairy-inspired homes need to be made of natural materials, such as wood, stone and sand, and cannot use plastic, hot glue or pixie dust. Most themes are welcome, but no religious or political themes.

Entries are due at the Trillium House no later than 3pm on June 10, 2026. Judging will take place at 11:30am on Friday, June 12, in the Children's Garden, immediately following Stories in the Garden. Winners will receive an annual membership to the Yampa River Botanic Park and other special prizes. All submissions will be featured in the park's Fairy Garden Village throughout the summer.

Once a sprawling horse pasture, the six-acre Yampa River Botanic Park is now home to more than 60 unique gardens, thousands of plant species, animals, and hosts special events of all shapes and sizes. An innovative experiment in private/public partnerships, the park is free and open to the public from dawn to dusk, through October.

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

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Build a fairy house to be on display in the Botanic Park's Fairy Garden this season!

**JUNE 12, 2026**  
11:30 AM in the Children's Garden

### FAIRY GARDEN HOUSE CONTEST

**CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES**

- For children of all ages; at least one builder must be under 12 years of age
- Drop off entries at the Trillium House by 3 PM on June 10<sup>th</sup>
- Winners get a Yampa River Botanic Park membership + prizes
- Use only natural materials (wood, stone, sand, etc.) — *no hot glue*
- Max size: 18" x 18" base, 12" tall
- Entries will be judged by the audience

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