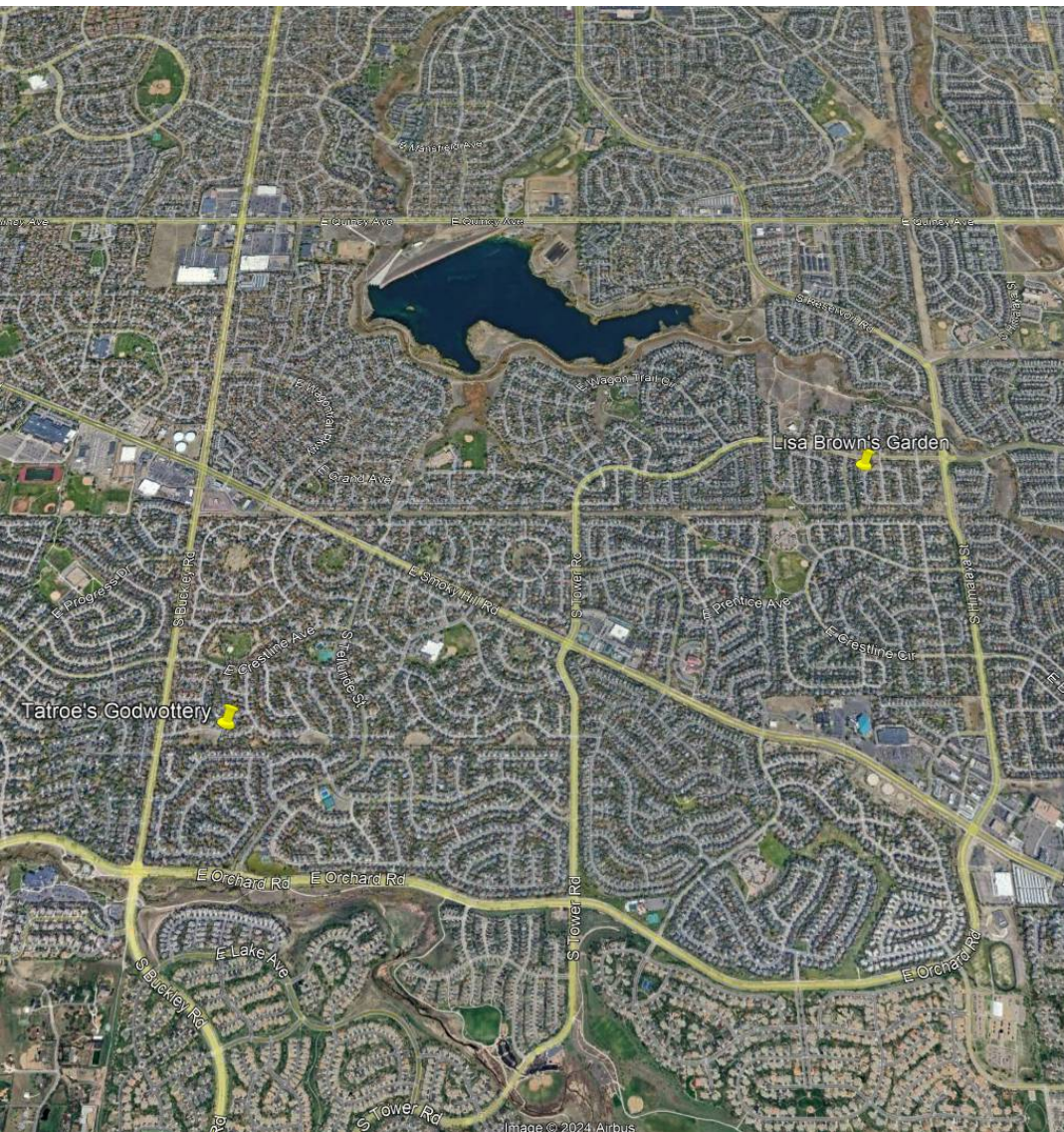


# Southeast Metro Garden Tours Open





Tatroe birdbath, front garden, *Aquilegia chrysantha*, *Sidalcea candida*.

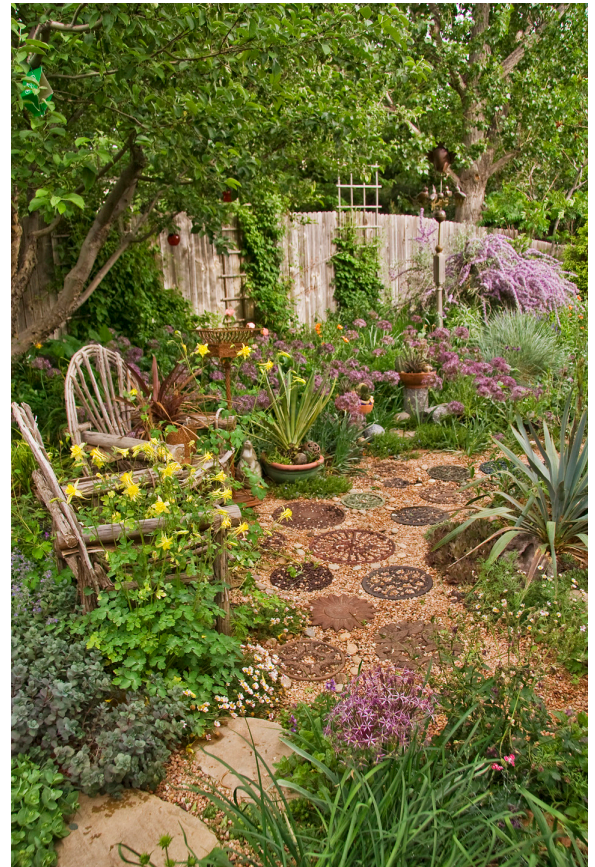
than 150 containers planted with cacti, succulents and annual and tropical flowers. A sizable collection of art is displayed throughout.

The garden is 37 years in the making and has been featured in numerous books, magazine articles and nationally televised garden programs. This is an organic wildlife-friendly garden—we like bugs and do not use pesticides! The garden is designated a Xerces Society pollinator habitat, a wildlife and bird habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, an Official Urban Wildlife Habitat from the Humane Society and has received Habitat Hero Gold status from the Audubon Rockies.

**Tatroe's Godwottery**  
**17156 E. Berry Pl.**  
**Centennial CO**

**Open**  
**9 am - 3 pm**

Marcia and Randy Tatroe have created a unique and complex garden on a small suburban lot that provides sanctuary for wildlife but is also people friendly. From the very beginning water conservation was a major consideration. Following xeriscape and permaculture models, the garden is divided into many watering zones and rainwater is passively channeled throughout the garden. While rock gardens predominate, this a plant collector's garden packed with western natives, vegetables and herbs, unusual perennials and vines, a water garden, hardy cacti, more



Tatroe backyard path.

**Lisa Brown's Garden**  
**19742 E. Bellewood Dr.**  
**Centennial CO**

**Open**  
**9 am - 3 pm**

I built my rock garden alongside my driveway in 2018 when I was given a pickup truck load of lava rock. At the time, I had a very pretty but somewhat overgrown perennial garden there full of Russian sage, yarrow and Shasta daisies. My neighbors probably thought I was crazy when I tore out the daisies and replaced them with a pile of rocks.

I started with a vision to fill it with cute little treasures while keeping many of my previous (large) garden plants in place. Of course, it didn't take me long to fill that small space up and need to make it bigger...and then bigger. Now, the Russian sage and most of the old plants are gone. I have added more real estate to the rock garden every year, and it currently extends from the sidewalk to the garage. I keep saying that I am done expanding, but that's probably a lie.

The area is not on my sprinkler system and it's a stretch for the hose, so I have always had to consider water needs. Cactus do very well there, and I keep adding them. Some of those are *not* small, but oh well. I enjoy my rock garden and I hope you do too.

