

"Decorative 'Hypertufa' Garden Container Class with Janice Casper at Friendship Botanic Gardens"

Janice Casper, owner of North Range Garden Design, will conduct a class on making a "Hypertufa" trough garden at Friendship Botanic Gardens in Michigan City on Saturday, April 29 from 10am-Noon CDT. The cost is \$40 which covers the price of the materials to make the troughs.

Trough gardens are ideal places to display tiny horticultural treasures: dwarf conifers, alpines, miniature succulents, and even a small fairy garden. Antique stone troughs from Britain are prohibitively expensive, but it is easy to make a convincing substitute using a mixture of Portland cement, perlite and peat moss. Hypertufa troughs can be left outside in the winter and are light weight once they are dry.

Please bring rubber gloves and two forms/molds that you would like to make your troughs in. One trough should be 2 inches smaller than the larger one. A good starting box is a shoe box or plastic container such as a small dish pan. For questions about materials, please contact Janice Casper at 219.204.0494.

To register call 219.878.9885 or email info@friendshipgardens.org. Please provide your name, address, and phone number in the email or voicemail. Payment can be made on the Friendship Botanic Gardens website or you may mail a check made payable to Friendship Botanic Gardens to PO Box 8834, Michigan City IN 46361.