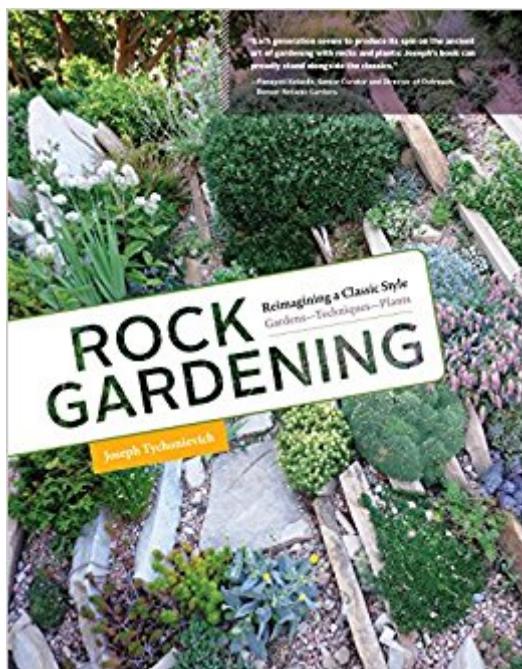


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# Rock Gardening: Reimagining A Classic Style



## Synopsis

AHS Book Award winner *Rock gardening* — the art of growing alpines and other miniature plants in the company of rocks in order to recreate the look of a rugged mountaintop — has been surging in popularity. Time and space constraints, chronic drought in the American West, and a trend toward architectural plants are just a few of the reasons for the increased interest. *Rock Gardening* brings this traditional style to a new generation of gardeners. It includes a survey of gorgeous rock gardens from around the world, the techniques and methods specific to creating and maintaining a rock garden, and profiles of the top 50 rock garden plants.

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“From Oregon to Yorkshire and Farrer to Facebook, here we have a thoughtful new look at inspirational rock gardens. There are sound, practical ideas and instructions to enable you to build your own rock garden.” Rod Leeds, Alpine Garden Society and Royal Horticultural Society lecturer and judge “Horticulturist and plant breeder Tychonievich offers a fresh perspective on traditional rock gardening. . . . This useful work targets a wide range of garden enthusiasts and/or horticulturalists.” Library Journal “The book profiles 10 stunning rock gardens with scads of gorgeous photos. . . . this is the perfect book to get started.” Garden Design “Rock Gardening is a new look at a classic style, and if you’re not quite sure what to do with that rocky part of your property, it may offer an elegant and beautiful solution. . . . Rock gardens have the potential to be sustainable and

low-maintenance while still providing great color and texture. For gardeners looking for an introduction to rock gardening, Tychonievich's book is a great start.

NYBG's Plant Talk "One of six young horticulturists who are helping to shape how America gardens." The "Organic Gardening" "Everything you could want to know about this subject including behind-the-scenes technical direction at renowned botanical gardens, humble "rockeries," and hypertufa trough gardens is here. . . . This is a book for amateurs as well as professionals interested in an educational look at this precise kind of gardening, and it is all delivered with colorful photographs and in Tychonievich's enlightening, instructive prose.

"Country Gardens" "This book takes a very practical approach to an iconic style of gardening. . . . The experienced author succeeds in succinctly communicating his enthusiasm for this garden style. Most helpfully, conceivable requirements for establishing a rock garden are given careful consideration. Many beautiful photographs accompany the text's details. . . . The experienced author succeeds in succinctly communicating his enthusiasm for this garden style. Most helpfully, conceivable requirements for establishing a rock garden are given careful consideration. Many beautiful photographs accompany the text's details.

"Choice" "A budget-friendly way to turn a steep slope or tiny lawn into something beautiful." "Mother Nature Network" "Tychonievich writes with such enthusiasm that his passion is utterly infectious. . . . This book is perfect for someone relatively new to alpine gardening, no matter which side of the Atlantic they live on.

"Gardens Illustrated" "If you're a designer who might have to create or deal with this type of landscape then this book is a good starting point. . . . it's comprehensive in its coverage of the topic with case studies both in the UK and America, descriptions of the different types of rock garden, how to achieve the right soil conditions and manage drainage. The most useful element for designers is the final "plant profile" section, which focuses on alpines and other plants that thrive in similar conditions.

"The Garden Design Journal" "There is also just the right amount of helpful and deliberately plainspoken information. . . . I wish I'd had this book 20 years ago: it would have saved me from many mistakes. Buy it for the gardener you love."

"Literati Bookstore" "Discusses stunning examples in a variety of locations. . . . Between a rock and a hard place is sometimes where the most enchanting flowers bloom. That incongruous truth helps account for the ageless appeal of rock gardens."

"The Columbus Dispatch"

In this fresh take on an iconic gardening style, Joseph Tychonievich, one of America's foremost young horticulturists, shows how stones and plants can work together in exciting new ways. Besides providing a low-maintenance solution to chronic drought and time constraints, the rock garden is also remarkably versatile. Discover the best plants for a beautiful display and visit unique rock gardens around the world. Rock Gardening is filled with inspiration for beginners and enthusiasts alike to infuse a beloved garden form with signature style.

An excellent book with beautiful pictures and practical details about rock gardening. There are notes about easier ways to garden for seniors or others with disabilities. The writing is gardener friendly and never pretentious. I highly recommend this book!

Love this book! I have always had an interest in rock gardening, but many of the older books lacked pictures and were un-inspiring. This book has a fresh look on old favorite plants and some newer and easier to grow options. A perfect, well-written book to inspire me on another phase of my 'plant-centric' life. Thanks Joe... soooo happy to have 'young blood' joining us aging plant lovers!

Lots of good ideas in this book and really liked the pictures.

Love this author's knowledge and expertise, plus he writes wittily, which is always fun!!! Great ideas to consider for my own garden.

brilliant pictures and interesting text

Just Great. A friend even had a picture of her yard in it.

In this book, Joseph Tychonievich, uses his knowledge of rock gardening to give insight into some of his favorite rock gardens in the U.S.A., Scotland, and England. The book is basically broken into three parts: view of gardens, techniques, and plants. In the "View of Gardens" section, the author goes into detail about each garden profiled and has amazing pictures. The "Techniques" section talks about the styles of rock gardens and what types of rock and soil to use. The "Plants" section gives ideas on where to put each type of plant in a rock garden, as well as, what type of plant and whether it needs sun or shade. My favorite part of this book are the boxes within each specific garden that gives more information about a style or technique use for that garden. Thank you Timber

Press and NetGalley for the ARC to give an honest opinion.

Exceeds expectations. Very nice book with lots of inspiring photos of small approachable garden examples including small backyard and container gardens not just complex institutional gardens. Good practical advice about soils, drainage and the basics of rock gardens and how to get started.

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