

# Growing Succulents in the PNW, a fearless approach

## Plants shown in my talk

### Large succulents

- Agave 'Baccarat'
- Agave bracteosa
- Agave 'Mateo' (Callistemon 'Woodlander's Hardy Red included in photo)
- Agave montana
- Agave neomexicana
- Agave ovatifolia and cultivar 'Frosty Blue'
- Agave parryi 'JC Raulston', JC is the most winter wet tolerant Agave Parryi that I've found
- Aloampelos (Aloe) striatula
- Aristaloe (Aloe) aristata
- Dasyliirion wheeleri
- Hesperaloe parviflora
- Nolina hibernica 'La Siberica'
- Yucca filamentosa 'Color Guard'
- Yucca linearifolia
- Yucca rostrata

### Sedum and Sempervivum

- Sedum confusum
- Sedum palmeri
- Sedum spathulifolium 'Cape Blanco' and 'Carnea'
- Sedum takesimense
- Sedum ternatum 'Larinem Park'
- Sedum tetractinum
- Sempervivum 'Red Rubin', but really all sempervivum are great! I just don't track the names

### A Cactus sampler

- Cyllindropuntia, C. whipplei 'Snow Leopard' is especially lovely
- Echinocereus (hybrid shown)
- Maihuenia poeppigii
- Opuntia humifusa (and other opuntia)

### Tips for succulent success:

- Select the right species. Do your research and choose a species that tolerates winter wet.
- Plant in the right place. Pick a site with adequate sun and great drainage, amend soil as needed.
- If (when) a plant dies, don't let that stop you from trying again: be like Ruth.
- Start with the largest plant you can find, or afford.
- Plant things easily replaced, or that you have a backup for.
- Plant early in the year—give the plant plenty of time to become established before winter.
- Research hardiness, don't always trust the plant label.
- Plant on a mound—I plant on slightly raised ground to encourage water to flow away.
- Tilt the plant so water doesn't pool in the crown.
- Experiment, remember that trial and error is your best teacher.
- Ask yourself how much risk you're willing to tolerate and plant accordingly.
- Have a winter protection strategy in mind before the cold hits

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