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### **Local artist creates colorful children's book**

Twin Bridges artist Therese Hutchinson has fulfilled a life-long dream with the release of her first children's book, "My Wild Garden Zoo."

Published by Riverbend Publishing of Helena, the large format hardcover book features Hutchinson's delightful paintings and poetry about wild animals visiting a little boy's family garden.

"I've been working on the paintings and the poem for years," Hutchinson said. "My family finally said I should go ahead and try to get it published."

The vivid paintings of elk, moose, and other Rocky Mountain wildlife are physically accurate and visually engaging, so this fun book can be used as an early education tool for identifying western wildlife.

Hutchinson is a wife, mother of four, and grandmother of eight. She and her husband own and operate the only grocery store in Twin Bridges. A life-long artist and former graphic designer, this is her first book.

"My Wild Garden Zoo" is available at bookstores or from [riverbendpublishing.com](http://riverbendpublishing.com). It sells for \$16.95.

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