

July, 2018 Beauty Spot of the Month

This July, look for the Country Hills Garden Club sign for the Beauty Spot of the Month at the Jacobs house located at 3406 Brookwood Drive. Recently some fresh ideas have been incorporated into the landscape layout. Garden globes glisten on sunny days and solar lights illuminate walkways at night. New stonework is a dramatic contrast to bright leaves and blossoms adorning perennials and annuals.

On the front yard slope, retaining wall blocks ring the wide trunk of a mature sugar maple tree. Swirls of marigolds, white and red geraniums, yellow and pink begonias, fuchsia petunias, crimson dianthus, silver-leaf dusty miller, and variegated coleus enliven the large round flower bed. Heavy fieldstones form decorative borders for red-tipped pieris shrubs, blue hydrangeas, yellow daylilies, scarlet salvia, and purple hosta in beds along the house walls. Potted orange-red celosias, identified by unique flame-shaped flowers, and several landscape lights dot the driveway edge. On the side lawn area, ornamental grasses rise like fountain sprays. To the lower left of the house, an unexpected display of tropical foliage surprises the onlooker. Pink caladiums and lime-green alocasias, often described as angel wings and elephant ears, overflow containers along a shaded pebble pathway. There is a kaleidoscope of colors and shapes in this summer garden you won't want to miss!

Respectfully submitted,

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