

May, 2018 Beauty Spot of the Month

I love CCH in the springtime! Soft rain, warm breezes, and longer hours of sunshine bring new growth and cheerful pastels to dormant winter gardens in the neighborhood. An especially striking garden area can be found at 3506 Spring Lake Terrace, the home of Allan and Nancy Jones and the selection for the May, 2018 Beauty Spot of the Month by the Country Hills Garden Club.

At the house entrance, an eastern redbud makes a dazzling floral display. It gracefully extends multiple branches with magenta blossoms above a terraced patio surrounded by ornamentals. Beneath this redbud's parasol, diffused light gently falls on the hanging clusters of creamy white Andromeda flowers and the raspberry red leaves of a dwarf Japanese maple.

In the front yard, three deciduous trees show off their unique spring colors. For many neighbors, the cloud of bright white petals of the dogwood to the right of the drive is the official sign that the new season has arrived. A majestic maple tree directs attention to the yard's center point. The broad limbs of this early-leafing shade tree have already produced seeds with shimmering gold-tipped wings, perhaps better recognized as whirlybirds when launched by wind gusts in the late spring. At the tree's enormous base, a path is bordered by evergreen shrubs and a dense pachysandra groundcover that spreads toward a smaller maple tree variety with emerging burgundy leaves.

The Joneses use classic garden accents to add extra visual appeal to their exceptional landscape. A wooden arbor and loveseat harmonize with the natural shapes and tones of the nearby foliage. Tall planters stand among the perennials as modern art forms that showcase decorative annuals. As a finishing artistic touch, a shiny blue gazing ball captures a delightful panoramic view of the treasures in this picture-perfect garden.

Respectfully submitted,

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