

Beauty Spot of the Month for September 2016 goes to Joann and Stephen Burton
9911 Broadview Drive

The secret to this month's Beauty Spot is the simplicity of the design. The key is repetition of the basics to create a foundation, and bursts of color supplied through annuals to add interest. Congratulations to Joann and Stephen Burton of 9911 Broadview: You are the September's Beauty Spot winners!

When we drove past this yard, the first thing that caught our attention was the big patch of marigolds in the front of the house, bursting forth with golden sunshine. We had to take a closer look.

On further inspection we realized that this landscape design is about the foundation of perennials that run through all the beds: azaleas, boxwoods, and yews. These plantings set the stage, like armature for a sculpture, for the bursts of color and texture that are supplied by the varieties of grasses, the clematis (blooming with purple flowers) climbing up between the windows, and the flower box at the kitchen window filled with petunias (purple, white, and red) and vinca cascading down.

The scene is further enhanced by a few strategically placed rocks to anchor the beds, as well as several garden adornments, including a decorative flag, a garden gnome, a sunflower welcome sign, and a triple birdhouse sculpture.

The lesson for the rest of us is to keep things simple—sometimes that very simplicity is the most beautiful design of all!

Thank you Ernie Klimonda for taking such a lovely picture!

Respectfully Submitted,
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