

August, 2017 Beauty Spot of the Month

Congratulations to the Lescures who live at 10012 Spring Lake Terrace! Their gardens have been selected as the August, 2017 Beauty Spot of the Month. Nasrin and Steve, both enthusiastic gardeners, have created a lush oasis with cooling shade trees and vibrant flower beds- a most refreshing sight on a hot summer afternoon!

The Lescure house rests near the edge of a creek-fed forest. After the drenching rains of the spring season, the nearby hardwood trees show healthy, new growth stretching high above the roofline. On the sunny, street-side of the house, favorite ornamental trees for Southern landscapes thrive in the intense summer heat. Two crepe myrtles have produced abundant pink and white blossoms at the tips of branches gracefully arching like water plumes from a fountain. Several dogwoods, some thick with variegated leaves, add color interest, dense shade, and a privacy screen across the expansive lawn. At the front of the house, tall boxwoods and hollies hug the white brick walls and frame the entry.

The beauty of this landscape is enhanced by the rainbow-colored perennials and annuals that fill flower beds, patio planters, and hanging baskets. Along the front walkway, elegant long-stemmed roses of pastel hues are centered among mounds of blue sage, golden coreopsis, hot pink mandevilla, violet balloon flowers, and striped liriopé grass. An array of plants with distinctive textures, shapes, and sizes decorates the garden area to the right of the driveway. Lime-green fern, white-edged hosta, and ice-blue lamb's ear encircle the base of a hemlock tree. Growing nearby are complementary purple coneflowers and pink bleeding hearts. At the fence line, direct sunlight encourages profuse ruby red blooms from impatiens, begonias, geraniums, and canna lilies. A climbing vine with white moon flowers uses the fence as a trellis. The Lescures take special pleasure in cultivating single and double flowering dahlias. They display tall, bushy dahlias crowned with disc flowers of sunset colors in mass plantings and as specimens in large clay pots.

A marvelous medley of trees, shrubs, and flowers surrounds the Lescure house. The classic perennials will keep their striking appearance through the growing season. Many warm days are still ahead for the Lescures to stop and smell the roses right outside their front door!

Respectfully submitted,

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