

April 2014 Beauty Spot

After a long hard winter, spring is finally here! You can see it all around Country Club Hills! The cherry trees, dogwoods, daffodils and tulips are in bloom. But what really caught our eye was the creeping phlox blooming in a thick blanket of vibrant shades of pinks, white and lavender in front of 10000 Spring Lake Terrace. Congratulations to the Nichols! You are the recipients of the May 2014 Beauty Spot of the Month!

In the bed on the left side of the driveway, along with the creeping phlox, a white dogwood is in bloom, along with azaleas bursting with bright fuchsia flowers. The bed has a lovely sampling of plant including English yews and juniper, tulips, daylilies, daffodils, sedum, yarrow, and variegated lariope. Although it is evident that the winter took its toll on the garden and some of the rosemary bushes did not make it and need to be dug out, the healthy new plants are in pots waiting to take their place.

The pinkish-red azaleas along the front of the house make a wonderful backdrop for the whimsical deep purple (almost black looking) and white tulips that dot the bed's border edge. At the top of the driveway are pots of smokebush and an ivy ground cover.

When the shed went up on the right side of the driveway, and we saw flowers growing up the shutters that lean against the shed, we were intrigued. We knew this was a yard to watch! This is a yard in progress! There will soon be a little patio in front of the shed offering a place to relax and enjoy the view.

If you can, sneak a peak through the iron gate at the top of the driveway. You will be amazed at the courtyard that is being developed back there with raised beds (including one that has herbs and veggies), and plans for gravel pathways, and laurel plantings along the fence to act as screens.

Besides loving the bursts of color and variety of plants in this yard, we gave the award to the Nichols this month because it is a great reminder that a gardener's work is never done.

Respectfully Submitted,

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