

Beauty Spot of the Month for August 2015

Congratulations Dave and Jan Michek of 10003 Boxford Court—you are the winner of the August Beauty Spot of the Month!

This month's selection offers three basic strategies for dealing with our hot summers and keeping the yard looking neat and fresh no matter what the weather:

1. A LARGE TREE AND PERENNIALS

In the front yard, there is a very large, well-established maple tree, providing much appreciated shade. The beds along the house are planted with azaleas, hostas and tall ornamental grasses.

Perennials are always a good choice because once they are established they are more tolerant of challenging weather (like high heat) and can withstand a fair amount of benevolent neglect.

2. CONTAINER GARDENS AND A SMALL RAISED BED PLANTED WITH ANNUALS

A raised bed at the bottom of the yard, to the left of the base of the driveway is planted with a flourishing array of vincas. Planters throughout the yard are filled with bright pops of color from the petunias, begonias, marigolds, and vincas. Using containers not only adds interest in terms of added texture, shape, color, and size, it also makes taking care of the annuals easier, requiring less water to keep them well-hydrated.

3. ROCKS AND STATUARY

Along the carport and throughout the beds, the artistic placement of rocks and statuary add to the beauty of the yard. The rocks act as a groundcover, keeping weeds at bay. The statuary provides visual interest.

Adding non-plant items to your garden is a great way to make the space more inviting!

Thank you Ernie Klimonda for taking such a wonderful picture.

We hope you'll stop by and see this beautiful yard!

Respectfully submitted,
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