

## Beauty Spot of the Month for July, 2015

Sometimes it's a repetition of plants that makes a garden look well-groomed and artfully designed. Sometimes it's a layering of plants. Sometimes it's sculpture. Sometimes it's a burst of color. The Pullens' yard, at 10004 Boxford Court, has it all. Congratulations to Dia and Marty Pullen. You are the recipients of July's Beauty Spot of the Month.

From the top of the driveway around to the front entrance of the house is a bed with butterfly bush, spirea, laurel, and several holly bushes. In front of the holly is a collection of hostas. In front of the hostas are pots filled with pansies and other assorted annuals. And tucked into the bed are little bird and bunny ceramic statues.

In the bed to the left of the driveway is a lovely Japanese red maple, along with nandina, astilbe, spirea, and laurel. The bed continues around to the front of the house with more laurel and nandina, another crepe myrtle, and a white snowball hydrangea that recently bloomed. Tucked in at the bottom of the laurel is a rustic metal bunny sculpture, and meandering through the laurel is a purple clematis in bloom.

To the right, at the top of the driveway, is a small hedge of boxwood, a crepe myrtle, and a high row of laurel that acts as a privacy screen. A little further down the driveway is a well-established maple tree with a birdfeeder that attracts a variety of birds.

At the bottom of the driveway, on the right, is a wildflower bed that Dia planted from a seed kit more than a decade ago. It is bursting forth with yellow and purple blooming flowers: liatris (purple fuzzy cones), Tussock Bluebell (light and dark purple star shaped flowers), Heliopsis (also known as False Sunflower, with yellow daisy-like blooms), and coreopsis (small yellow flowers). Over time, Dia has begun to add a few plants, including a hydrangea bush (with blue and purple blooms), sedum, and Echinacea (purple coneflower).

If you want to see this yard in all its glory, go right away before the wildflowers disappear!

Respectfully Submitted,  
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