

The Country Hills Garden Club is proud to present the August "Beauty Spot of the Month Award" to Jennifer Judelsohn and David Stearman who reside at 10116 Farmington Dr.

Jennifer and David have been creating this gorgeous yard for the last several years. They have had many obstacles to overcome which included removal of a very large Southern Magnolia as well as a Japanese maple that had become diseased. When the derecho winds came through our neighborhood it knocked down trees in their backyard as well as neighboring yards. This had an impact on completing the front area. They persevered and you can see the results when you drive by this property.

The dark green Skip Laurels planted just below the front windows, the attractive Junipers which anchor the corners of the house and the Red Twigged Dogwoods are just the beginning of this landscape wonder. The dogwoods, which will be gorgeous in the winter with their red stems, and the ornamental grasses, lend interest and variety to the well-proportioned front bed. Their lawn is also "weed" free, green and lush. This garden is pleasing with its many colors, textures and shapes.

As you admire the front of the house, don't forget to look at the right and left sides of the driveway. On the right side you will find Jennifer's "purple" garden. She has placed a bench in the center of the oval shaped garden which is surrounded by a thriving Beautyberry bush, New England Asters, which will be blooming in the next month, and Clematis which is very happy growing over the arbor. What better place to meditate? Near the patio at the top of the driveway you can't miss the surprise. A patch of "walking onions" whose gangly, leggy shape is bound to make you smile. A few still small squash plants line the driveway within easy reach of the kitchen. Nearby Jennifer has planted Lavender, Echinacea (Eastern Purple Coneflowers) and Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan's) and azaleas for lovely color and variety..

Near the front door you will find *Itea virginica* (Sweetspire) which bears summer fragrant, creamy white flowers, azaleas and sedges which are outlined with whimsical sea birds.

The lower level garden can be reached by following the brick winding path. Hear the reader must use his imagination as the area is secluded by a wooden fence. Peeking over the garden gate we see Crape Myrtle blooming and a Japanese Maple hinting of more delights to come within.

Thanks Jennifer and David for allowing us a visit into your delightful garden.

Submitted by:

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