

Beauty Spot of the month for July 2016

10135 Spring Lake Terrace - Mary Lou Bishop and Dara Aldridge

Gardening takes time, patience, and faith. It is not for the faint of heart. This is abundantly clear in the efforts of Mary Lou Bishop and Dara Aldridge of 10135 Spring Lake Terrace, our July Beauty Spot of the Month winners.

We've been following the development of this yard for the past 5 years. Over that time, four large trees were removed, the lawn was ripped up and re-sodded, specimen trees were planted, and the beds along the house have been updated. None of this happened overnight. The transformation of this yard has been an inspiration to watch.

The bed to the left of the driveway, along the house, is anchored with a pair of boxwoods and rose bushes blooming in different shades. A giant hosta and several small liriopes fill it out. A collection of garden adornments (ceramic frogs, rocks, a garden blessing, and metal garden angel sculptures) adds a welcoming touch.

The bed continues around to the front of the house, with lilac bushes at the corners. A snowball hydrangea is full of massive white blooms. A euonymus bush is loaded with buds just ready to burst into blossom. The bed also contains staple perennial bushes—azaleas, hydrangea, and irises.

The beds on the long side of the house, along Spring Lake Terrace, display an assortment of azaleas, ferns, grasses, and a weeping cherry tree. There is a well-established oak tree surrounded by a bed of ivy, along with a Japanese maple, a crepe myrtle getting ready to bloom, and a horse chestnut that's actually bearing chestnuts.

Congratulations to Mary Lou and Dara on the job you've done thus far. It is exciting to see how visions manifest and efforts pay off. We look forward to watching your yard continue to change and grow and beautify our neighborhood!

Respectfully Submitted,

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