Congratulations to the Markhams of 3421 Park Hill. You are the recipients of the September 2014 Beauty Spot award.

We picked this yard because it is a great example of symmetry and repetition. For example, symmetry is the organizing factor for the beds at the foot of the driveway: there are two matching beds on either side of the driveway, containing (from outside in) weeping cherry trees, hydrangea bushes, ornamental grasses and English yews.

In the beds along the front of the house and at the top of the driveway, lines of repeating plants (Otto Luken laurel, azalea, barberry) form the structure for these areas. Additional visual interest is provided by hostas, Knock-out roses, and New Guinea impatiens, phlox and a container with blue-eyed grass.

It is worth noting how the symmetry and repetition of basic perennial plants make the one-of-a-kind plants stand out: Japanese Maple, ornamental pine, Magnolia, Redbud, Sycamore, Blue Spruce Pine, Dogwood.

This yard is a great reminder that simple rules of design can create the most elegant of results.

The picture (photo credit goes to Ernie Klimonda) is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Judelsohn with Joyce Skoglund for Country Hills Garden Club