

Congratulations to the Christys for earning the April 2012 Beauty Spot of the Month.

Driving through the neighborhood is a delight for the senses this time of year: The smell of spring is in the air; insects are buzzing and birds are chirping; and trees and flowers are in glorious bloom. Color is abundantly bursting forth! And nowhere is this more apparent than at the home of Teresina and Paul Christy of 9923 Pinehurst Avenue.

Everywhere you look there is something to tantalize the eye. At the top of the driveway, against the side of a shed, are rosebushes. Flanking the driveway on the right, the bed next to the house is planted with an array of shrubs, trees, and flowers: The trees (saucer magnolia, red bud, and holly) form the structural bones of the garden and beds. The understory is full of Japanese Japonica, Hydrangeas, and Nandina. And interspersed throughout are Virginia Bluebells, New England asters, bleeding hearts, clumps of heleboris, and heuchra (coral bells).

In front of the house is a lovely bed planted with more Japonicas, a beautiful Camilla, and azaleas blooming. Lily of the valley is planted in this bed, waiting to tantalize us later in the season. The bed is covered with a lush English ivy ground cover.

In a bed surrounded by white stones are coneflowers, poppies, miniature roses, more lily of the valley, daffodils, and Black-eyed Susans. While many of these flowers are not yet in bloom, they remind us of what is to come when summer arrives.

Turn the corner onto the Brookwood side of the house and the enchantment continues: Pink and white dogwoods alongside magnolia, red bud, and azaleas are all in bloom; an arbor covered in climbing hydrangea invites the viewer in; and pachysandra, coriopsis, and vinca minor all provide texture and color as ground covers.

And to top it all off, interspersed throughout the yard are statuary, bird houses, butterfly mobiles, and chimes—some hidden, so it's worth stopping for a look.

Congratulations to the Christys for earning the April 2012 Beauty Spot of the Month. Your yard is a wonderful display of the all the promise and abundant glory of Spring, and gives us a glimpse of what beauty is yet to come!

Respectfully submitted,  
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