

Beauty Spot of The Month for April/May goes to Jennifer and Michael Passey, of 10109 Farmington Drive

If you moved into a new house and the backyard was full of stones, what would you do? A few years ago, Jennifer and Michael Passey were faced with just that dilemma. They found a beautiful solution. They dug up the stones, gathered them all together and built stonewalls for raised beds in their front yard. The Spring 2013 Beauty Spot goes to the Passeys of 10109 Farmington Drive.

Spring is always an amazing time of year when the cherry trees, dogwoods, daffodils and tulips are in bloom. If you drive by immediately, you'll be able to see the beautiful cherry tree full of pink blossoms, tucked in on the right side of the house behind the fence. The blossoms are echoed in the front yard, where the dogwood is in bloom also. (Though there are no decorations on the dogwood tree currently, it is fun to sneak a peek around different holidays because the Passey boys and their mom, Jennifer, do thematically decorate the tree. We found remnants of the colorful eggs they recently had hanging up for Easter.)

The raised beds in the front yard have two tiers. In the lower tier, the sunny tulips and daffodils are in bloom... The bright pops of red, orange, and yellow make you feel happy! Low-lying juniper acts as ground cover and a lovely textural back drop to the bursts of color. The higher tier has day lilies, promising future color bursts.

Along the left side of these beds are four rose bushes, which you know will be gorgeous when they start blooming. And there are some tall grasses that add interest, height, and texture to round out the beds.

Back against the front of the house there is a bed with a camellia bush flanked on either side by laurel. At one end of the bed is a holly. The other side, by the driveway, contains nandina and azaleas that are just beginning to bud.

Be sure to check out this Beauty Spot through the month of May. It promises to delight your eyes and fill your heart with happy songs! Congratulations to the whole Passey family. It has been fun watching you all out there working in the yard. Your hard work has definitely paid off.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Judelsohn with Joyce Skoglund for Country Hill Garden Club