

When Garden Club president Joyce Skoglund and I went out to find the Beauty Spot of the Month for October, it was raining steadily. Finding a "beauty spot" in those conditions was quite a challenge. Our search was rewarded, though, and we are proud to award the Beauty Spot for October 2011 to Chris and Dave Romero of 10115 Farmington Drive.

Variety of color and texture is the highlight of this yard. Directly in front of the house are nandina, euonymus japonicus, and dwarf mop cypress, as well as ornamental grass. The bed in front of the house is bordered by variegated liriope and juniper. Within the bed, a black wrought-iron bench is surrounded by assorted spruce; behind the bench are colorful red dahlias, crepe myrtle, and azaleas. Outlining the way to the bench from the house are four nandinas, and lantana behind and beside the bench complete the scene.

Lining the left side of the driveway is a lush bed with more azalea, nandina, dwarf mop cypress, and liriope, with impatiens adding a lovely, delicate note. A cherry tree stands on the right of the driveway, and dogwoods at the street add a pleasing touch.

All in all, the yard is very pleasing to the eye even on a dreary day—and, of course, that much more appealing in nicer weather. Congratulations to the Romeros for creating this delightful look!

Respectfully submitted,
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