Judy Gartlan, of 3501 Park Hill Place, has won the October 2009 Beauty Spot award.

It was a difficult decision this month - The multicolored leaves are just beginning to scatter across lawns, and the dark evergreens show off the warm colors of the turning leaves. All the places look pretty and alive. Well it was a hard decision to make, but someone had to do it. (We are so lucky!)

Judy has a large, interesting property. It fronts on a tiny "private" cul-de-sac on Park Hill Place, and the back of the house is on Cornwall Rd. At first glance we think we are seeing two separate houses. We urge everyone to take a look at this unique property. The front of the house sits far back from the road, and there are many rows of plants covering the front yard. A path and fence add to the interest. We wondered if there might be vegetables in the garden.

Judy has divided her large property in a clever and interesting way. One of the things that makes Country Club Hills so attractive is the latitude which residents have had in designing their properties and placing houses on their sites.

Congratulations, Judy, for your creativity and originality, and for the care you take of your lovely place.

-Polly Haecker and Betty Crawford for Country Hills Garden Club