

Sometimes the Beauty Spot of the Month award goes to a most lavishly landscaped yard—you know, one with lots of fabulous plants, multi-tiered beds, with different sections of the yard set off as garden rooms. This month it's all about simplicity! Congratulations to the Rhoads family of 10106 Cornwall Road. You are the winners of the August Beauty Spot of the Month!

Simplicity abounds in this yard, starting with the use of the same plant, petunias, to edge all the beds—even the one around the tree in the front yard. The color palette is red, pink, purple, and white against the dark green background of shrubbery. The use of only a few types of shrubs and trees (nandina, a red tea rose, English yews, azaleas, and two dogwood trees) in the beds continues the theme.

The petunias' palette is repeated in the pink, white, and burgundy flowers blooming on the vinca plants. The dark green of the shrubbery is picked up and carried through the beds by the variegated lirioppe and dark green leaves of the vinca. Even the flowerpots and window box are filled with petunias and vinca.

Lest you think this yard is too simple, check out the corner where the front bed and the bed along the driveway meet. See the splash of golden yellow and orange marigolds bursting forth, looking pretty in the midst of the pinks? Perhaps it is a reminder to us all that even simplicity can be a little unexpected.

Respectfully Submitted,

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