

## The Beauty Spot of the Month for August 2012

The Beauty Spot of the Month for August 2012 goes to Anita and Albert Johnson at 3301 Spring Lake Court. This is a yard that masterfully employs perennials to create a beautiful, eye-catching landscape. A repetition of plants throughout the beds gracefully carries the eye along, allowing the viewer to enjoy the color bursts of plants in bloom. Right now the beautiful, golden yellow of the black-eyed susans is magnificent!

To the left side of the driveway is a bed of dogwood, several rhododendron, and holly, and a huge sycamore tree is tucked in the back by the garage. An eastern white pine anchors the right border of the property.

The front yard on the right side of the driveway is where the real magic happens. Several small beds are planted with variegated liriope with its blooming purple flowers tucked in amongst the foliage, hostas, azaleas, sedum with its flowers just turning pink, and vinca vines for ground cover. One bed features blooming gladiolas and salvia in vivid purple. The yellow-green of the variegated euonymus compliments the yellow of the black-eyed susans, and nicely offsets the purple of the salvia and the liriope blooms.

The beds by the sidewalk are rock-lined and planted with a maple tree, crepe myrtles, sedum, and liriope.

Pots of red geraniums scattered throughout the top of the yard add another burst of color, rounding out the effect.

This is a wonderful reminder that perennials can be used very effectively to create a winning landscape that looks good all the time, and has an extra-special appeal when the plants are in bloom. Why not walk over and enjoy the scene?

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