

Do you remember the Peanuts comic strip and how Snoopy would do his happy dance? That is just what James Sabo of 3413 Newberry Drive looked like when he found out that his yard was being awarded June 2013 Beauty Spot.

James has lived in the house for only two years. When he bought the house, the beds were overgrown. As he began to clear out the overgrowth, he found a great structural foundation: At the top of the driveway on the left is a nandina and a gorgeous Japanese red maple with feathery purple-red leaves. Flanking the left side of the drive is a large maple, an azalea, and a huge wild honeysuckle.

On the right side of the driveway, along the house, the bed is planted with boxwood, azaleas and camellia. The front right side of the property has a beautiful, well-established dogwood, and holly on the property line.

It was the bed in the front of the house that really caught our eye. It is outlined with variegated lariope. There are hostas, camellia, azaleas, a hybrid hydrangea, and a nandina back against the house. Evergreens on either side of the bed act as bookends. James has planted low-growing, groundcover tea roses. The rose bushes are red drift; all except that one plant with the pink roses. The pink color stands out against the red, almost demanding you stop and take notice. James says all the roses were supposed to be red. But I assure you, sometimes it is the unintended plantings that make our gardens the most beautiful, and in this case, those "accidental" pink roses won our hearts, as I know they will yours too!

Respectfully Submitted,
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