

Yard of the Month

Columbia Garden Club

July/August 2015

July Yard of the Month Sylvia Metter—204 Russell Blvd.



We moved into the house on Russell Blvd. in 1966. There were iris planted along the north side of the drive and the hackberry tree on the south side. We planted twenty variety of trees including Kentucky Coffee Tree and Bald Cypress. I started growing roses and annuals. I soon found out that roses were too much work and many didn't survive our harsh winters.

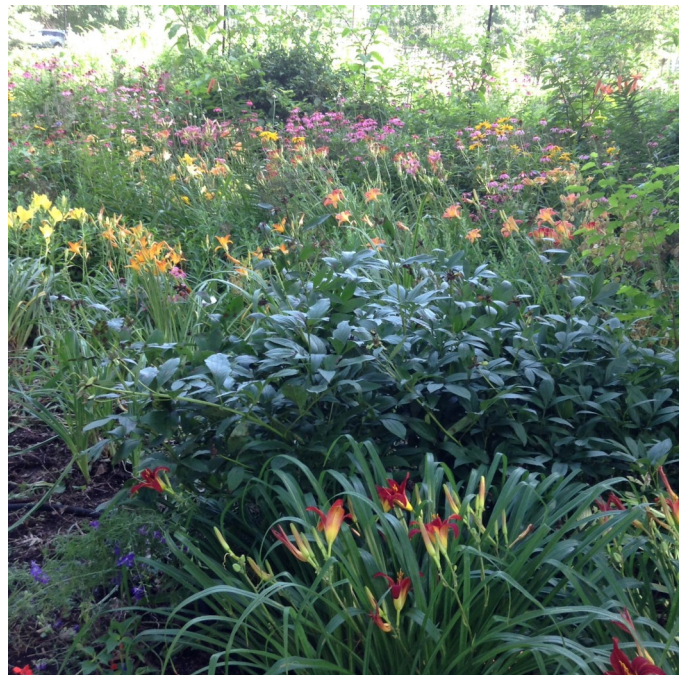
My mother brought me root starts from her peonies. They are now the border on the south side along with the large daylily bed. The daylilies throughout the yard are mainly from Wild's, McConnell's and friends. They have been divided many times. The parade of flowers starts with lenten rose, daffodils, Virginia bluebells, sweet Williams and ends in the fall with asters and dahlias. I grow many of my plants from seed either broadcasting them or grow them in overwintering flats. I only grow plants that grow well here. If I find a new plant I can't live without I give it two tries before I give it up.

I am very fond of caladiums and buy them in quantity from Happiness Farms in Florida. Sunburst coleus are another mainstay of my garden and I make over 400 cuttings from the original plants. I do buy some other annuals such as red salvia and petunias but grow many annuals like melampodium, gomphrenas and zinnias from seed.

I also have gardens at my daughter Kathleen's on O'Neal Rd.



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August Yard of the Month
Mary Ann Ewigman and Jim Windsor 200 Manor Dr.



We built the garden in our front yard, beginning in 1994 with the guidance of a skilled friend, Diane Huneke, who at the time, owned Creative Garden Designs. We built it for several reasons. We wanted to develop a shared creative interest besides raising our children. We enjoy the gifts of having an ever-changing canvas of nature to share with our daughters and others. Many perennials have been passed to family, friends and neighbors. We have shared family connections throughout the garden. My grandmother and mother were avid gardeners and my sisters share that skill, as well. We've incorporated iris, peonies and lilies from their yards, as well as my husband's home place, thus have the pleasure of being reminded of them, their passions and beautiful gardens. And finally, we don't really like to spend time and other resources mowing grass, thus we decreased the amount!

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Thanks to Alice Havard and Barb Rothenberger for finding our yard of the month winners and thanks to Barb for the photos.