

## Beautification Award

July 2016

The winner of the West Lafayette Beautification Award for July 2016 is Reid and Mary Anne Schmidt of 2233 Carberry St. Since Mary Anne began receiving Mother's Day plants from her family, the Schmidts have continued to beautifully landscape their property with many different varieties of plants, trees, and shrubs. As you approach the house, you see beautiful daisies, hostas, and black-eyed susans, intermingled with colorful small trees and flowering shrubs. On the shady back patio, there is an amazing variety of annual and perennial flowers, including colorful begonias, dahlias, pansies, petunias, poppies, yarrow, iris, and snapdragons. In the backyard garden are some beautiful smoke trees, with plumes of flowers on the top of the branches. Adding to the charming ambiance are four hummingbird feeders, which, along with the red hanging begonia baskets, attract many darting hummingbirds.

Reid shoulders most of the planting duties in the garden, while Mary Anne primarily pitches in with weeding and maintenance. She said she especially loves to place many cut flowers throughout the house. They are quite the gardening team!

Reid and Mary Anne noted that one of the joys of their garden over the years has been receiving meaningful plants and flowers from friends, and also giving many of their flowers to other friends. This mutual exchange continues to this day.

