

Beautification Award

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Steve and Helen Green moved into their lovely home on 505 Emile Dr. in West Lafayette in 1987. According to Steve, at that time their yard was mainly grass. How that has changed since then! They have since transformed their home with a splash of flowers, mostly perennials, in the front and back yards. Prominent in the front yard is an array of daisies, coreopsis, mums, and (their favorite), Siberian iris. Steve especially likes his fine Stonecrop plants that surround the mailbox. In the backyard, which is more shaded, they have many hostas, different types of groundcover, coral bells, coneflowers, and a wonderful peony given by a neighbor's mother. One of their favorites is the beautiful oak leaf hydrangeas, whose flowers change hue with the season. Both the front and back yards are anchored by beautiful Japanese maple trees.

Steve and Helen both enjoy providing neighbors and family with flowers from their garden. Steve proudly noted that some of their flowers are now in Oklahoma! He is also grateful that Helen finds weeding quite relaxing and is quite willing to do the lion's share. What a lucky man he is! West Lafayette is also lucky to have homeowners like Steve and Helen who are willing to invest so much time in making their home beautiful for all of us.

