

**October 2016 Beautification Winner – Elizabeth Shiffman**  
**Resident of Westminster Village**  
**Award for Garden Behind Building B**

Elizabeth Shiffman never had much of an interest in gardening until she moved to West Lafayette in the 1960s. But when she began to garden informally, she found it so relaxing and rewarding that she continued to work at what is now a very special hobby. For many years she learned only by trial and error, but now she is a most avid gardener. (She says it was 30 years before she got her first book on gardening, and she gave it to the library when she moved in to Westminster, thinking her gardening days were over!) Elizabeth has transformed the garden behind Building B into an amazing array of beautiful annuals and perennials. In the spring, a few other Westminster residents help her with planting, but the Westminster staff attest that Elizabeth is the one who is out there virtually every day for hours, cultivating this special garden that everyone enjoys. She has completely redesigned the original garden, making it into a special place with different colors, textures, and heights - “keeping it informal and free-flowing.” She especially likes smaller plants “with delicately shaped blossoms” and she is thrilled that the garden attracts an enormous variety of insects, butterflies, and small critters. How fortunate Westminster is to have such a dedicated and hard-working gardener like Elizabeth Shiffman!

