

## Beautification Award

June 2014

Robert and Carolyn Perrucci

The Perrucci family moved into their home at 305 Leslie Avenue forty years ago, and their extensive landscape has been a work in progress since. The large lot is on a corner with big trees filling the front and back yards. Because most of the trees are deciduous, the area is covered with spring bulbs basking in the spring sunshine before leaves emerge. All of the daffodils have come from passalong plants given to Carolyn by her mother, an avid gardener in Tennessee. In addition to the daffodils, there are many peonies that have also traveled from Tennessee.

The front lawn is filled with rock walls, constructed over a period of years. There is a constant parade of color from blooming perennials like iris, lilies, tiger lilies and coneflowers, as well as shrubs and vines. The side yard is filled with dozens of hosta, forming a solid bank and drawing the eye to the gate leading to the backyard. The plaque certifying this landscape as a wildlife habitat is proudly displayed.

Carolyn completed the Master Gardener training several years ago and says that she uses her knowledge to solve problems of shade gardening.....adding color to a difficult area for blooming plants. Every year new challenges must be met and solved, and the solutions create a landmark landscape in West Lafayette.

