

September 2017 Helena Beautification Award Winner

August 1, 2017 - The Helena Beautification Board is excited to announce that the Helena Beautification Award for September has been awarded to 1126 Dearing Downs Drive, Carol and Doug Rickles.

The tin roof of the ranch style home is perfectly situated in a neighborhood named for thoroughbreds. The Rickles have called 1126 Dearing Downs Drive their home for the past 36 years, continuously working to make it the beauty it has become.

A sloping landscape allows your eyes to roll through the lush green grass up to an inviting porch where color and texture are on full display. "It's a great place to sit and relax and unwind", says Carol. Beautifully positioned planters surround you as you sit and relax and are full of various varieties of Caladium, Sun Patiens, ferns and Morning Glory. The front porch is flanked by a graceful red Camilla that provides color in the winter months. Further down this planting bed, you'll find pink Encore repeat blooming Azaleas as well as Anabelle Hydrangeas which are mixed in with rock hardscapes. No detail is too small. The back fence is the perfect backdrop for a gorgeous fragrant rose 'Lamaraque'. This beautiful white noisette rose is joined on the fence by the sweet aroma of fragrance of Honeysuckle. A lover of birds, you'll find a whimsical custom bird feeder positioned so it can be viewed from inside. "We took care of my mother in law and loved to watch the birds from the window each day. It brought her great joy in the final days of her life. We love Helena and have loved gardening on this lot for many years, said Rickles.

For more pictures and a full list of the plants planted at the Rickles' Home visit www.helenabeautiful.com/award.html

The Beautification Award for October will be based on fall decorations, nominations will be accepted until the 25th with the winner being selected and notified at the first of the month. The winner will be able to proudly display a yard sign for the month, have their picture and house published on the Helena Beautification website, Helena Beautiful Facebook page and in the local press.

To nominate a home to receive the Helena Beautification Award on October 1, go to www.helenabeautiful.com/award.html and submit the address.

The Helena Beautification Board is an appointed board of the Helena City Council. The Board believes that people and places are profoundly connected and thriving communities are rooted in individual responsibility and action. They host a variety of opportunities for the community to come together and serve each year. Events are posted on the Helena Beautiful Facebook page and announced via Twitter at @TweetHomeHelena.







