

Dr. Mickey & Mrs. Beth Myers Residence

“Story Book Cottage” 169 N. Crest Rd.

(Historic Missionary Ridge Neighborhood)

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The House - Built in 1927, this Dutch Colonial home was patterned after the “Glen Falls” style home featured in the Sears & Roebuck Catalogue of the 1920’s.

The Gardens - The Myers began gardening this property soon after moving in over eight years ago. They hired me about three years ago to help add to their vision of a Story Book Cottage! I was more than happy to oblige.

Collections - Beth Myers is a collector of Fairy, Elves, Gnomes, etc.. garden art and one may see amazing examples throughout from Celtic Bird Baths to Magical Mushrooms and charming Miniature “Faery Gardens”. Both owners are animal lovers (Dr. Myers is a well known local Veterinarian) and this shows in their St. Francis statues and many whimsical animal sculptures that abound.

Challenges - I tried to create separate garden rooms that offer different experiences in each. The Upper Level needed screening from the street and the creation of evergreen walls to offer privacy and year-round interest. This is the most formal area of the garden and includes English - Style plantings with blooming shrubs and loads of roses and perennials. The Middle Garden contains seating areas, a firepit and an amazing “man made” stone grotto crowned by a contorted weeping Atlas Blue Cedar. I designed an iron “pergola” type structure to add some shade and interest to the large retaining wall that holds back the parking area above. This wall is covered in custom painted murals. The also custom designed wrought iron pergola is covered in flowering vines some of which are even evergreen! Don’t miss the fine collection of Camellias along the Magnolia Wall. The Lowest Levels are the most informal and contain lots of interesting tree specimens and shrub varieties and a large green rambling lawn. Several of the historic trees and shrubs date back to the original owners of the home. I’m sure you will agree that the final result is “Magical” as the owners intended!



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Comprehensive Plant List (Common Names & Latin Names)

The Upper Garden

Trees - Historic Existing Burford Holly - *Ilex cornuta* "Burfordii", Variegated Holly - *Ilex aquafolium* 'Argento Marginata"
Nellie R. Stevens Holly - *Ilex* "Nellie R. Stevens", Double Pom Pom Topiary of *Juniperus chinensis* "Hetzii Glauca"
White Blooming Crepe Myrtle - *Lagerstromia* "Natchez", Yoshino Cherry - *Prunus yedoensis*
White Blooming Dogwood - *Cornus florida* "Alba", Emerald Green Arborvitae - *Thuja occidentalis* "Emerald"

Shrubs - Wintergreen Boxwood - *Buxus sinica insularis* "Wintergreen", David's Viburnum - *Viburnum Davidii*
Skip Laurel - *Prunus laurocerasus* "Skipkanensis", Gardenia - *Gardenia jasminoides* "Summer Snow"
Highlander Holly - *Ilex crenata* "Highlander

Roses (*Rosa*) - Climbing - "Zepherine Droughin", "New Dawn" Shrub - "Double Pink Knockout", "Julia Child", Belinda's "Dream," "Sexy Remy", "Reinne de Violettes", "Caldwell Pink - Half are Antique Varieties!"

Vines - Evergreen "Confederate or Madison" Jasmine - *Trachelospermum jasminoides*, Evergreen Clematis - *Clematis Armandii*,
Carolina Jessamine - *Gelsemium sempervirens*

Perennials, etc... - Lilly Turf - *Liriope* "Big Blue", Purple Cone Flower - *Echinacea purpurea*, Shasta Daisy - *Leucanthemum supurbum*,
Lambs Ears - *Stachys byzantium* "Helen von Stein", Hosta "Patriot", Evergreen Fern - *Dryopteris erythrosora* "Autumn Fern"

The Middle Garden

Trees - Forest Pansy Red Bud - *Cercis canadensis* "Forest Pansy", Dwarf Evergreen Magnolias -
Magnolia grandiflora "Teddy Bear" and "Little Gem", Espaliered "Little Gem" Magnolia, Weeping Atlas Blue Cedar
- *Cedrus atlantica glauca* "Pendula", Burgundy Cutleaf Jap. Maple - *Acer palmatum* "Crimson Queen", *Cryptomeria japonica*
"Black Dragon" - in planter)

Shrubs - *Camellia japonica* - "Kramer's Supreme" (Red), "Pearl Maxwell" (Lt. Pink), "Pink Parade", "Magnoliaeflora" (Blush),
"April Remembered", "Silver Waves" (White)
Mophead Reblooming Hydrangea - *Hydrangea macrophylla* "Endless Summer"
Roses (*Rosa*) - Climbing - "Zepherine Draughin", "New Dawn", *Rosa Banksiae* "Lutea"

Herbs - Cat Mint - *Nepeta faassenii* "Walkers Low", Rosemary - *Rosemarinus officinalis* - Creeping Rosemary - *Rosmarinus officinalis*
"Prostrata", Sage, Tyme, Lemon Balm, Peppermint, Spearmint, Lavender, Germander, Chives, Oregano. Parsley

Perennials, etc... Creeping Phlox - *Phlox subulata*, Hellebores - *Helleborus hybridus* "Pink Lady, Blue Lady", Hostas, Russian Sage -
Perovskia atriplicifolia, Peony hybrids - *Peonia* "Bowl of Beauty", "Festiva Maxima", Reblooming Iris, Siberian Iris - *Iris siberica*
"Caesar's Brother", Purple Wallflower - *Erysimum*

Vines - Evergreen Clematis - *Clematis armandii*, Scarlet Honeysuckle - *Lonicera brownii*, American Wisteria - *Wisteria frutescens*
"Amethyst Falls", Chinese Wisteria - *Wisteria sinensis*,

The Lower Garden

Trees - Southern Magnolia - *Magnolia grandiflora*, Dwarf Evergreen Magnolias - *Magnolia grandiflora* "Little Gem", "D.D. Blanchard",
"Bracken Brown", Deciduous Magnolias - Star Magnolia - *Magnolia stellata* "Royal Star", Saucer Magnolias - *Magnolia*
soulangeana "Elizabeth", "Anne", "Butterflies", Red Buds - *Cercis canadensis*, Ginko biloba, California Christmas Tree -
Cedrus deodora, *Cryptomeria japonica* "Yoshino", Crabapple - *Malus* "Cardinal", Washington Hawthorne - *Crataegus*
phaenopyrum, Serviceberry - *Amalancier canadensis*, Lavender Blooming Crepe Myrtle - *Lagerstromia indica* x *fauriei*
"Muskogee"

Shrubs - *Forsythia intermedia* & Hybrids, Quince - *Chaenomeles speciosa* (Pink and white dwarf), Snowball Viburnum - *Viburnum*
macrocephalum, Glossy Abelia - *Abelia grandiflora*, Beautyberry - *Callicarpa americana*

Perennials Etc... - Daylily Hybrids - *Hemerocallis*, Daffodil Hybrids - *Narcissus*, Money Plant (Honesty) - *Lunaria annua*, Dwarf Mondo
- *Ophiopogon japonicus* "Nanus"

