

## **“Festival of Flowers” Garden Tour 2021**

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Three years ago, I sold my three bedroom, two story house and downsized to this single level, two bedroom home just blocks away. I have been working on the yard ever since.

You will see above the garage door, as you enter the property, a welcome sign I bought at a thrift store in Lafayette that just needed a little paint to brighten it up. Along the walkway to the front door, you will be greeted by hand-painted pots with flowers of various colors and types. Behind the gate with the galvanized chicken, you are able to view many of the treasures that I have collected throughout the years.

Underneath my favorite tree, in fact my only tree, is a wagon purchased at a garage sale just blocks away. The bushel baskets are filled with various flowers grown from seed. Then, in the corner you will see the swing set my grandchildren played on, and then outgrew. I just could not part with the memories I see every time I look at that old swing set! The pots, boxes, and birdhouses here are all hand painted. The animal birdhouses are handmade with clay slip poured into molds, then hand painted, and fired in my own ceramic kiln.

The sheep trough with the hand-painted cows is the oldest piece I have. It has graced the yard in at least four other homes where I have lived. The red bike was dragged home from a garage sale four houses away because I couldn't fit it in my car. New planter boxes were made by my brother-in-law; and I decorated them with a little paint.

My favorite piece in the yard is the Maytag wringer washing machine. It was purchased at a barn sale east of Longmont. Also, please check out the “flower bed” with the morning glory climbing the iron head and foot boards. This is where I plant tomatoes and squash.

Most of the plants and flowers come from the CDC Horticulture program, or from the school my granddaughter attends in Berthoud. Almost all the décor in my garden are old pieces that I have re-purposed with a little paint and elbow grease.

I hope you enjoy viewing my “old is new again” garden!