

“Festival of Flowers” Garden Tour 2021

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This garden is being revisited after the 2014 LSO Guild Garden Tour. This garden looks very different today. Starting in the front, the small patch of grass on the west side of the driveway is gone. It was a pain to mow that little area. It has been transformed into a perennial bed with annuals in the whiskey barrels. Many of the perennials were transplanted from the back. As you will see, the trees in the back grew like teenage boys and produced a lot of shade, so those sun-loving perennials were struggling. As you enter through the gate, you will be greeted by good smelling lavender, a succulent garden, and a fall-flowering silver lace vine. By the curve in the sidewalk, you will see a little fairy garden. If you remember this from the previous tour you may recall it was by the back fence. The squirrels were using it as a playground and running through knocking houses and fairies over, so it had to be moved. The hexagonal beds are new this year so will not be well established. Remembering the 3-year mantra for new beds (sleep, creep, leap) I am hoping to have good growth in three years. The beds have a pollinator garden, a poppy garden, a daisy garden, and a zinnia garden. Because of the aforementioned shade, I have many shade lovers under the trees: Lily of the Valley, Heuchera, Toad Lily, ferns, Oregon Grape Holly, Bleeding Heart, Columbine, St. John's Wort, Heartleaf Brunneria and Ligularia. Underpinning them all is Sweet Woodruff (gardener's note- this can spread quickly and be invasive). Along the west fence there is a variety of perennials with different bloom times, so I always have some flowers to enjoy. There is Cone Flower, Bee Balm, Beard Tongue, Snow in Summer, Bachelor Button, Veronica Spirea, Day Lily and two Clematis. Along the East fence is a “farm animal” garden. There is Goat's Beard, Lamb's Ear, Hen's and Chicks, and Bergenia (also known as Pig Squeak because rubbing the leaves with your fingers makes a pig squeak sound) I am writing this in the spring after the Big Snow but before plants are popping up, so if you do not see something that was mentioned it did not survive our Colorado weather. Another excuse to go to the Flower Bin.