

MISTLETOE EXPRESS

A FRONT PORCH COMMUNITY IN A HISTORIC DISTRICT

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Pedestrian bridge from Mistletoe Heights to Trinity Trails to be completed by mid-August

By Mike Brennan

For our family, one particular daydream has been stuck on daily repeat for the 11 years we've lived in Mistletoe Heights.

I know this same vision has been on the minds of many other neighbors for even longer.

The dream sequence goes like this:

We head out for a run or bike ride or dog walk, down Mistletoe Drive to the existing river trail entrance, downhill along the sound wall to the riverbank, where we discover a new beautiful concrete trail extension has been poured (and will never turn to mud!).

This new trail takes us onto a solidly constructed bridge – designed for humans! – extending elegantly across the river, where we land on the western side.

Without missing a stride or a pedal stroke, we're able to merge onto the Clear Fork trail and continue on our way to anywhere we may want to go that day, along the 70-plus miles that make up our city's incredible Trinity Trails network.



The span of the pedestrian/bike bridge has been completed. This photo was shot before the surface was laid on the bridge.

Today, in the summer of 2017, this dream is very close to becoming real.

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Historic overlay helps preserve character of the neighborhood

Mistletoe Heights is a historic neighborhood, dating from the 1910s.

Wishing to preserve its architectural heritage and identity, most of the neighborhood is included in a historic overlay.

Any alterations or additions to the structures should be submitted to the neighborhood Historic Preservation Committee and must be approved by the city of Fort Worth's Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission (HCLC).

Neighborhood Historic Preservation Committee: Roger Ross, 817-372-6865, or Susan Willis, 817-924-4000.

Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission: Murray Miller, 817-392-8574, or Justin Newhart, 817-392-8037. The commission meets the second Monday of the month.

For further information, please refer to the Mistletoe Heights website, www.mistletoeheights.org, and click on Historic Guidelines.

A splendid Fourth at the Triangle

See more photos on Pages 12 and 13



President's Corner By Josh Lindsay

Neighbors, I'm writing this after enjoying an unusual late June rainstorm. The temperature outside is downright tolerable.

I spent some of the weekend on my bike and noticed that our new trail connector below the bluff should be finished by mid-August.

This welcome break from the heat has helped remind me of how much access we have to outdoor activities, even here in the heart of the city.

We had an unusually mild winter and a nicely watered springtime.

One result is the flowers and foliage around the neighborhood look fantastic. The downside is that the mosquitoes are out in full force.

It's time for my annual reminder to get out there and make sure to eliminate any breeding places for mosquitoes.

Gutters, potted plants, tires, cans, tarps – anything that

could hold even a tablespoon of water could be a breeding ground.

Don't be shy with the repellent and wear long sleeves and pants if you're going to be in the yard at dusk or dawn.

West Nile virus has been a reality for our area the past few years, but I really don't want to hear of a single neighborhood case. I would especially hate to hear of any kids getting infected.

By the time you get this note, we will have had our annual July 4 celebration at the Triangle.

A number of people work together to make that a great event despite the heat.

Thanks to every single one of them!

The kids never seem to notice the heat anyway.

Hope you are having a great summer.



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New neighbors, as of summer 2017

Brooke and Tyler Slayman

2208 Mistletoe Blvd.

Mollie Grace Newcom, 7 pounds, 1 ounce,
 born June 20 to Kristen and Justin Newcom,
 2219 Harrison Ave.

Congratulations to Kristen, Justin and brother Chase.
 Welcome to the neighborhood, Mollie Grace!



Who do you know?

Do you know anyone connected with a business on Park Place, Forest Park Boulevard, Eighth Avenue, Mistletoe Boulevard, Rosedale Street, Magnolia Avenue or Park Hill?

The *Mistletoe Express* is looking for someone to contact local businesses to advertise in our newsletter.

Over the past few years, the number of advertisers has dwindled, and we need new advertisers to break even on the cost of the newsletter.

Ideally, having an advertising manager for the newsletter would remedy this situation. The position would require a time commitment of only a few hours a month

But if any individual neighbor has a contact with a business proprietor and would be willing to speak directly to that person about advertising in the *Mistletoe Express*, that would also be helpful.

If you are interested and able to help, contact treasurer Jeri Jo Blackmon for details about ad specifications, deadlines and pricing, or just look on the back page of the newsletter.

You know you know somebody!

Thanks!

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If you have questions or concerns, contact:
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What would you like to see in the newsletter?

We want your feedback! What topics would you like to see in the newsletter? Send us your suggestions: newsletter@mistletoeheights.org.

Mark your calendars!



Tuesday, Aug. 15:

Mistletoe Heights neighborhood meeting at the home of Hao Tran, 2218 W. Rosedale St. South, 7-8:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 21:

First day of school for students in the Fort Worth School District



Thanks to the following good neighbors for stepping up to fill volunteer positions:

- Hao Tran for volunteering to be the social chairperson, who will help coordinate neighborhood events. Hao is the perfect "people person" for this job. Thanks a lot, Hao.
- Volunteers for the Fourth of July Parade: Chad Jung and Cal Rustad for volunteering to provide the sound and music; Robert De Vargas for organizing the bounce houses; Jeri Jo Blackmon for organizing the snow cones; Wendy Blanton for the loan of a generator for electricity.
- Our neighborhood email moderators who keep pertinent and appropriate information flowing to neighborhood residents: Lead moderator Richard Yantis, Rosaline Eastpepp Takes and Jeri Jo Blackmon.

If you know of any "unsung heroes" who have made contributions to the neighborhood, please contact newsletter@mistletoeheights.org so we can include them in the next newsletter.

Thank you to all who help make our neighborhood better.

Pedestrian bridge to Trinity Trails nearly complete

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Huge cranes lift a span of the new pedestrian bridge across the Clear Fork of the Trinity River near the zoo.

From what I see on Facebook, all of the Near Southside neighborhoods are counting the days until the project is finished.

Soon we'll all enjoy a more convenient and safer connection to the Trinity Trails. No one will benefit more than the residents of Mistletoe Heights.

Sometime in mid-August, contractors working for the city of Fort Worth's Parks and Recreation Department should complete the trail extension and new pedestrian and bike bridge, located immediately adjacent and parallel to the miniature train bridge so many

of us have traversed over the years.

Prepare to celebrate, or mourn if you'd rather, the end of our precarious and legally dubious river crossings.

The new trail on our side of the river will extend north from the new pedestrian/bike bridge, traveling under the highways and train bridges northward past the Pappadeaux and Pappasito's restaurants to Parkview Drive.

A future extension led by the Tarrant Regional Water District will take that trail all the way to Phyllis J. Tilley Memorial Bridge, which will allow for a completely off-street trail ride from Mistletoe Heights all the way to downtown and beyond without crossing the river.

Everyone has probably seen the new bridge now in place after months of impressive work constructing piers and footings, not to mention the cranes lowering the bridge sections into place.

The bridge's concrete platform remains to be poured, and the trail connections on both sides are not yet framed. So look for that work to ramp up over upcoming weeks, leading to expected completion of all improvements in August.

The Mistletoe Heights pedestrian/bike bridge and trail extension are part of a \$6.4 million multi-project initiative that will create five new river connections scattered throughout Fort Worth.

For more information, I recommend Sandra Baker's article in the June 4 *Star-Telegram*.

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Photos by Jim Peipert



Large cranes were used to lift the bridge spans into place atop the concrete piers.



The new pedestrian/bike bridge is parallel to the zoo train bridge across the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. Here the bridge is shown as a work in progress as the zoo train passes by.



The span of the pedestrian/bike bridge has been completed. This photo was shot before the surface was laid on the bridge.



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Mistletoe Heights, as a “front porch community,” would like to welcome all new residents.

If you know of any new neighbors, or if you’re a new neighbor, please contact our association president, Josh Lindsay, or our newsletter editor, Mary Ellen Peipert.

They will need your name, address, names of family members, age and gender of children and your contact information.

They will then pass your information on to our incredible duo of ladies, Kathy Jo Rogers and Denise Semple, of the Welcome Basket Committee, who would like to present you with a basket of goodies to welcome you to the neighborhood.

Volunteers Needed

We need more volunteers! Help us make this neighborhood better.

Are you new to the neighborhood and would like to get involved? Here are a few great ways, and you will get to meet a lot of interesting neighbors!

Newsletter Editor: We will be looking for a new newsletter editor as of the November members’ meeting. Duties would start with the edition of December 2017-January 2018.

Your current editor, Mary Ellen Peipert, has done this job for three years. It’s time to pass the baton to a new person.

Jim Peipert, the current photographer, will remain on the job, unless someone else would like to do it.

Don’t worry! The new editor will receive full instructions and support during the transition and beyond. The newsletter is published every other month. Our layout person and printer are great to work with. It is a great job and a good way to keep plugged into the neighborhood and to meet a lot of nice and interesting people.

Historical Preservation Committee: We are looking for any interested people to join the Historical Preservation Committee. Help us ensure the integrity of the architecture in our community.

Advertising manager: We need someone to solicit and manage ads from local businesses. You would work closely with the treasurer. It would require only a few hours a month.

Newby Park Gardening Committee: We need a group of people to work on a rotating basis to care for the plants and flowers in Newby Park. Rosaline Eastepp Takes will provide information about the specific duties involved and will manage the schedule.

Contact MHA Vice President Chad Jung if you are interested in any of these positions. vicepresident@mistletoeheights.org.

Spring Movie Night



Eric Rustad and a young movie-goer with a fresh bag of popcorn



Perfect spring weather for a viewing of Disney’s “Big Hero 6”

We had perfect spring weather for a showing of Disney’s “Big Hero 6” for Movie Night in Newby Park on Friday, May 5. Thanks to Eric Rustad and son Cal for supplying and operating the popcorn machine and to Chad Jung for setting up the screen and the sound system. The event was sparsely attended due to other end-of-year school activities.

BRIT's Special Events Come in All Varieties

Come join us! Here's a listing of our July and August First Saturday, Classes, Activities, Events, and Exhibits:

- JULY 7** Exhibit (July 7 - Aug. 17) - *Desert, Water, Life...Death Valley in Bloom* by Grace Bascope, BRIT Research Associate.
- JULY 11** Noon Brown Bag Lecture: BRIT's Reggie Robinson and the Agents of Change discuss program and accomplishments.
- JULY 17** BRIT Reads Book Club: *The Botany of Desire* by Michael Pollan.
- JULY 20** Sip at BRIT - The Science of Whiskey with Rob Arnold, TX Whiskey Master Distiller. Learn the science behind making an award-winning whiskey, and treat your own palate. Registration and fee required, go to BRIT.org. Members get 50 % off
- AUGUST 5** First Saturday -Tours, Plant ID, and Bella the Begonia Story Time

Please check BRIT.org for times, topics, and registration details



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Yard of the Month for May: 1150 Clara St.

By Claudia Camp



Photos by Jim Peipert

EDITOR'S NOTE: As you may be aware, our neighborhood newsletter is now published every other month, rather than each month as in the past. Which leaves your trusty Yard of the Month committee (Claudia Camp and David Gunn) in a bit of a quandary, especially in the spring when so many yards are looking lovely! So we've decided, at least for the time being, to continue to make the award every month and publish the reports online, as well as in the newsletter.

First, let us introduce our May Yard of the Month household at 1150 Clara St.: Netanya and Brandon Hudson and their children, Natalia, age 10; Hazel, just turned 8; and Matthew, 3.

When the older kids aren't at Lily B., you might see their colorful play equipment out in the trim green yard, set with two young but maturing oaks, that turns the corner at Clara and Mistletoe Boulevard.

The Hudson house is a newer one, built on part of a lot after a long-unoccupied home was torn down. We always hate to lose a part of the Mistletoe Heights past, but the Hudsons planned their bungalow-style replacement to fit well into our period style and our "front porch" community identity.

That porch is brimming with color provided by pots full of red geraniums, lime-green sweet potato vine, dark green ivy and even a rose trellis.

Brandon also had some clear plans for the garden bed that hugs the house on the front and side, attractively curved and strikingly outlined with large river rocks. He created a masterful sense of depth and texture in relatively little space by layering and repeating just a few varieties of shrubs and perennials of different heights, colors and textures on both sides of the front walk.

Purple-leaved fringe flowers (loropetalum) make up the tallest level, closest to the house, sloping down toward fragrant, bluish-green rosemary at each corner of the house. Framing the front walk are shorter varieties of daylilies, bright gold with red centers on the left, and red and gold on the right.

The solid gold ones are the Stella d'oro variety and I believe the others are hybrids of that. These brilliantly colored plants are easy to grow and, while they're at their most splendid in the spring, will re-bloom throughout the summer.

Moving out from the walk on each side, in front of the fringe flowers, are red drift roses, interspersed with blue salvia and, at the shortest level in front, low-growing phlox (now past its bright, early spring purple, but providing nice spots of bright green foliage), creamy yellow zinnias, pink skullcap (scutellaria), purple oxalis, and a beautiful, pale pink flowering plant that I'll be darned if I know what it is!



Netanya says she's always called it a butterfly bush, but it only grows to less than a foot tall, so it's not the sizable shrub we normally think of by that name, and Google doesn't show any miniature versions. It is a perennial, though, cut back in the winter and returning in the spring. A glass of wine on me if you can name that plant! I want some!

Turning the corner to the boulevard side of the house, the selection of plants changes in an interesting way. Here, abelia bushes (grown more for texture than for their small flowers) are interspersed with bright yellow esperanzas (these are tender perennial shrubs that might or might not survive the winter but bring a lot of joy all summer and fall), equally bright red autumn salvia, and black-eyed Susans.

But then the piece de resistance: the Hudsons' new patio toward the back of the house. A low stone wall raises it just a bit above ground level, with room for an outdoor table with colorful chairs, kids' stuff, pretty blue pots, and, best of all, a curved vegetable garden along the outside edge.

At the time David and I visited, a wrought-iron fence was about to be installed, which will allow the family to wave at passing neighbors as we admire their squash, okra, cantaloupe and sage.

Thanks and congratulations to Netanya, Brandon and kids for an inspiring garden!

We had a hard time of it again this month with all the lovely yards, and we've decided to give a different sort of honorable mention, a shout-out to the whole 2300 block of West Magnolia Avenue, where a large percentage of residents have put anywhere from a little to a lot of extra effort into their yards.

If you've been thinking about starting a garden, but just aren't sure how, you'll want to walk this block to see that you don't have to go grand to look good.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The front garden of Claudia Camp and David Gunn at 2212 Mistletoe Blvd. has been a perennial favorite in Yard of the Month honors. Their back garden was one of six featured in the 2015 Hidden Gardens of Fort Worth Tour, which featured Mistletoe Heights.



Hosts: Anne and Adam Weiskittel, 2345 Mistletoe Ave.

Officers present: President Josh Lindsay, Vice President Chad Jung, Treasurer Jeri Jo Blackmon, Newsletter Editor Mary Ellen Peipert, Secretary Valerie Ewing

Attendees: 20 Mistletoe Heights neighbors, as per the attendance sheet

Guest: Neighborhood Police Officer Joshua Caprio. Contact info: joshua.caprio@fortworthtexas.gov. Phone: 817-858-8609

7:08 p.m.: Meeting began with Josh distributing an agenda for the meeting and introducing special guest Officer Caprio. Officer Caprio has been covering our area for about two years. He reports it has been quiet in the hospital district although we still have occasional car break-ins. With summer approaching, we will see an increase in crime, so do not leave valuable items in your car and remember to lock your doors.

Question: Can anything be done about speeding on Forest Park Boulevard? One resident reports that this has been witnessed during non-peak driving times: 8 or 9 p.m. Officer Caprio indicated there should be more enforcement and consistency on the part of the police department and he will look into it.

Question: When the new pedestrian bridge over the Clear Fork of the Trinity River near the zoo is complete will there be an increase in homeless traffic? Officer Caprio does not think so. He stated that if a camp or increased homeless activity is spotted, call it in. Good news: At this time, there are no camp cities in our area, i.e., 20-30 tents, as the Fort Worth police are on top of it. General comment to Officer Caprio: We appreciate your help in getting a four-way stop at Mistletoe Avenue and Jerome Street.

Parking on Jerome Street along Newby Park near the new apartment complex just north of the park: The city of Fort Worth wants to wait and see what happens before addressing any parking issues. One concern about waiting is that right now there is a congestion issue. For instance, if cars are parked on both sides of the street, there is only room for one-way traffic. General consensus among attendees: Would like to push for parking limited to one side of street only and do so sooner rather than later. Comment: Maybe District 9 City Councilwoman Ann Zadeh's office could put us in contact with the right person to assist in getting this done?

7:24 p.m.: Officer Caprio's guest appearance concluded and he left the meeting.

7:25 p.m.: Call to order. Approval of the minutes: Minutes from the quarterly meeting held on Feb. 21 were distributed to all in attendance and approved.

Officer reports:

MHA President Josh Lindsay: The 2300 block of West Rosedale Street South has a new captain. Hao Tran has volunteered to be our new social director.

Newsletter Editor Mary Ellen Peipert: The June-July issue of the newsletter will be delayed to include photos of the July 4 parade.

MHA Vice President Chad Jung: The lights at Newby Park have been fixed so it will no longer be dark at night. Movie Night was a success this year.

Treasurer Jeri Jo Blackmon: A list of income and expenses

was distributed around the room. Summary: We are just now starting the annual dues donations request. This month we have collected \$1,700 in dues donations. Please send in your dues when you can. Envelopes are provided in the newsletter. Other expenses discussed: Water for the berm has been high (\$839).

Comment: The berm has a drip system for irrigation. If you see running water in the street, please notify Robert Camacho as there may be a leak. If a leak is found and repaired, the Fort Worth Water Department will reduce the water bill by half when you provide an invoice proving repair.

Question on the donation in the amount of \$524: This covered the new backstop at Newby Park and the plaque that will be placed in honor of Drew Medford and Charlie Bourland.

Committee reports:

Development: The Berkeley Apartments: An investor was looking into buying the property and using some of the apartments for workforce housing. Latest update: Sale is on hold. Statistically, only 20 percent of the residents are TCU students.

Old business:

The pedestrian/bike bridge across the Clear Fork of the Trinity River near the zoo is nearing completion. The path on our side of the river will continue north to the Phyllis J. Tilley Memorial Bridge. These plans have been in the works for about 15 years.

Newby Park and the dedication plaque: The plaque is finished. It will say that Charlie's Field is dedicated to the memory of Charlie Bourland and Drew Medford. One suggestion was to set the plaque in concrete because a sign is at risk of being stolen or damaged. This option will be looked into before a final decision is made.

The Hidden Gardens Tour of Fort Worth will be held in the Berkeley neighborhood on May 21. If you buy tickets online, you can pick up the welcome packet at 2205 Glenco Terrace. Forest Park Pool party with Berkeley residents on June 9, 7-9 p.m.

July 4 parade: Discussion about a possible new time as the usual 6:30 p.m. time is usually very hot. Consensus concluded that an email will be sent to neighbors to choose from two times: 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. with majority rule deciding the final time.

Robert de Vargas reported that a goal is to get water to the Triangle to improve the appearance of the grass and make the space more usable. Mostly weeds and stickers are in the Triangle in dry weather. Costs involved in getting water to park: \$1,700. This includes \$1,300 to tap the main line and a \$400 fee for environmental drainage. The Triangle is owned by the city but is too small to be officially recognized as a park. Electricity (needed for sprinklers) is already at the Triangle but Oncor would have to set up a meter.

Street lights: The 2300 block of Mistletoe Drive will get two new street lights around the time of the sidewalk installation. They will be 10 feet high and match the street lights in the rest of Mistletoe Heights. The city also has a goal to

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eventually change all lights to a warmer color and more uniform so they all match.

Historic guidelines set for our neighborhood: They will be put in the newsletter and in welcome baskets. They are also on the website. If you know of someone new to the neighborhood, please notify Mary Ellen Peipert, mepeipert@gmail.com, so that we can get a welcome basket sent.

A discussion then occurred among attendees about the directory and how to update it. General consensus is that one approach will not reach everyone so we need multiple methods of getting in touch with everyone.

Question about online directory: Lily B. Clayton Elementary

School has one. Privacy is a concern, but you can limit what information is put on the database. No final decision was made on this topic.

Question: What is being built on the large lot at Windsor Place and Eighth Avenue? Storage units.

Next quarterly neighborhood meeting will be held on Aug. 15, location TBD. If you would like to host a meeting, please get in touch with Josh Lindsay: leroylindsay@yahoo.com, or Hao Tran: haotran13@gmail.com.

Thank you to the Weiskittel family for hosting the meeting!

8:15 p.m.: Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, Aug. 15

At the home of:

Hao Tran

2218 W. Rosedale St. South,

7-8:30 p.m.

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817-392-4222

Crime updates are available to citizens at any time:
fortworthpd.com. Go to crime information, then crime mapping.

Community engagement liaison: For our neighborhood, contact Tabitha Butler, 817-392-2045.
tabitha.butler@fortworthtexas.gov

Link to city online pothole reporting form:
<https://cityoffortworth.wufoo.com/forms/pothole.report>

Link to code compliance issues and to report graffiti:
fortworthtexas.gov/codecompliance/myFtWorth

Link to garbage related issues:
www.fortworthtexas.gov.
Click on "Garbage and Recycling."
Bulk trash pickup for our neighborhood is the week of the fourth Monday of the month.



Link to report animal issues, control, adoption:
fortworthtexas.gov; or call 817-392-1234.

Link to request permit for garage sale:
Fortworthtexas.gov; or call 817-392-2222.

For travel health information and inoculations, call Tarrant County Public Health Department, Travel Health Services, 1101 S. Main St., Fort Worth, TX 76104.
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Fort Worth leash law:
<http://fortworthtexas.gov/animals/laws>

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<http://fortwoof.org>

Smart phone app: myFtWorth

Yard of the Month for June: 2312 Irwin St.

By Claudia Camp

OK, David and I will admit it: We've been seduced the past couple of months by all the spring flowers so many of you have so lusciously planted.

With the heat and humidity rising, though, our senses were captured this time during a dinnertime walk by the shady front yard of Steve and Kathy McReynolds at 2312 Irwin St.

There's hardly a flower in sight (though there have been in previous months and will be more later). But, oh, the shapes, colors and textures of the much-varied foliage!

The yard does actually get a good bit of sun earlier in the day (and the plants have to be able to take it!). But the garden becomes a magic place as the sun gets lower, and you'll think the temperature is at least 10 degrees cooler than it is.

The plantings also provide a wonderful lesson in the creative use of foliage!



This block of Irwin is pretty shady in general, and two large trees, a pecan and a live oak, grace the curb strip in front of the McReynolds house.

While most of the curb strip is nice with bright St. Augustine grass (and this does need some sun), they've created a

lovely rectangular bed under the live oak that sets a color scheme of purple and silver that can be found throughout the garden.

Here the silver is provided by dusty millers and silver-striped liriopse, while the purple comes from one of the deeper-colored varieties of ajuga (bugleweed), which would have had a nice carpet of low flowers just a bit earlier, and from purple wandering Jew.

Also in this bed, as in others, are a number of beautiful large rocks that Kathy and Steve have collected from hither and yon, including a holey hunk of fossil limestone and a small



Photos by Jim Peipert

petrified log.

The great thing about rocks is the visual structure and interest they'll offer even in the winter when that lovely foliage needs to be cut back (though, in fact, much of what's in this bed will last for all but a couple months a year). And for a marvelous finishing touch, a large staghorn fern hangs from a low branch of the tree.

That well-tended St. Augustine sets off the front part of the yard as well, but the largest area is devoted to plantings, pots and other rustic objects, like the rocks, that Steve and Kathy have also spent years collecting.

The widest part of the yard is to the left of the front steps. Here a border of green liriopse sweeps forward from the steps in a nice curve reaching the next-door driveway, creating a deep bed that, marked by a stone path, reaches back along the side of the house.

The bed holds several small trees and large bushes,

starting with a possumhaw holly toward the front (whose branches will be adorned by red berries in the winter when the leaves are gone), and then, moving back, a tulip tree (which will also flower in the very early spring before leafing out).



Behind that, as the area becomes more consistently shaded, are an oakleaf hydrangea and, beside the gate leading to the back yard, a large Japanese maple (red in spring and fall).

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Smaller, but still lending height, are several Turk's caps (which do have red flowers now), an American beautyberry (purple berries in the fall), an Indian Hawthorne (pink flowers in the spring) and silver-leafed Texas sage (purple flowers off and on throughout the summer).

Lower, among more large rocks (some used as planters themselves!), balloon flowers have recently finished flowering but may come back with more, daylilies likewise, and iris.

Heading back into the shade are ferns and cast-iron plants. Closest to ground level are oxalis, lamb's ear and Mexican petunia, the latter two repeating the purple and silver theme.

Pots hold too many things to name, but several are notable:



two pots with mapleleaf hibiscus (red, jagged-edged foliage), one with a Tropicana canna (sporting huge lime green-striped leaves and, increasingly during the summer, orange flower spikes), and an old yard harrowing device filled with rocks and succulents.

The canna's lime green – a real pow of a color – is repeated in the sweet potato vine that flows, along with its purple sister-variety, from a small rustic

wagon nearer the porch steps.

Dark green ivy growing up the side of the porch wall creates a sense of depth and really sets off that bright lime! Salvia, a rose bush, abelia and a green-leafed canna (yet to bloom) complete the plantings on this side.

Heading up the steps to the front porch, the silver theme finds a different sort of expression in a number of decorative galvanized-steel watering cans.

Two large pots set on either side of the steps contain different varieties of a McReynolds favorite, hardy hibiscus bushes (tune in soon for flowers on those!).

The smaller bed on the other side of the steps is treated more simply, running straight along the front of the porch, and lined with lirioppe, dusty miller and crape myrtles (soon to flower white).

Narrow beds line both sides of the driveway. On the house side, the lirioppe bordering the edge of the front bed continues nicely around the corner, where a rain chain hangs decoratively from the corner of the porch roof, down toward a

rose bush.

A lovely stand of spider amaryllis (still bearing traces of its earlier flush of white flowers) runs back along the side of the porch, leading to a bed and several pots dominated by plants with purple foliage: miniature fringe flowers, angel wing begonias, several varieties of wandering Jew (both purple and silver-purple) and a gorgeous weeping red bud.



The latter, presently about four feet tall and headed to no more than five to six feet, would have been covered by bright pink-purple flowers in the early spring but is now a mass of equally lovely purplish leaves.

All this foundation planting makes an attractive base for the display of framed stained glass and old farm implements hung from the porch and on the side of the house.

On the far side of the drive, a low boxwood hedge separates the McReynolds' property from the neighbor's, leaving just enough room for striking array of rocks and silver and purple

plants running back to the driveway gate: salvia (OK, that's more blue than purple!), several different kinds of wandering Jew in various shades of purple, the brighter purple of Mexican heather, ajuga, purple shield, lavender, silver lirioppe, and, darkest purple of all, two black diamond crape myrtles.



Thanks, Steve and Kathy, for this delightful combination of a casual style with a sophisticated use of the silver and purple palette, structural objects, and a variety of foliage that can compete with flowers any day!

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Kathy and Steve's back garden was one of six featured in the 2015 Hidden Gardens of Fort Worth Tour, which featured Mistletoe Heights.*

Mistletoe Heights celebrates a splendid Fourth of July at the Triangle ★ ★ ★





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Carol Zuber-Mallison



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"I'm almost three times older than the other interns, but it's going to be a fun adventure," Carol said.

For 25 years, Carol has worked from a studio in her home as a freelance infographic artist specializing in charts, diagrams and maps. Her husband is *Star-Telegram* photographer Rodger Mallison.

Two years ago, Carol decided to expand her cartography skills by returning to school to study geographic information systems.

GIS is the high-tech software that maps and analyzes spatial data (it is the technology behind Google maps on your smart phone).

Carol will be doing GIS mapping and 3D modeling on the Smithsonian's 19 museums and the National Zoo.

"Plus, I get to hang out with our daughter, Rachel, who now lives in D.C.," she said.

Son Jake, a junior at Texas A&M, will be home this summer working his own internship at Merrill Lynch.

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Our annual dues drive begins in April and continues through October. You will see this flyer in our newsletter each of those months as we collect dues donations for our neighborhood association. We will recognize donors in EVERY newsletter through October with the final recognition published in our December issue.



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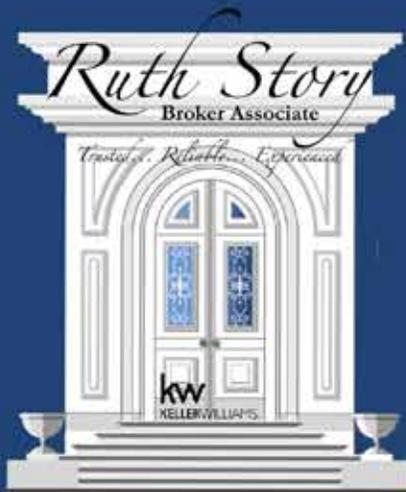
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