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Time Stands Still

by Donna Crosby

The Mandarin Garden Club selected Andrea Sessions' garden as Yard of the Month July 2016.

Located off Loretto Road, the garden exudes a lush green coolness. The owner's inspiration was her grandmother's garden and the memory of happy afternoons spent shelling peas and prepping vegetables. Andrea's garden is the purposeful attempt to slow down time. The most satisfying way to enjoy this little jewel is to meander slow and linger long. Mission accomplished, time is forgotten.

A large oak tree anchors the front circular bed. Various shrubs fill in as a backdrop to the main attraction, colorful caladiums and red roses. A curved walkway is bordered by more caladiums, also a topiary tree and rounded hedges. The Sessions' front porch is laced with hanging ferns.

The real showstopper is in the back yard, a massive, ten-year-old staghorn fern. Andrea recalled having to use a car hoist and heavy chains to locate the fern to its current home, hanging from a large oak tree.

Plantings in the back yard include hydrangeas, camellias, hibiscus, bleeding heart, bird of paradise, hoya, palms and bird nest ferns.

The Sessions have beautifully incorporated fruit trees in their back yard retreat. This includes grapefruit, tangelos, tangerines, blood orange, and blueberry bushes. These trees are meticulously maintained and full of early fruit.

Nostalgia is created with bright cheerfully painted antique wrought iron furniture, art show wooden birdhouses and a rustic shed/man cave. A potting bench full of clay pots and tools accents the working part of the garden.

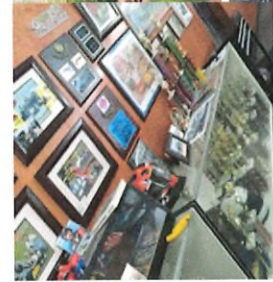
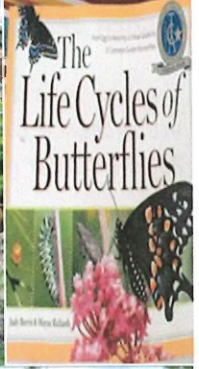
Thank you to the Sessions for sharing their lovely garden.

The club continues to search for people committed to demonstrating care and beautification of the Mandarin community. Residents interested in having their yards considered or who would like to nominate a yard should contact:

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CHEROKEE ROSE HOME TOUR WITH THE HENDRICKS WHERE THE BUTTERFLIES PLAY



photos and layout by Wanda Bosworth

CIRCLE NEWS



No circle meetings in August. See you in September!

Crafty Ladies

Crafty Ladies will only be meeting on August 11 for a dump salad and auction. Weekly gatherings and projects will resume in September.

Game Day

August 23, 1-5 pm in the Clubhouse. Come join the fun--as the ladies below did in July.



Cherokee Rose Lunch Bunch met for food and fellowship at Crystal River Seafood on July 21.



C

1st, 3rd Wednesdays

Demo Gardens Workdays

A

Mon-Wed 8/1-3

9 am-2 pm

Clothing Sale set-up

L

Thursday 8/4

9 am-3 pm

Clothing Sale set-up

F

Fri & Sat 8/5-6

9 am-2 pm

Clothing Sale

E

Saturday 8/6

9 am-1 pm

Duval Extension Canning Class--Tomatillo Green Salsa

N

Thursday 8/11

12:30

Crafty Ladies Dump Salad and Auction

M

Monday 8/15

9 am-12 pm

Duval Extension Canning Class--Dehydrating Fruits & Veg.

T

Tuesday 8/23

1-5 pm

Game Day, Mandarin Garden Clubhouse

A

Thursday 9/1

10 am

Board Meeting, Dogwood hosts

R

Monday 9/5

Labor Day

S

Saturday 9/17

9 am-1 pm

Duval Extension Canning Class--Pressure Canning



Vacation spot: Summer flowers in Denver are always colorful and abundant, despite the lack of rain. The Hunt's Bumblebee is very colorful as well!