

THE GOOD GARDENS

The Landscape & Irrigation Committee has chosen Lynda Dapra's as our very first 'Good Garden'.

Debra and her late husband Don moved to 3585 Shinnecock Lane 22 years ago. The garden and yard is a result of their work together over the years. Lynda took the lead in the garden design and implementation while Don maintained the yard lawn areas and provided help and support to Lynda and her vision have plants that flower or have visual interest throughout the year.

The property is almost an acre so there are several flower beds on the property. The garden in the front area adjacent to the house is full of many different types of colorful flowering perennial and some annual plants. Plants of different heights and flower sizes and interspersed hanging baskets draw your eye to the entrance area for a bright and colorful welcome.

In the front lawn area beds Lynda has grouped plants with large showy flowers such as the magenta colored phlox, red and gold gladiolus and scarlet red re-blooming daylilies for maximum color and design impact.



The gardens in the side yard contain birdhouses and plants that attract birds and pollinators.

Along the back of the screened-in pool area is a raised bed with a tropical theme containing 15 ft tall pygmy date (*Phoenix robelinii*) palms and various species of crotons that have managed to survive our North Florida winters.

Lynda's vision, implementation and beautiful results make her garden and yard a blessing for the neighborhood and a treasure we can all appreciate.



3585 Shinnecock Lane

LYNDA DAPRA



Black-eyed Susan



'Stella d'Oro' Daylily



"Luminary" Garden Phlox



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Gilded Hydrangea



White Mandevilla

When did you first plant your garden?

I planted my first flower garden, day lilies, when we moved here in 2020.

Did you have one growing up? What was it like?

No we really didn't have a garden while growing up in upstate New York, but we had two beautiful lilac trees outside my bedroom windows. I always looked forward to the spring and the smell of the lilacs.

What was your first gardening "success"?

My first success was with some cuttings from my Mom's rose bushes. I planted them, and Don told me that they were not going to grow. But I proved him wrong and they grew so beautiful Don could not believe it.

What do you enjoy most about your garden?

Just being outside. It has become very therapeutic for me.

What are your plans or ideas for it?

My plan is eventually to have all perennials flowers that will come back every year.

How do you decide what you are going to grow?

I don't have much of a plan for my garden. It's more like I go to my favorite garden nurseries and see what they have and I figure out what I like and will work in my yard.

Where do you buy or find your seeds and plants?

My favorite nurseries are Hagen Ace and Pat's.



Everydaylily, 'Red Rib'

What advice would you give someone planning a garden?

My advice: fertilizing is important! One of my secrets is mix in a spray bottle one part buttermilk with four parts of water and treat your flowers and ferns to it. They will love you!

Happy Gardening!!!

-Lynda

