

YARD OF THE QUARTER

LESLIE & ROY GULICK

Roy and Leslie Gulick built and have lived in their

beautiful home at 1727 Colonial Drive for 27 years. Roy mentioned that theirs was the first home in his immediate area and that the property was surrounded by woods. He also mentioned that he and Leslie consider their yard and gardens to be a “work in progress”.

The Gulicks front gardens are symmetric in design and somewhat formal using plants often found in our area. The color scheme is primarily monochromatic using yellow as the accent flower color with touches of pink and orange in flower baskets and bowls. The front yard is framed by two large palms: a Pindo (Butia) near the road and a Silvester Date set further back closer to the house on each side of the front of the property.

The side and back gardens are more natural and casual with a touch of whimsy. The Ligustrum

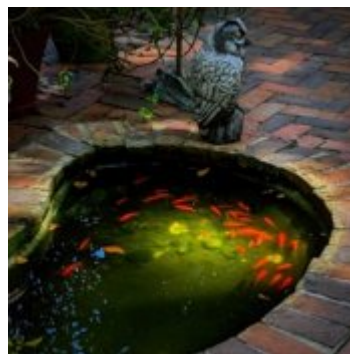
shrubs have been up-limbed to resemble trees along the back brick patio and are shaped in a wavelike pattern. There is a flower pot with blue toenail polished feet as it’s base and a few tropical accent plants such as the large Philodendron, Plumeria plant and palms in pots.



There are paths meandering through a shaded woodland area, a small fish pond complete with goldfish and a beautiful fountain built by the Gulick’s son for them. There is also a lovely new butterfly garden and a rose garden as well.

We hope that the Gulicks will continue to add to their gardens and look forward to being invited back in the future to see the changes!

- Cindy Francisco



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When did you begin your gardens here?

We built our home here 28 years ago, always had flowers and plants. We started gardening seriously eight years ago.

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

Yes, my aunt in Bucks County, Pennsylvania (near the Burpee Farm) had a wonderful rock garden with pansies and violets from Burpees everywhere.

What was your first gardening “success”?

As a very young lad, growing carrots and radishes! 'Twas sooo easy.

What do you enjoy most about your yard and gardens?

The constant challenges and opportunities.

What are your plans or ideas for it?

Keep adding to its variety. Next will be a shade garden. Always something. Fun!

How do you decide what you are going to grow?

I don't. My intuition proposes and prompts me. For example, a long-neglected rose bush prompted the rose garden. Two so-so milkweed plants prompted the butterfly garden.

Where do you buy or find your seeds and plants?

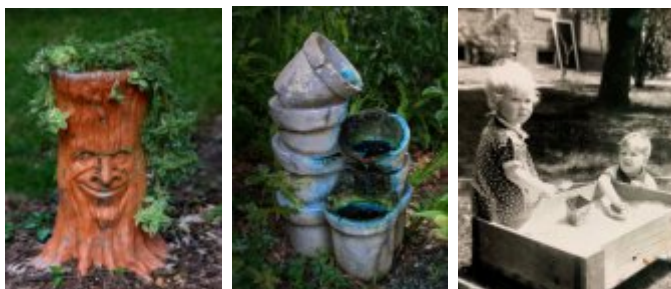
All locally. I've tried the Internet nurseries and been disappointed; stopped.

What advice would you give someone planning a garden?

Follow your intuition. Adjust as you must. Enjoy!

Is there's anything else you'd like the readers to know about your work?

Leslie and I are humbled by this award. There are so many wonderful yards and gardens here at Magnolia Point. We should all get an award!



← It's 1936 and Roy is telling Leslie his plans for their first garden.

