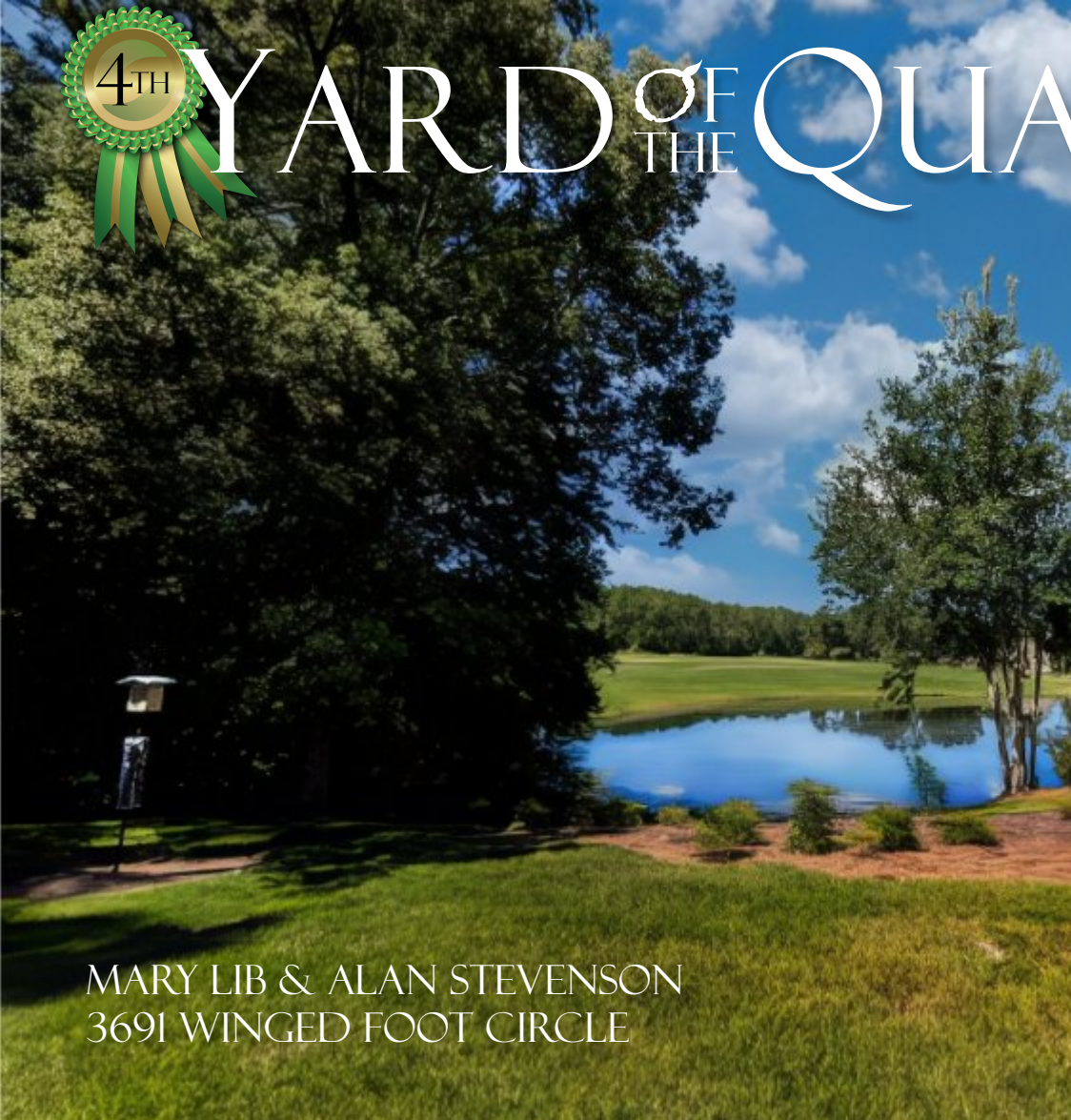




YARD OF THE QUARTER



MARY LIB & ALAN STEVENSON
3691 WINGED FOOT CIRCLE



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How long have you lived in Magnolia Point?

We built here in 2001.

When you started working on your garden and yard did you have a design style in mind?

Mary Lib: I'm originally from central Georgia; she loved the traditional Southern bungalow-style architecture with the symmetric design, large front porch, large double hung windows

with shutters, and double front door with transom. Georgia homes are known for their extensive shaded gardens surrounding the house containing lots of flowering shrubs: azaleas, rhododendrons and large oaks and Magnolias with small understory flowering trees such as dogwoods and saucer Magnolias.

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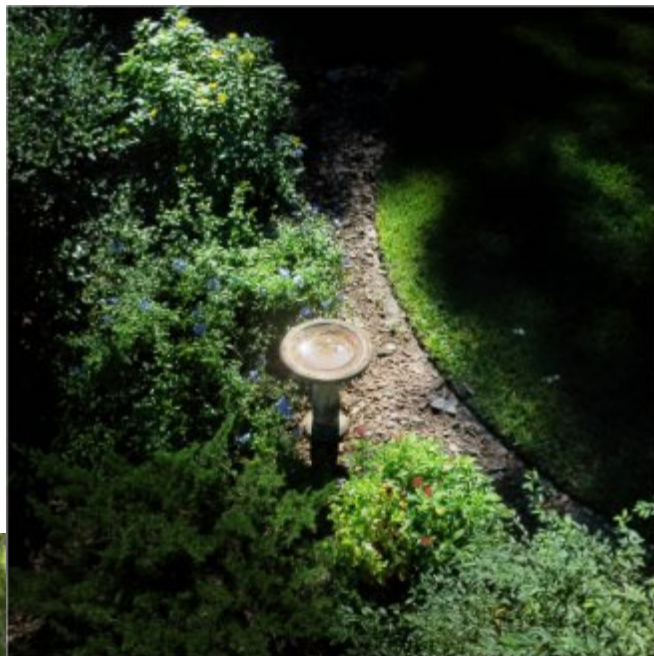


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The garden features balanced, symmetric plantings in the garden space close to front of the house to repeat and emphasize the symmetry of the house architecture. As you move away from the house, into the yard area, the garden becomes a less formal woodland design with lots of shade tolerant flowering shrubs.

When you started your garden were there any plants in it that you kept?

No. We were the first owners of the property.



How and why did you choose the plants you have used?

Mary Lib: My goal was to achieve Southern woodland design. We planted about 70 white azaleas and rhododendrons of various sizes and species. Sadly, our dogwoods died out from fungal diseases and climate change.



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Are you planning on adding to or changing your garden?

Mary Lib: The garden is mature, but Alan and I continue to change, replace, or add shrubs. When we visit nurseries, which is fairly often, we'll pick up a plant or two that catches our fancy. Alan loves to visit the bargain and sale areas for a good deal!



Native Oakleaf Hydrangea

Have you added any hardscape to your garden design?

We built the pool and lanai. The tree house out front was a donation from a Magnolia Point neighbor!

Is there any advice you'd like to share with new or aspiring gardeners?

Yes! Most kill their plants by overwatering them!

- CINDY FRANCISCO
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Camellia susanqua - 'Yuletide'



Florida Anise



Sunshine ligustrum allowed to grow naturally

