

Garden 1: Julie Mallder
3161 Lorrabud Lane

About 10 years ago Julie had a blank slate and started out planting around the house and put some trees at the back of the lot. Since then, every year she has added or expanded areas in the front yard and backyard. Now all she has to do each spring is split plants and add them to new parts of the yard. If the rabbits and deer do not eat them, tulips, daffodils and quince color the yard in the spring. Then come the bridal veil and peonies followed by lilies, irises, roses, daylilies, bee balm, coneflowers and other miscellaneous bloomers. Her philosophy is to weed regularly and throw in some annuals for instant bursts of color. Her ultimate goal is to have something in bloom from spring through autumn. *August 2020 Garden of the Month*

Garden 2: Maggie Callahan
3235 Old Fox Run

Maggie, who has been gardening for about 25 years, was tired of replacing annuals every year so she decided to plant perennial gardens instead. She now chooses perennials that flower at varying times of the year so she has a show of color during spring, summer and into the fall using a color palette of blue, white and yellow. In spring you would see bleeding heart, tulips and daffodils. Her summer gardens include forget-me-nots explode from their tall stems from May through October. Coral bells are popular shade perennials known for their tidy mounds of colorful foliage. Candy tuft, with bright white flowers, set off this garden. Delphinium sport showy spikes of colorful blooms while her Double Knock Out Roses boast a huge blanket of pink blooms from spring all the way until the first hard frost. *May 2021 Garden of the Month*

Garden 3: Diane Wiersema
935 Thunderbird Lane

Diane's most important themes for gardening are color and texture. The more, the better! A frustrated wanna-be artist, she uses her garden as her artist's palette. Annuals of all kinds in bright colors that play off each other are her favorites! Making sure there is a multitude of shapes, textures and sizes also are a part of her garden plan. Upon entering a nursery or greenhouse, Diane is like a kid in a candy shop as she picks and chooses a wide variety of plants. Flowers are her addiction! She goes to many different greenhouse in the area, many times over! While she has many favorites from gerbera daisies to geraniums, impatiens to lantanas, and zinnias to coleuses, she is always excited to try new plants as well! Diane is not a "scientific" gardener, remembering only common names for plants, if she is lucky! She hangs on to the plastic tags year-to-year to help prod her memory! Diane's flower gardens are a mix of sun, shade, sun and shade, with a newly built raised-bed for a few vegetables.

Garden 4: Linda and Chuck McCafferty
443 Woodview Drive

When Linda and Chuck bought their property thirty-years ago, the only plants there were a huge soft maple in the front yard, several tiny globe arborvitaes along the front of the house next to the porch, overgrown boxwood along the back of the house, and 50 foot tall white pine in the back

corner of the lot. A landscape architect friend gave them ideas based on their long-range plans and over the next five or six years their visions began to evolve. As gardeners do, plants and small shrubs were moved from place to place and gardens were created and recreated as trees grew, sun was depleted, and Mother Nature took down the pine. Now the gardens consist of numerous varieties of hosta, hellebore, virginia bluebells, wild ginger, Japanese painted fern, coral bell, hydrangea, hibiscus, turtle head, Joe Pye weed, garden phlox, tree peony, and roses galore in what is left of the sunny gardens. The yard also contains a recently-relocated vegetable garden that hopefully will be vigorous in its first year. *Members of Sun Prairie Garden Club*

Garden 5: Tanoea Norman-Krishner and Ron Krisher
3497 Whytecliff Way

Tanoea Norman-Krishner and Ron Krisher have been using their large yard and house as inspiration for the various perennials and annual accents. The backyard receives the most sun and is filled with color from daylilies, avens and cranesbill. The front yard shows off Tanoea's collection of hostas along with decorative pieces such as a water fountain, driftwood, and mushrooms. The sides of the house stay shady while the front yard tends to be mostly shade as well. Tanoea says this gives her an opportunity to try different looks and plants since her garden is not all full sun or full shade. She says her gardens emit a feeling of serenity. I just like to have fun with it, no rhyme or reason, she says. It's just a labor of love. Ron indicated that the gardens get bigger and bigger every year and their house has been the inspiration for everything as it lends itself to a lot of creativity from all the space available. *September 2018 Garden of the Month*