

## Landscape Committee Report

11/14/2017

**Goals:** We are using organic gardening methods and products in the common area beds. Most of the new plants are native to Texas. Native plants provide food and shelter for wildlife and pollination (birds, butterflies, bees) and, once established, need minimal care. Note: Several milkweed plants are attracting monarch caterpillars & butterflies this fall!

**Challenges:** Learning the microclimates for each area (sun, shade, etc.). Amending soil prior to new planting, as needed. Selecting best plants for desired effect and care requirements, including survival of flood conditions. (Example: Stonehouse bed.)

*All are works in progress.*

**Fordshire Entrance:** Two beds are now in place – North bed (aka ‘shady’ or ‘magnolia’ bed) and South (aka ‘sunny’ or ‘new’ bed).

**Fordshire/Brick Wall Bed:** Turk’s Cap and American Beautyberry have replaced the ligustrums. The Fordshire project was paid for from insurance landscape repair funds.

**Breakwood Courtyard #1:** Sod completed by Texas Lawn.

**Breakwood Courtyard #2:** No changes at this time.

**Breakwood #3 Courtyard:** Small clumping grass (‘Little Kitten’ Maiden Grass) planted around lamp post, St. John’s Wort added, to existing kalanchoes. Circular rock border placed.

**Stonehouse Entrance Bed:** Rock border expanded using existing rocks. Several lantana and additional lariope and mondo grass have been added as ground cover.

**Bassoon/Woodshire Entrance Bed:** Three grasses have been planted as well as milkweed.

**Bassoon Common Area bed:** Both north and south end beds have been cared for by residents.

**Pool:** Two new beds have been added, on both sides of the front fence. The outer bed has been planted with donated plants from committee members and plants purchased by THM. The stone border material was donated as well.

**Special thanks to our Landscape Committee: Sandy Maun, Wendy Jordan, Lizy Stewart, Cindy Domenici and David Reed.**

**Special thanks to THM residents who take care of common area beds and/or provide water/plants.**

**\*\*Special thanks to all THM residents who maintain their exterior spaces so well. The variety of these mini-landscapes add to the beauty and interest of our community!\*\***