

## Garden History: 2254 Overton Rd.

In September 1952, Floyd N. Rudeseal signed the plans to build on a property associated with the golf course of the famous Bon Air Hotel. Part of the original golf course became the Augusta Country Club, and the residential area was named Country Club Hills.

The Rudeseal's planted their new property lavishly with camelias, dogwoods, sasanquas, ginger lilies, day lilies, and an amazing array of azaleas. The house was hidden from the street by white azaleas across much of the front yard and down the side of the driveway. Numerous varieties of pink azaleas, including a beautiful pale pink graced the property.

Jane Ellis bought the house in 1980 and was amazed at the show of blooms in the spring of 1981. Over the years the azaleas have aged, but their early glory was captured on canvas by Eloy Fominaya.

In 1990 an azalea bed in the back was transformed into "The Big Garden." It is large and oval shaped with a yin/yang path down the center. Many of the 1950s azaleas were adopted by Nancy Connolly and placed at the fence of her Cumming Road property. Last year another azalea bed near the carport was turned into a garden, still in process.

In 2015 Jeff Tilden agreed to take on the front garden with its fading 62-year-old azaleas. His craftsmanship with stones can only be appreciated in situ. Using his knowledge of Irish stonework and totally without mortar he created paths and steps and a spectacular creation facing the house. In addition, he added a dazzling variety of unusual and beautiful plants to the landscape.

Enjoy your stroll down the path beginning between the two large Mary Hill Hollies. Move on past the newest garden in the front yard, past the rose garden, down Jeff Tilden's stone steps, to the Big Garden in the back.

## Plants List: 2254 Overton Rd.

### Driveway

Viburnum Davidii  
Gem Magnolia  
Oakleaf Holley  
Mandevilla on lamp post

Salvia  
Impatience  
Nandina  
Confederate Jasmine

### Big Upper Garden

#### Mary Hill Hollies

Plectranthus  
Topiary Boxwood  
Star Magnolia  
Native Azalea  
Grape Leaf Anemone  
Japanese Andromeda  
Japanese fern  
Astilbe  
Streptocarpus

Ageratum  
Lenten rose  
Hydrangea  
Witch Hazel  
Farfugium  
Hosta  
Epimedium  
Aralia

Sweet Shrub  
Philadelphus  
Tea  
Fuchsia  
Japanese Maple  
Corylopsis  
Topiary Oakleaf Holley  
Tiarella  
Leycesteria Formosa

#### Stone Sculpture

Spanish bluebells  
Primula  
Daphne  
Begonias  
Geranium "Rozanne"  
Daffodil

Rhododendron  
Hydrangea  
Deutzias  
Boxwood  
Ficaria Verna  
Hosta

Edgeworthia  
Lenten rose  
Snowball Viburnum  
Spigelia  
Barberry  
Anemone

#### New garden

#### Red Buckeye

Bearded iris  
Agapanthus  
Viridulum lilies

Salvia gregii  
Black-eyed Susan  
Persicaria

#### Rose Garden

Red Knock-out roses

Viburnum

New Dawn climbing rose on arbor

Clematis

### **Along the way**

Tiger day lilies

Sasanquas against the house

Banana Shrub beside deck

Tea Olive beside deck

Lady Banks rose on arbor over deck

Japanese Camelia against the house

Canna lilies along deck

Beauty berry beside deck

Gardenias

### **Small Herb Garden**

Cherry tomatoes

Gladiola

Coreopsis

Sage

Banana Shrub

Rosemary

Agastache

Basil

Thyme

### **Big Garden**

Cleopatra Canna Lily

Foxglove

Agapanthus

Knock out Rose

Hibiscus

White yarrow

Rose of Sharon

American Holly

Small headed Knotweed

Mexican Petunia

Korean spice Viburnum

### **Bird Bath**

Madame Butterfly

Hibiscus

Panicle hydrangea

Knock out Rose

Siberian Iris

Dwarf Dahlia

Dutch Iris

Pacific Rhododendron

Smoke Tree

Crocsmia

American Flag

### **Perimeter along Seven Spirit's Creek**

Ginger Lilies

Hydrangea

Sweet Shrub

Siberian Iris

Redbud tree

Limelight hydrangeas