The Farm at Creekside HOA Yard of the Month for July 2020 belongs to Scott and Janie Gillies, 2451 Mallard Circle.



Scott and Janie moved to our neighborhood from Arizona in 2000.

Coming from the desert, they have come to love the climate and change of seasons we experience in Longmont.

A major landscaping and patio project was completed in 2004, and since then the front and back yards have been evolving. Many of the old aspen and fruit trees have been removed. Still, many of the shrubs and perennials remain in fine shape. For many years, a lawn service took care of the mowing and maintenance. However, this spring, Scott decided to get the old mower working again and has the lawn looking lush and healthy.

Janie has been adding colorful perennials to both the front and back yards to attract pollinators. Surrounding the front lawn, you will see lamb's ear, penstemon, bee balm, wine cups, veronica, beard tongue, sedum, daylilies, phlox, columbine, and spirea. Under the shade of the two huge aspen trees, you will see Bergenia, hearty geraniums, and astilbe.

The side yard has a radiant crabapple tree, dwarf Mugo pine, gold mound spirea, fountain grass and day lilies. Several moss boulders add interest and contrast to the vegetation.

The backyard, (which you can't see from the front of Gillies home) is a favorite spot for unwinding and enjoying our beautiful Colorado weather. Spirea, service berry, Mugo pine, dwarf Montmorency cherry trees, fountain grasses, butterfly bushes, cranberry cotoneaster, bleeding heart, Bergenia, lilac, and turtlehead help make it an inviting oasis. Party lights and colorful pots of cheery annuals add to the patio. The backyard features a small raised vegetable garden with herbs, tomatoes, peppers, and squash. Congratulations to Scott and Janie, Yard of The Month, July 2020.