

All Grins on Smiley Drive when “Best of Taylorsville” Winners Bring on the Spring



Springtime is normally heaven on earth for a green-thumbed guy like Devon Scovill. This year it's pure anxiety. Mr. Scovill, a retired barber, is still recovering from shoulder surgery and has been half the gardener he normally is. But it's still good enough to win the Scovills "Best of Taylorsville" designation, awarded each month for superior design and care of home or business.

Devon and his wife Wilma, 1543 West Smiley Drive (5020 South), have been designing and

redesigning their beautiful landscape ever since they moved into the home 45 years ago. The front yard features decorative cinder block terraces, containing a carefully designed color show that lasts all season long. Radiant red tulips in the spring give way to yellow and purple iris in early summer, which bow to a magnificent rose show - capped off in autumn with the most diverse display of hibiscus this side of your favorite coffee table plant pictorial.

It attracts lots of bees and people. "We had a local minister ask if he could have a few roses for the pulpit of his church," says Devon. "Another time, a woman who didn't seem to have much, asked if she could have a few roses for her mother. We share because it's just how we are in our neighborhood." With street names like Smiley, Cheerful and Jolley, you had to figure it would be a just little different - in a good way.

For their great work, the Scovills will be recognized at the Taylorsville City Council meeting on June 1, where they will receive a beautiful plaque donated by Crown Trophy and a basket of goodies from Great Harvest Bread Company, both supportive Taylorsville businesses.