

yard of the month

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Riddle Me Not 5260 West Mohawk Lane

Bill and Janie Riddle moved to Arrowhead Lakes in July 1998. Their friends and now neighbors John and Rosalyn Dodd said to them, "You have to check out the house next door ... it's for sale, and brand new!" Twenty years later, it's no riddle that the Riddles and their pooch, Kahlua the poodle, love their Arrowhead Lakes home.

With the house being brand new back then, the front yard had minimal landscaping as part of the package. Many front yard plants were indigenous to the desert with several having long and dangerous stems/branches. But many of these were not safe to have around with young children in the family, so chose to change out many of those desert plants. Janie's architect nephew suggested to arrange a "focal" point in the yard and thus arrived at the circular tree wells in the front.

The trees, ground covers, shrubs, and plants were the result of Riddle team design decisions. The palm trees closest to the entrance are

a very unique palm tree known as "Cuban Palms," which never have to be trimmed because the leaf prawns fall off automatically.

A long concrete sidewalk coming up to the front door was ultimately recovered using stamp concrete design and color to emulate flagstone to match the tree wells. For many years, Janie has loved the planting and the gardening of a variety of semi-annual, colorful seasonal flowers in the tree wells for many years, but has turned that duty over to Victor's Landscaping, their current and capable landscaper that also takes care of all trimming, trees, irrigation repairs, etc.

Bill and Janie's advice to someone looking to spruce up their yard would be to consider how they would spend time outside or utilize their yard, and with a vision in mind to bring to design.

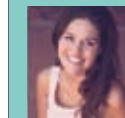
During this process, of course, you'll need to establish a budget. Sometimes you can start small and continually add to the yard, but you'll need to have a design plan. For an existing yard, decide on what can be saved and build around that ... new yard ... the design is all yours!

After 46 years of marriage, Bill and

Janie have the joy of spending time with six grandkids from their two daughters Joey and Reda. They enjoy their low maintenance backyard on the lake with a waterfall, BBQ, Chiminea, lots of room for sitting, sunbathing, and of course their boat dock along with a boat for the grandkids to fish.



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