



*An updated
landscape design
imbues a home
with color and life*

Sometimes, a facelift is just the thing. This was the case with a three-plus-acre property on a creek that flows into the South River in Annapolis. Once an old fisherman's shack, the house was updated to a family residence. When the homeowner was ready for a landscape makeover, she brought in Oehme van Sweden Landscape Architects and Walnut Hill Landscape Company to implement their design.

The project focused on the front of the property, which had a meandering driveway and typical suburban plantings. Oehme's Eric Groft and Robert Hruby relocated the drive to separate pedestrian and vehicular traffic and designed a "meet and greet" terrace at the front door. Drifts of Knockout roses, ornamental grasses, daylilies, Russian sage and Winter Hazel contrast with the home's white-painted façade, providing color and interest year-round.

According to Mike Prokopchak of Walnut Hill, one priority was to preserve a huge silver maple in the center of the new circular drive. Now, says Prokopchak, the combination of old trees, colorful new plantings and paving gives the property "an old farmhouse feel." ❖

AWARD: Grand, Front Residential Planting & Entranceway. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE: Robert Hruby and Eric Groft, Oehme, van Sweden & Associates, Washington, DC. LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION: Mike Prokopchak, Matt Prokopchak, and Ronda Prokopchak, Walnut Hill Landscape Company, Annapolis, Maryland. PHOTOGRAPHY: Jay Stearns, Gambrills, Maryland.

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