



garden spot

Variety spices up lively garden



MARTY FIGLEY

Diane Hilborn has a degree in horticulture from Michigan State, and her Birmingham garden reflects that interest.

There are several micro-climates on the property and she has taken advantage of these

situations. A great variety of plants grow in her garden.

"I like to see what they'll do," she said. "I try to get different things all the time."

Variety is the spice of life. For instance, Diane is trying the ground cover *Euphorbia amygdaloides* "Robbie" under a Norway maple where there is dry shade. Another ground cover, *Astilbe chinensis* "Pumila," with lavender-like blooms, grows in front of a white taller *Astilbe* with Foam Flower

nearby. Additional ground covers include Strawberry Cinquefoil, *Potentilla fragiformis* and *Petasites*.

Much of the yard is shady, so many hostas and astilbes, as well as several *Thalictrums*, are grown. She also grows several *Laminums*, such as "Pink Pewter" and "White Nancy."

An area that receives the strong western sun is aglow with *Hypericum* (golden blooms), surrounded with Daylilies in colors of golds to salmons.

One is "Lowder Still." Another, a striking double orange, was a gift from a friend. Here also is Purple Poppy Mallow, *Callirhoe involucrata* and Soapwort, "Max Frei." In yet another corner a striking orange spider Daylily adds dimension.

A new variegated Jacob's Ladder, *Polemonium* "Brise D'Anjou," from Blooms of Bressingham, has been planted in a shady area to give it a good chance for survival. Diane is most proud of this one.

Three kinds of Farthergilla, "Blue Mist," "Major" and "Gardenii Mt. Airy," are here as are a weeping Katsura, a five-foot-tall Japanese native. Other trees and shrubs grow throughout the yard along borders and in many beds.

"Where you see beds of flowers, a tree originally grew there."

In one corner a ground-hugging Honeysuckle, *Lonicera pileata*, which is generally evergreen, has found a home. It is a lovely landscape plant and rewards with fragrant, pale yellow flowers.

There are many trees and shrubs, some of which are Jelena witchhazel, which blooms in March as does Arnold Promise, but the flowers are orange and yellow.


Also, two Deutzias, Buckeye, Kousa Dogwood, Sourgum, several Oaks, a *Viburnum* "Mariessi," a cultivar of *Viburnum plicatum*, and the Wayfaring tree; *Viburnum lantana*, and one that is varie-




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Ladder perfect: Diane Hilborn is proud of her variegated Jacob's Ladder.

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