

The garden of Cathy and Frank Dolan
808 Milledge Road, Augusta, GA

Cathy and Frank Dolan purchased the home at 808 Milledge Road five years ago from Al Cheatham, a family relative. The house was purchased from the original owners (Mr. and Mrs. James Drury of Cleveland, Ohio) by Frank's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur Dolan in 1942 and has remained in the family for 80 years. When Mr. William Arthur Dolan purchased the house, he said he never wanted it to leave the family, and so far, his wishes have been granted.

Cathy and Frank's gift to the family property would be to restore the grounds, as Frank's grandmother was an avid gardener, as were the Drury's. This project is only partially complete, hoping to be complete in the next five years. Cathy and Frank are doing the project themselves and have added over 700 bushes and trees since starting the project.

The Koi Pond

When Frank's grandparents lived here, a water feature was located where the koi pond is now. Over the years, the water feature dried up and was completely covered by several pittosporum bushes. The Dolan's removed the bushes and discovered a concrete statue of Pan which is now a feature in the garden. The original rocks from the water feature have been incorporated into the rocks around the existing pond.

The lead "butterfly boy" near the pond was also here when the Dolan's lived here and was gifted back to current residents from Frank's parents when they moved in.

The fire pit was recently added for the enjoyment of the Dolan family.

The Potting Shed

The potting shed is in its original form and was used by the gardener. A greenhouse was attached to the potting shed where there are remains of concrete walls. No one is certain when or who removed the greenhouse.

All the fountains on the property are original and in working order.

There are two raised beds in the back of the property that are original and still produce various crops throughout the year.

Most recently, the Dolans have added a Camellia garden in the back of the property. When a good friend, David Wilson (his grandfather was Walter Wilson, famous for his camellias), passed away at the early age of 49, the Dolans were unexpectedly gifted 85 of his beautiful camellias ranging from 4' to 14' in height. The Dolans had only two weeks to get them moved to Milledge Road as the property where they were located was sold to Doctors Hospital. They had to moonscape a back area of the yard as they needed to be planted immediately. The Dolans are in the middle of creating a memorial garden dedicated to the Wilson family so that everyone will be able to remember and see the fabulous work of the Wilson family. It is not complete, but they are well on their way and feel blessed to have so many beautiful camellias.

Front Yard

Camellias
Boxwoods
Hellebores
Azaleas
Yoshino Cherry Trees
Kousa Dogwood

Side Yard by Koi Pond

Pond Plants (Water Lilies, Papyrus, Giant Lilies, Pond Lettuce)
Camellias (Most Original to the landscape)
Limelights
Hydrangeas
Iris (Newly Added This Year as a tribute to Frank's grandmother who had irises when they lived at the residence)
Japanese Maple Trees (Specifically Coral Bark Maple)
David Austin Roses

Back Yard

Holly, Liberty, Nellie Stevens and Mary Nell
Limelight Hydrangea
Bloom Struck Hydrangea
Zebra Hydrangea
Pittosporum
Cone Flowers
Baptisia
Speedwell against the wall

Rear of Property

A newly planted camellia garden with camellias from the David Wilson family. David, grandson of Walter Wilson (a famous camellia cultivator in Augusta) passed away from leukemia at the age of 49. He and Frank enjoyed sharing camellia stories with one another and upon his death, the Dolans were gifted 85 of Wilson's camellias ranging from 4 feet tall to 14 feet tall. They were just planted in December, therefore landscaping the area to be a memorial garden to the Wilson family has just begun.

Raised beds house blueberries and blackberries, herbs and tomatoes.

Side yard by Cumming Road

Camellias
Peonies
Black Eyed Susans
Daisies
Ajuga
Hydrangea