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# August Yard of the Month announced

By Kay Proctor

Honored with Yard of the Month recognition for August are Bill and Barbara West. Their home at 880 Fairview was built in 1956 by relatives, Bill and Theta Lowe. The Wests moved to Heppner after retiring as a farmer and a farmer's wife



Aside from colorful blooms in many varieties, pieces of yard art like these add a personal touch to the Wests' yard and garden. —Photo by Kay Proctor

outside of Arlington, OR. Barbara also worked in the office at waste management.

Many of the houses on Fairview Way have extensive terracing made of the same dark, volcanic rock in their front yard or back, and sometimes both. The backyard of the Wests' has an impressively steep terrace accessed by impressively steep stairs. Their vegetable garden thrived at the top of the property, but

was becoming a challenge to reach. So, it was moved to the main backyard, where soil is not as rich, but the lot is flat. Fruit trees and raspberries grow at the top of the property now and a ramp for easier access is being built.

The Wests enjoy their back patio, especially since adding a SunSetter automatic awning. After removing an older maple in the backyard, a maple start from it sprouted and grew to provide additional shade. Several bird feeders are kept full year round, and the terrace is full of perennials, herbs, annuals and yard art.

The star of the Wests' front yard are their three, thriving hydrangeas. Neighbor Gail Hughes gave them a huge hydrangea root, which they divided into three. The large, puffy flowers were originally white, but have bloomed green this year. Hydrangeas are influenced by soil makeup, weather, especially dry winter winds, and age of the shrub, so their color may revert back to white.

In the meantime, garden experts recommend to "...enjoy the beautiful green of the sepals..." for the time being.

Fortunately, the grazing deer that are such a challenge to gardeners in Heppner leave the hydrangeas alone. However, Barbara has almost given up on her favorite plant, roses, be-

cause of the deer. Bill has seen them work their way over an 8' wire fence to get into the yard. Bill's favorite plant is "anything that the deer won't eat".

Along the edge of the front lot, a driveway was torn out and turned into a flower bed filled with perennials. Friends have given them starts and Bill received a dogwood tree for Father's Day one year.

An American flag proudly flies in the front yard. The flagpole was erected by Bill Lowe using an old railroad crossing arm.

Bill Lowe's gardening influence is still present with other plantings: a horse chestnut tree, English ivy, a Paul Scarlett Hawthorne, and soil amended with lots of sheep manure from his family's ranch.

Barbara is the weed puller in the family, and Bill mows the lawn. They work in the yard early mornings and, when the weather warms up, head inside. There, Bill keeps busy with his music. He is a member of the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers and plays fiddle, mandolin, guitar and piano. He also follows the Seattle Mariners.

Barbara is a quilter and knitter. She often has four or five books on her electronic readers, going back and forth between them all. She is originally from



Bill and Barbara West (above) received August Yard of the Month recognition for their home on Fairview Way in Heppner (below). —Photos by Kay Proctor



southwest Virginia, the Cumberland/Blue Ridge area, but has lived in the Pacific NW for years.

The young-at-heart couple also enjoys having their grandchildren and great-grandchildren stay in their home for visits.

When asked for gardening advice, Barbara laughingly says, "Grow the best, put them in the ground, feed and water 'em, give them a

good start. After that it's up to the plant." She mentions that she enjoys the variety of plants offered at the nursery at MCGG-Green Feed & Seed.

Yard of the Month recognition is sponsored by the Heppner Volunteers, MCGG-Green Feed & Seed, and the City of Heppner. Contact Kay Proctor if you would like to be a part of the Heppner Volunteers.

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Participants and superintendents in all kinds of departments, from (clockwise from top) textiles, art, 4-H clothing, booths and 4-H foods, were getting ready Monday for the fair's big opening on Wednesday. The Morrow County Fair runs from Wednesday through Saturday of this week. —Photos by Andrea Di Salvo



# Benny the Beaver to be at the fair



Oregon State University fans are encouraged to wear orange and black to the fair on Thursday, as OSU mascot Benny the Beaver will be at the Morrow County Fair from 2-8 p.m. on Aug. 20. Fairgoers can get a photo taken with Benny while he is hanging around the fairgrounds; he also will have freebies to give away to respectful fairgoers. Also on the schedule for the day are the Tillamook Ice Cream Social at 3 p.m., the Grand Champion Market Animal Drive beginning at 5 p.m., and Murray's Wine and Micro-Brew Tasting and FFA Basket Auction, and NPRA Slack, both beginning at 6 p.m. —Contributed photo



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