



yard of the month

by Jamie Garrett • Photographs by Beth Sweeting

# 50211 Manly

*The Gracious  
Extension Of An  
Elegant Home*

Gary and Cathy Twigg have lived in Governors Club for over 14 years and are currently in their second home, 50211 Manly. Cathy is also a long-time agent with Governors Club Realty. “In our previous home,” Cathy says, “we had a great yard. When we moved into this house, the yard needed a lot of work.”

After moving into this home a year and a half ago, the couple began to develop a vision for the yard. As Cathy says, "We wanted to create extensions of the house with 'rooms' outside." The result is a series of neatly sectioned outdoor living spaces that flow together into one cohesive, elegant space.

The design of their new yard was a collaboration with Ron Price of Sears Design Group, a Governors Club Custom Home Program member. Gary and Ron worked closely together to design the outdoor spaces, talking over bourbon and trying to figure out what would work best in the new yard. The result is a truly amazing outdoor living area, which makes excellent use of the available space.

Centered around a covered outdoor dining area with an adjacent outdoor kitchen, the Twiggs' rear patio runs the full length of the home. From there, the patio spreads out to embrace the entire yard.

Abundant stonework alternates with low-growing greenery to make a visually pleasing gridwork of pathways, which guide you through each section. Throughout the spaces, hostas, azaleas, roses, hydrangeas, daylilies, impatiens and other flowers mingle with boxwoods, ferns and assorted greenery.

Some creative planning was required due to the unique shape of their lot. "The lot that our house is built on is shaped like a narrow triangle," Cathy says. "It's wider at one end and tapered at the other. The house is long and was built to fit the lot." Just as the home's architect maximized the lot's dimensions in the design, the Twiggs were able to maximize the dimensions of their yard and take advantage of previously underutilized spaces.

Lacking the space for a full-sized pool, a more intimate pool with multiple fountains was installed at one end of the patio. At the other end is an iron gate leading to the lower level screened porch that overlooks more plantings and a birdbath.

Beyond the actual yard itself is one of the best views in Governors Club. Through a small stand of young hardwoods, the Twiggs have direct views straight down the 19th fairway of the golf course with long-range mountain views in the distance.

A year and a half after they moved into the home, Cathy says, "We've done a lot of work, transforming what was basically a concrete pad into what you see now. It took much longer than we thought it would. It isn't completely done and is still a work in progress. But it has been worth all the time and work."

With a stunning yard to match their already stunning home, Gary and Cathy Twigg look forward to years of enjoyment from their outdoor living spaces. Perfect for entertaining, enjoying a quiet drink or reading a good book, their new yard is truly worthy of the title of Yard of the Month.

To learn more about Sears Design Group, visit [www.Sears-DesignGroup.com](http://www.Sears-DesignGroup.com). To contact Cathy Twigg at Governors Club Realty, mail [Cathy@GovernorsClub.com](mailto:Cathy@GovernorsClub.com) or call 919-968-8500.



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