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A Note from Leslie

Spring to summer is a time that I love largely because of my passion for landscaping. I find that good landscaping not only complements the exterior of a home, but can leave a lasting impression that sets a particular tone or mood as one moves indoors.

In landscaping my own home, I like to consider fragrance as well as shape, texture, and color when selecting plants. One of my favorite trees in my front yard is the Sweet Bay Magnolia. About a month ago, the fragrant, delicate white blooms began to appear within the elongated leaves. The graceful branches create a wonderful nighttime uplighting display in all seasons. This time of year, just walking from the driveway to the front door is a pleasant visual and aromatic experience.

First impressions, inside and out, are vital in attracting interest in your home and creating a welcoming environment. Fragrance is especially important at the entrance of a home. I recently showed a home in which the smell in the entrance was so unappealing that the buyers and I had an immediate negative reaction to the home. Once I realized that the home had most of what my clients wanted, it took some time to help them see what the house had to offer largely because of our strong negative first impression.

Landscaping is one of the least understood and most often neglected areas of a home, and yet it can be so rewarding. The Missouri Botanical Garden and local plant nurseries are among my favorite places to go for inspiration, but ideas and designs can be found in parks and lawns everywhere.

If you are visiting plant nurseries this season, don't forget to consider adding a fragrant approach to your landscaping. It can be a fun and inviting way for you to enjoy a visit to your own front door.

NEW LISTINGS



18621 WHISKEY CREEK ROAD
Wildwood • \$584,500



2220 DEHART FARM ROAD
Wildwood • \$349,900



4612 FOX CREST DRIVE
Wildwood • \$349,900

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RECENT SALES

- 2351 Downey Terrace Drive
- 849 Kiefer Trails Drive
- 671 Southern Hills Drive
- 17511 Summit View Place Cove
- 607 Thorntree Lane
- 724 Vista Glen Court
- 3465 Whitsetts Fork Road

CALENDAR

- June 24, 2-4 pm Open House at 4608 Meramec Boulevard
Open House at 4612 Fox Crest Drive
- June 27, 7:30 pm Whitaker Music Festival presents Erin Bode at Missouri Botanical Garden
- July 1, 1-3 pm Open House at 18621 Whiskey Creek Road
- July 8, 2-4 pm Open House at 2220 DeHart Farm Road
- July 15, 2-4 pm Open House at 1631 Clayton Spur Court



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