



My Dragonfly Gardens

Service Report

June 25, 2021

Client: 247-Singleton

Property Address: 321 Beacon Pointe Drive Ocoee 34711

Lead Gardener: Kirsten

Serviced by: Kirsten, Rayna & Addam

General Condition

- The Garden is flourishing and doing well for the most part
- Rosinflower and Giant Ironweed are putting on a spectacular show in the front garden
- The back garden has some empty spots that need filling!

Weeding Rating

Front garden – 2; Back garden – 2 – adding such a good layer of pine straw has helped keep the weeds back in the back gardens

Service Provided

- Weeded all garden beds
- Dead headed some of the Rosinflower in the front bed
- Trimmed back the Penny Royal, noted that there were a lot of leaves from the Oaktree on top of one of the Penny Royal (this one was not doing well) explained to Clay that this might be the reason why
- Planted some additional plants in location client requested:
 - 5, St Johns Wort to replace the Penny Royal that died near the pond
 - 3, Blue Sage 'Mystic Spires' where the Blue Porterweed did not make it
 - 1, Bahama Wild Coffee in the Twinflower bed by the little town.
- Walked the garden with Clay to see areas of concern or that need some additional plants. Will elaborate at the bottom of the report.

Good News

- The Garden is doing great on the whole. Lots of insect activity. Both Kathy and Clay are very happy with how things are doing
- The Rosinflower are doing so well in the front that we are going to move some of them to other areas of the garden
- The Wild Coffee again is also doing very well under the palm tree – Clay has asked if we could move one of them next to the Simpson Stopper on the other side of the pathway.
- Beautiful butterflies and bees flying around

Concerns

- Some of the Blueberries are not doing well, one Little Blueberry may well be dead – asked Clay to give them some organic fertilizer to see if that will help (he has some from Luc at A Natural Farm).
- The Doghobble that should be two specimen plants are not doing well at all – need to look for replacements!



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- The Crepe Myrtle has started to take over the Wildflower garden and needs addressing ASAP. Clay has requested that we bring in Davey trees to help with the issue and see what they can do. I will make the appointment and be there to consult with Davey Trees.
- The Pennyroyal seems to be dying back – it may be getting too much water. It was also smothered with leaves to cut it back and hopefully, it will come back full filling as it was before.
- Raccoons have been eating the Pineapple plants – Clay put a net over the majority of them
- There is not much reseeding going the Crepe Myrtle garden and not sure why.

Recommendations

- Move some of the Rosinflower, one Wild Coffee, and a Calamint to alternative locations
- After the Giant Ironweed has finished flowering and seeds have dropped – cut back to the ground and in future in early summer cut the Giant Ironweed by half to promote lower fuller plants
- Make sure to water new installs every day

Research

Kirsten to find out why the Doghobble did not work and come up with an alternative that will become specimen plants for the two planting areas on the steps

Regarding the rest of our walk:

1. We are going to be moving some plants as mentioned above as well as a Calamint in the front garden by the door that is next to some Bromeliads to the other side of the pathway in the gap between the Calamint.
2. Adding about 4 more Stokes Aster plants by the stone bench in the back left-hand side garden (under the oak tree)
3. Adding 2 Blanket Flower by the bridge on the left-hand corner towards the back of the property
4. Two empty areas that need some new plants – I will work something up for these areas
5. Add another Pinelands Lantana on the righthand side front in the gap.
6. We are also going to experiment with pea gravel to see how it works between the flagstones on the outer pathways (to replace the melaleuca that is washing away/disintegrating). This will be done in a section by the right-hand side of the house where there is a hose bib – it is contained on both sides with pavers but might need some way of stopping the gravel from leaving the flagstones onto the paved pathway at the front. Photo in clients folder.
7. Bring in Davey trees to see if we can kill the Crepe Myrtle. I will then be re-designing that garden so that will be a lovely project!!!!

Come autumn Clay wants the purple shrub on the right-hand side of the front to be trimmed back down by half (note to Victor – love the bare legs on those purple shrubs), the nonnative Firebush all cut down by half (at the back of the property).