

## **Bel Canto**

Six and a half years ago when the owners moved into this home, they dreamed that their garden would become a space filled with light and music. With lots of planning and hard work, **Bel Canto** has become a beautiful welcoming garden space, attracting birds, bees and butterflies and alive with the sounds of wind chimes and water.

When you enter the front garden area you will find yourself in a woodland setting. River birch, ferns and majestic rocks separate the house from the street. Red twig dogwoods and bottle brush shrubs add interest to this area. As you enter the beautiful house, notice how its many windows frame views of the garden beyond. **Bel Canto** is designed so that the garden and house relate to each other. When you are in the house your eye is drawn to the beautiful garden beyond, and when you are in the garden you are attracted to the features of the house.

Stand on the large shaded porch and view the deck, the pool and the park-like area in the distance. It is difficult to believe you are in an Auburn neighborhood and not at a country estate. Each garden area is blended together to create a beautiful cohesive design.

Take a look at the salsa garden and the herb garden that are planted in containers on the deck. As you move to the pool area, visit the serene art deco statue overlooking a waterfall. Stop and smell the fragrant antique roses beside the pool. Enjoy a colorful flower bed that has been planted to attract bees and butterflies. Walk beyond the pool area and relax in the wooded park. Notice the small colonial style house and the latticework garden house; these cleverly disguise storage for garden tools and pool machinery. The owners have truly created the home and garden of their dreams.