

## **Carolyn's "Grace"**

The creation of this beautiful garden began in 2004 when the owner's mother Carolyn moved into the home. After a lifetime of gardening, Carolyn enjoyed sharing her knowledge and skills with her daughter and son-in-law. After Carolyn's passing in 2006, the owners continued to develop the colorful southern garden, which has several features that reference her vibrant memory.

A visit to **Carolyn's "Grace"** lets one visit two different gardens. The sunny front area is filled with lantana, day lilies, roses and loropetalum that border a lush green lawn. Notice the natural stone edging around the flower borders. Much of the stone work has been personally done by the owners.

A custom designed privacy screen is decorated with eagles, a nod to the entire family who has lived in Auburn for generations. Look for more eagles as they appear throughout the garden. As you walk through the arbor toward the back of the garden, there is the feeling of entering a lush hidden garden. The owners have turned a bare slope into a terraced woodland escape.

Azaleas, camellias, hydrangeas and hostas nestle under a green canopy. Creeping fig planted along the retaining wall adds texture. Stonework channels catch the runoff from the slope and have the effect of looking like a creek. Throughout the garden there are whimsical rabbits waiting to surprise you. Native azaleas provide clouds of color. Ticklers are planted along the stone pathways and handsome urns direct your eye to different parts of the garden.

**Carolyn's "Grace"** is designed so that no matter where one stands in the garden, there is a gorgeous view-with a touch of whimsy. What began as a loving time between mother and daughter is now a gift to all who enjoy its beauty.