

A low brick wall frames the front of this Antebellum home and garden built in the early 1900's. The brick wall stretches higher on the sides to provide more privacy for a backyard in the process of being redesigned by its new family. Aptly called Vintage Gem, you'll love walking around this newly reclaimed 1.5-acre garden which just 18 months ago was filled with rambling vines, overgrown shrubbery, bamboo and aging trees. A total clearing of all but a few established shrubs was the best answer to restoring this garden. The two large dog statues guarding the front steps were one of the best things discovered in the "jungle" clearing process.

When the open spaces of this garden were revealed, the family chose to create small areas or nooks that would serve as quiet places to enjoy their favorite books. You'll see that the recently planted yellow and red knock out roses, gardenias, boxwood and hostas were well selected to fit into that design. This family of gardeners, both parents and their children, continue adding more shrubs, trees and perennials to this garden.

As you walk toward the iron gate, notice a brick lined garden bed of Limelight hydrangeas, surrounding a triple tiered fountain. A large grassy area is bordered by newly planted Little Gem magnolias. Walk up a few steps to the recently renovated Koi pond. A fire pit provides another locale for family and friends to enjoy this garden. Refreshments await as you move on to the pool and pool house area. It might be tempting to grab a great book and enjoy the rest of your day reading here at Vintage Gem but more gardens are waiting for you. You may exit the garden through a second iron gate.