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Our "Gardeners in the Hood"

This week's *Gardeners in the Hood* are
Sheldon Lippman and John Campbell from Tenleytown.



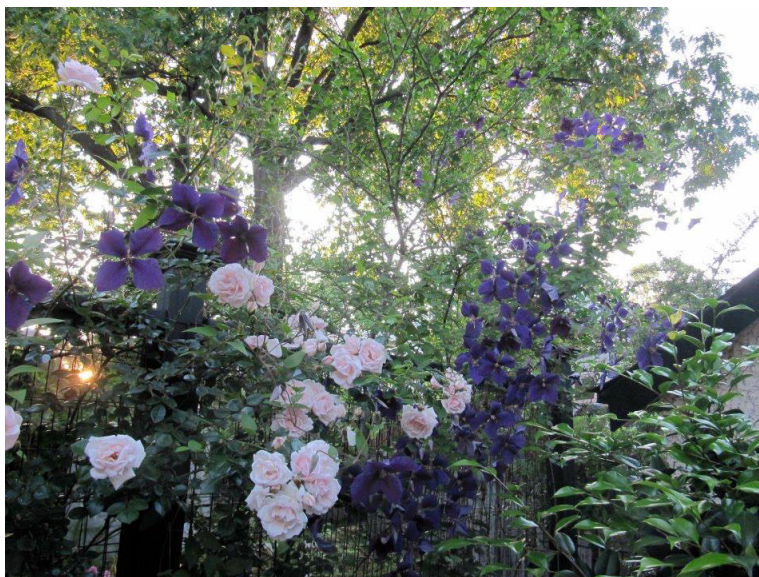
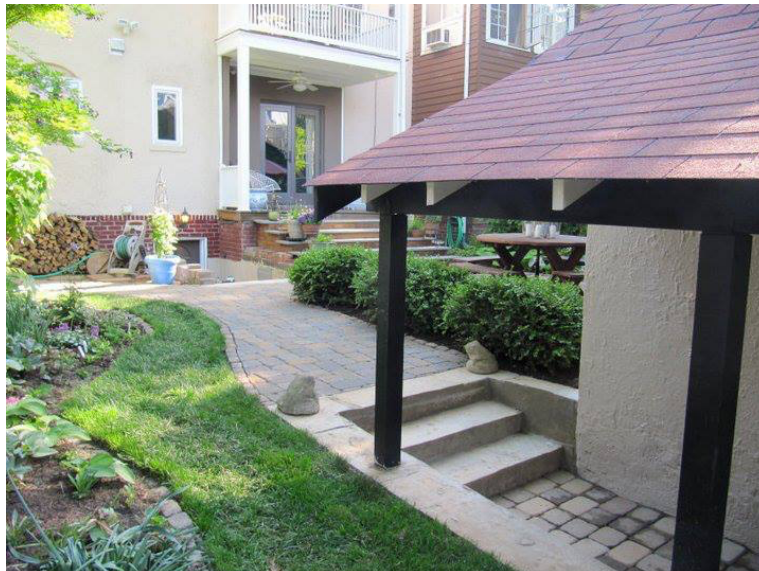
Here's what Sheldon has to say about their European-inspired garden:

"We have been frequent shoppers at Johnson's for over 13 years, since purchasing a home in North Cleveland Park (aka Tenleytown)."



"Our yard has evolved over the past 13 years. Because we live part time in The Netherlands, we were never able to fully fulfill our plans for the garden until about 3 years ago. Our planting and hard-scaping designs are greatly influenced by gardens we have visited in our travels. We wanted a formal structure like French gardens. We like the lush plantings of English cottage gardens; and we like the courtyards of Italy, which make a perfect spot for potted plants and herbs. After

years of regular visits to the Luxembourg Gardens in Paris, we particularly wanted to create an espalier as a focal point in the patio, which we did by bending and tying the branches of a fig tree to a trellis. Because we cut it back every year, the shapely tree does not bear much fruit, but is a conversation piece."



"In the early years, our backyard was mostly shaded by a 75-year-old oak tree. After we had to remove many of the lower branches, we found we were now dealing with a sunny yard. While we still have shade-loving, perennial plants in the beds under the oak tree, a trellis -- that we share with our garden-loving neighbors -- gets plenty of sunshine to support climbing roses, hydrangeas, and clematis."



"We have done all the design and gardening ourselves and are lucky to live only 5 minutes away from Johnson's. The vast majority of plants and lots of answers to our planting questions came from Johnson's."



I love how Sheldon and John use every inch of space to garden. I even counted 10+ containers planted with beautiful annual flowers and shrubs!