



Best of Taylorsville a Real Piece of Work

In describing this month's Best of Taylorsville award winner, it's tempting to reach for a few metaphors: a finely tuned Stradivarius; a purring, high performance car engine; an intricately handcrafted quilt. But longtime Taylorsville resident Roger Kehl, 5068 Jordan Canal Road, is satisfied just to arise every morning at 6:30 and go about the work of manicuring a masterpiece that few see. And it's well worth seeing.

The Kehl property, tucked away just off Canal Road, is embroidered with a vibrant array of flowers and shrubs. Shapely maple, plum and ash trees strategically anchor a sprawling deep green lawn, clipped to golf course specs. This is a weed free zone. You're more likely to find water buffalo on the premises than dandelion or crab grass.

"People think I'm nuts and maybe I am," says Roger. "But I just love to get up and get my hands in the dirt, and nurse the flowers, and trim the shrubs and grass, and know that it's the best it can be. It's really relaxing for me."

And for being the best, Roger and his wife Clara will be recognized at the July 3rd meeting of the Taylorsville City Council, where they will receive a handsome plaque from Crown Trophy, along with mementos from other Taylorsville businesses.