

The Haldorson Garden

When Denise and Karl moved to their home in the fall of 2016 there were no gardens. The four large pine trees in the back took up a majority of the yard. They realized an opportunity to develop this new canvas into something spectacular! In 2017 they started creating a garden oasis. The pine trees were trimmed up revealing a dream of creating a splendid shade garden. At this point they did not even know about the shade-loving martagons!

Slowly they began removing sod and developing gardens. Several gardens are named after friends, including “Ginny” and “Larry”. There is a creamer garden in honor of the milk separator that stands proud that came from Denise’s Uncle Chet’s place and was given to her by her brother Donovan. Another garden called the “scale bed” boasts 90% of lilies that Denise has scaled over the years.

The Haldorson’s enjoy adventures and seeking plants for the garden to be one of those opportunities. After all, they moved from zone 3 to zone 4. A warmer climate meant new options! It didn’t take them long to learn about the North Star Lily Society, the Daylily Society of Minnesota and the Hosta Society. Denise joined a garden club too! Pandora’s box was opened! The home with no gardens was transformed into 18 gardens. The gardens are bursting with over 350 different varieties of daylilies, hundreds of lilies including no less than one hundred varieties of martagons! We would be remiss if we did not mention the large selection of Hosta, Hellebores, Heuchera and Clematis. A patio offers a quiet sitting space, and a fire pit offers the campground feeling that both Karl and Denise love.

Both Karl and Denise enjoy sharing the joy of the gardens with others. They host several garden tours every year and love to share their knowledge as well as being educated by those that visit the gardens. Many new friendships have formed while walking in the gardens.

We are sure you will enjoy your time visiting the Haldorson’s gardens.