JAKE’s Arbor: Garden of John and Kim Eisenhower, MGs

JAKE’s Arbor is an acronym for John and Kim Eisenhower’s garden. John is an ISA Certified Arborist and Master Gardener and has co-owned Integrity Tree Service with Kim since 1989. Kim is also a Master Gardener and together they purchased their home in 1997. The one acre property was perfect for them with a collection of mature palms and other trees growing on the property. Palm varieties include Canary Island Date, Phoenix Date, Mexican Fan, Mediterranean, and Sago palms.

Over the years John and Kim have added more trees, including a total of 19 varieties of edible fruit trees. This home provides visitors an opportunity to see apple, pear, peach, apricot, fig, pomegranate and more. The citrus collection includes lime, lemon kumquat, navel orange, blood orange, Meyer lemon and pummelo, all of which will be bearing fruit during the tour. You will have an opportunity to see the size and qualities of mature trees and maybe taste a few of the fruits!

JAKE’s Arbor is a full acre property and offers many possibilities in landscape design. Here you will see the implementation of a divided acre providing a smaller garden space close to the house for pool and patio living. The remainder of the property beyond the pool enclosure includes a flood-irrigated orchard, a large metal barn and a bright red and white chicken coop inhabited by a dozen free range hens. There are also horse stalls converted into tool and firewood storage areas plus a large dog run. John and Kim incorporate composting in their garden, and it benefits the raised beds and containers for herbs and vegetables. An old metal compost tumbler as well as several galvanized horse troughs prepare the compost ingredients.

Red brick paths wind their way to the front door under mature pine trees, trimmed to allow dappled sunlight to fall on a lawn and planting beds. Low lying wedelia and purple heart provide a bright color combination lining the walkway beneath shrubs of orange jubilee honeysuckle.

Chaste trees grow in several areas throughout the property. These trees produce a purple flower that creates drupes of small round seeds, historically used by chewing or brewing into a tea to reduce sex drive. Garden history is always interesting!
In the backyard, under the canopy of a sprawling mulberry tree, red brick paths wind past raised beds made of the same material. Planted in spaces between the pool deck, a dense groundcover called Lipia softens the hardscape with its deep green hues. A rose garden sits below the mulberry branches and continues to produce amazing blooms even though many of the plants are over 30 years old. John’s collection of old horticulture tools is displayed on the end of the garden shed. It includes his first tree climbing harness, old pruning equipment and more.

here are five main seating areas: A raised deck overlooks the pool. A hanging porch swing right below the deck provides a shady space to relax. A covered patio near the house provides a comfortable seating area for friends and family to gather. And a table and chairs near the poolside fire pit allow a cozy spot for cool evenings. A fifth and last seating area is located in a secret garden that entices the curious visitor beyond the raised deck. A mature Banks rose climbing into the top of a tall tree is a special treat there as well as a comfy bench near a fountain.

JAKE’s Arbor is a grand garden of trees, shrubs, flowers and groundcover. Come and enjoy a stroll in this urban woods. John and Kim welcome you! The plants are all labeled and ready to inspire your imagination for your own garden of dreams.

Features:
19 stone and citrus fruit trees
Chickens
Vintage horticulture tool collection
Secret garden with lion-head tiered fountain
Red brick pathways
Segmented acre creating mixed use area