

Award-winning landscape

Twitty residence Nashville, TN

Property at a glance:

Location: Nashville, TN

Staff: contract

Category: Small Site and
Residential

Year site built: 1990

Total acres maintained: 3.0

Acres of turf: 0.75

**Acres of woody
ornamentals:** 0.5

Acres of display beds: 0.25

Total man-hours/week: 16

*The 1998 Grand
Award Winner of the
Professional Grounds
Management Society
for both the Small Site
Category and the
Residential Category.*

Hill House, the residence of the late Conway Twitty and his wife Dee, was a newly built home when Trees Company installed the landscaping in 1990. Eight years later, Trees Company has won three awards from the Tennessee Nurseryman Association for both landscaping and maintenance.

This double prize-winning garden, featured on a PBS special "Gardens of the World," has an extensive variety of plants in beds and pots, as well as deciduous and evergreen shrubs. Seasonal color plants are planned with the client and specially grown as much as six months in advance for the bi-annual changes in color, using the Morning Glory



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Farm, the Trees Company's growing operation.

Plants include: allemanda, anemone, azalea, bougainvillea, canus, caryopteris, clematis, cotoneaster, daffodils, daisies, diacaena, geraniums, heliotrope, hyacinths, hydrangea, impatiens, lavender, mandevilla, pansies, petunias, roses, salvia, scaevola, tulips, verbena, viburnum, vinca and violas.

▲ The pool gazebo in summer. Pots: canus, scaevola and ivy geraniums. Well: viburnum, mixed verbenas, mandevilla and allamanda

◀ A riot of color by the back door: Purple Gem and Apricot Beauty tulips with Crystal Bowl orange and purple pansies.

▶ The front of the Twitty residence.

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Maintenance challenges

- ▶ turf in front is on a very steep hill, with processed soil on underlying rock: steep to mow; soil drains very rapidly;
- ▶ the highest point in Nashville, the site is very windy — trees require initial staking, followed by anchoring after four to five years because of the loose nature of the processed soil
- ▶ the wide variety of plant material requires careful maintenance

Project checklist

(Completed in last two years):

- ▶ converting some turf areas to beds
- ▶ bi-annual color gardens
- ▶ heavy pruning due to ice storm

On the job

- ▶ 2 full-time staff, 4 seasonal,
- ▶ 1 licensed pesticide applicator



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