

The Owasso Garden Club has awarded the September Yard of the Month to Patty Roden-Hartmuller. Her home is located at 7806 N. 128th E. Ave. in the Double Oaks addition, where she has lived for 25 years. Her yard is adorned with a variety of plants, flowers and decorations she has hand-picked and arranged in a unique way. "My garden is not just about flowers and plants," Roden-Harmuller said. "Everything in my yard is symbolic and personal to me." Her father passed away five years ago, and his home was also destroyed in a fire. She decided to take every rock from his home and use them in a purposeful way to surround her garden and boulders. "It's a circle, which symbolizes love eternal," she said. "The boulders within are a fortitude of strength, courage, faith and peace. My father is here with me at home; it brings me peace." Roden-Harmuller said most of the items in her garden came from her father's estate. "He was a Korean veteran and a true patriot," she said. "I have the statue of the American eagle and the "No soldier left behind" statue and American flag." Other items in her yard include several bird houses, wind chimes and antiques she uses for planters. Roden-Harmuller said she even has a fire engine made from an old red barn with lights that work. The flowers in her garden also serve as a monarch waystation to feed the monarch butterflies as they migrate south. "Hundreds of them, so beautiful and graceful," she said. "When the ladies from the Garden Club came to my door and told me I was Yard of the Month for September, I started crying so hard," Roden-Harmuller said. "I just couldn't believe anyone would do that."

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