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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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The Dalles, Oregon – The Dalles, OR – The Dalles Beautification and Tree Committee is pleased to announce the winner of the June 2024 Beautification Award. The honor goes to the property located at 200 West Scenic Drive, recognized for its stunning transformation and exemplary garden design.

The garden concept and landscape were created by Ajay Rundell, his wife Jesi, and Jesi's mother, Nancy. The property showcases a vibrant and sustainable garden space, featuring a variety of perennials, large rhododendrons, fruit trees, and community garden beds. All of the Day Lilies in the garden were "rehomed" from a garden rehabilitation project at Chenoweth Elementary School, emphasizing the project's commitment to sustainability.

Ajay Rundell shared, "Originally the front of the house was overrun with ivy, Texas Quince, and lilac, obscuring its potential beauty. Real change began in 2020 when these old plants were cleared out, making way for a fresh start. Nancy, has been a key figure in this transformation, diligently maintaining the rose bushes and securing the garden's continued appeal. "

This award highlights the efforts of the Rundell family in fostering a sense of community and pride through their beautiful and thoughtfully designed garden.

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