

Garden writer and photographer, Maggie McNealy specializes in keeping a never ending year-round garden in North Texas. She blames this affliction on having spent many youthful years in both Texas and England.

Maggie first entered commercial horticultural in the 70's at a tropical plant shop in Dallas, followed by management in Leonard's Lawn and Garden at the Forth Worth downtown store.

After moving to their current home of thirty years, she was able to put her landscaping love into practice. The barren half acre yard was typical gumbo-coated limestone, in need of soil. At the time, the only way to get fluffy, fertile earth was to make it by hand. After tilling, composting and mulching up an organic soil, she pledged to keep it that way with the natural way of gardening.

She and her husband continue to maintain the beds themselves, because "doing it yourself" is the only way to truly know how.

Influenced by classical gardening in England, Maggie specializes in applying old world practices and design to modern backyard gardens. With these elements, she has found that good soil, heat-tolerant plants and a desire to be outside, makes it possible to keep a year-round garden.