

Crepe Myrtles

The crepe myrtle trees at Patriots Colony were spectacular this year, weren't they? I hope you saw the two trees, proudly displaying their flowers, near the woods on the north side of the Five Story. They were spectacular! What you probably do not know is that those two trees are part of a love story.

Twelve years ago, on a Saturday evening in early October 2003, Owen Grogan, who had just moved into a Greenspring home here at Patriots Colony, went to dinner and was seated by Danielle Lewars. She asked if he would like others to join him, and he agreed. Soon, she brought Sarah Holmes and Betty Burns. From that day on, Owen pursued Sarah with his unspoken goal of marriage. To do so, he signed up for every possible activity that Sarah did. He persevered and succeeded. They were married on May 22, 2004.

Sarah's children asked, "What can we give you for your wedding?" Sarah replied, "Oh my, nothing." However, at the reception, Sarah found a pink satin box from her kids that held a message, "When you return from your honeymoon, gaze from your balcony, and you will see two crepe myrtles: One for Thou and One for Thee."

Indeed, the trees were planted for Sarah and Owen and have faithfully bloomed each summer to remind us all of their love found at Patriots Colony. The trees look like the two in this picture.

-- Susie Floyd ---

