

2021 CNA Awards

Excalibur Award 2021

By Becky Thurmond

At our annual picnic and chili cook-off held on October 9, Bill Corbin was presented with the Excalibur Award for 2021.

The Excalibur Award is given “for exemplary civic duty and community involvement on behalf of the citizens of Garland and Camelot.” This year’s award is all about the Shiloh Garden. The garden is at Collins and Shiloh, which is the only entrance to Camelot on our east side. It is completely maintained by a group of volunteers led by Rick Williams, and it presents a nice welcome to our neighborhood.

At the beginning of this year, Snowpocalypse did a number on that garden. In addition to damage to many of the plants from the deep freeze, an invasive vine and an invasive wild flower called four o’clock took hold and were overrunning the garden. These invaders can’t be killed with herbicides. The only good solution is to dig the weeds out. Both weeds have deep roots, and the

four o’clock also has thick tuberous roots so it’s a huge, hard job.

Bill Corbin, one of the regular volunteers, took it upon himself to not wait for a work party and to dig out these weeds by himself. By hand. With bad knees. But Bill didn’t stop there. He then bought and spread a boatload of cedar mulch to cover the area to discourage more weeds coming in. And he’s still patrolling the area and immediately digging out any invader that dares to pop up.

According to Rick, Bill has put in a lot of hard work in the Shiloh Garden and donated a lot of mulch for many years. And this year in particular, Bill went above and beyond. He’s the unsung hero of the garden!



EXCALIBUR AWARD WINNER BILL CORBIN AND BECKY THURMOND

He is such a great example of how one volunteer can have a big impact on our neighborhood, making it a wonderful place to live. For all of his work in the garden, I was so pleased to present this year’s Excalibur Award to Bill Corbin.

2021 Yard of the Year Honor goes to Etta Mauldin

By Reba Collins, Beautification Chair



ETTA MAULDIN AND REBA COLLINS

We are thrilled to select Etta Mauldin’s perfectly manicured yard at 3114 Noble Lane for 2021 Camelot Yard of the Year. When asked how she felt about winning this year, the former Beautification Committee leader and past Excalibur honoree said: “I was ecstatic. Everybody knows how much I care about my yard.” Etta and her now-deceased husband, Sam, moved to the neighborhood in 1982, so she has been a longtime CNA volunteer and friend to so many people in Camelot. Congratulations, Etta!

