



a natural state

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Fryar: Well, it's just like any small, rural farm community. For years...and I grew up in a neighborhood somewhat similar to this...the...it was a farm, farm town, you know. And it takes quite a few years to make a transition from, from a farm rural community to a more upscale community. And so that's what Bishopville's in the process of doing now.

I, I would think I'm almost the original one in the area, though, that started out with the topiary. And now people are really familiar with what topiary is. As a matter of fact, there have been people out here to try and get us to convert this to a topiary neighborhood so that when people come in...now people will park at the end of the street and walk up and down the street and take pictures. So, that's a good sign.

I think any time you come up with something that's a little different, people will tap into it and you become interesting. And so you might print the idea, but then it's amazing what someone else can take it and do with it.

That's what happened in my case and that's what has happened with my neighbors...is the fact that they just tapped into the idea that topiary's pretty good, or pretty nice. It's something interesting. And then they created their own style...technique. And you're going to find...you find that happening in Bishopville.

I think the amazing thing is to ride around and see the trees cut, or people pruning into the trees. That's, that's pretty gratifying.