



**2017  
Master Gardener  
Guidebook**

  
**Quilt  
Gardens**  
*...along the Heritage Trail*





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## Be sure to download the 2017 Quilter's Chronicles!

Every quilt garden has its own intricate pattern - many are original designs - and each has its own unique story. The Quilter's Chronicles gives you detailed information about each pattern from a quilter's viewpoint.

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# About the Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail

Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail is an innovative, creative, one-of-a-kind experience designed to interest a wide range of audiences and promote the area as a premier visitor destination. It offers a variety of opportunities for partnerships with local businesses and communities and creates widespread community involvement.

The project was initiated as a concept by the Elkhart County, IN Convention & Visitors Bureau (ECCVB) in early 2006 and tested in 2007 with two pilot locations. 2017 is the 10th anniversary for the season-long attraction that continues to grow and now features 19 Quilt Gardens and 22 artist-rendered Quilt Murals presented in six communities along the Heritage Trail, viewable annually May 30 to October 1.

Recognizing the importance and value of high quality in both the gardens and murals displayed, each garden and mural is required to meet 10 standards and related product / service specifications. Based on those standards, all official sites and patterns are juried into the program by a committee that includes landscapers, designers, horticulturists, growers, quilters, and park professionals. Official garden partners are responsible for performing all of the work necessary to plant and maintain the gardens throughout the season.

The Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail has garnered national media attention and draws significant audience interest from three of the largest hobby groups in the nation – gardeners, quilters and photographers. It has also been favorably received by the group motor coach audience, having been named an American Bus Association (ABA) Top 100 Event for seven years.



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## Sonya L. Nash, Project Manager, Elkhart County CVB

It is often times said that creating anything worthwhile takes time, money and a lot of effort. The Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail embodies that statement. This project would not have started, nor would it have continued with such success, without the great team at the Elkhart County Convention & Visitors Bureau (ECCVB) and our community partners.

The ECCVB leadership and staff work year-round to plan, prepare and promote this project. Countless man hours including graphic design, website updates, ad placements, journalist inquiries, group tour planning, and yes, even paying the bills and answering the phones all occur under the parameters of the ECCVB.

At the same time, more than 200 volunteers in six cities and towns do the same for their sites and businesses. They work on soil content, site beautification, planting, weeding and maintaining gardens for four months, sometimes during difficult weather conditions, doing their part in welcoming visitors.

My role is to keep everyone working together on the same page while steering this project in a positive future direction. Over 10 years, we have learned through trial and error a multitude of things about transforming quilt designs into living gardens that flourish throughout the viewing season. Educational sessions, working with garden experts and experimenting with plant types are all part of the event too. While gardening can be a science, we have learned that sometimes Mother Nature overrules our efforts to excel, and sometimes we are amazed at how our plans come to fruition in a fantastic way.

Yes, the Quilt Gardens project is a work of art. It's also A LOT of work involving A LOT of people. It has become an annual event in our destination that our residents love to share with visitors. Definitely it's time, money and effort well spent and enjoyed by all. We look forward to your visit and hope you return time and again as we continue to learn and grow along with our gardens.

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# About the Author

## Loanne Harms Gold 1000 Level Master Gardener

My debut into gardening was captured on video when I was about 3 years old. My brother, one year younger, and I were carefully pulling every one of my mother's iris flowers off their stalks. In my family, every time we watched this movie, my father would yell out, "Put those flowers back!", and he would run the film backwards while we watched the two of us dutifully place each bloom back onto its stem. Thus, it seems, I have been putting flowers back into the ground ever since.

With a small plot beside our home, my husband and I began exploring color, texture and design with flowers. We enjoyed the view and the admiration of our neighbors, as well as the visits by birds and butterflies.

When we moved from our small, sandy spot to our almost acre plot of clay, we took our plants and experience with us. It was a steep learning curve as we worked at making the heavy clay receptive to our wishes for flowering plants. Truckloads of local manure and compost were a yearly necessity.

When my husband began a grounds-keeping job at a local high school, he took the Master Gardener training class. I was intrigued, but still employed at the time. The summer after I retired, our garden was on the 2010 Master Gardener Garden Tour. I had worked hard that spring preparing our yard, and found the chance to share my work and love of flowers and gardening with close to 500 people invigorating. Soon after, I signed up for the Master Gardener class. With my husband, we have been an active part of the organization, helping plant the Quilt Gardens, teaching about flower growing in the community, and spreading the love of gardening whenever we can.

My training as an art teacher has helped me develop an eye for design, but maybe more importantly, an appreciation for the beauty that is beyond our control, and the chance to be co-creators in the process. I'm excited to see the interplay this year between the Quilt Garden flowers and the sculptures of Seward Johnson, and how nature interacts with both to feed our souls.



# About the Grower

## **Corstange Greenhouse, Official Grower Dave, Ilene and Todd Corstange, Owners**

In 1971, on property purchased from his grandfather, Dave Corstange built several small greenhouses in Portage, MI. Now in their 44th season, Corstange Greenhouses are operated by the family team of Dave, his wife, Ilene, and their son, Todd. The attributes which set this family of “growers” apart are their commitment to quality, service and customer satisfaction.

Corstange Greenhouse provides the best quality product possible by allowing its plants to easily grow to their natural size and beauty. This goal is achieved by appropriate selection of containers and soil, careful timing of fertilizer and pesticide application and minimal use of plant growth regulators. This process produces a high quality plant with some residual nutrients and pest resistance, yet no residual growth retardant.





The Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail is a new and exciting project for this family-owned greenhouse and they look forward to seeing their superior plants add to the beauty of the project.

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-  *Profusion Double Yellow Zinnia*
-  *Harmony Scarlett Begonia*
-  *Pretty Grand Midnight Petunia*
-  *Kiss Frosty Orange Gazania*

## B2 "Autumn Blaze" - Central Park

SIZE: 40'W X 40'H

Elkhart's Central Park is in the middle of it all and a great spot for a Quilt Garden. With the RiverWalk as a backdrop, local walkers enjoy stopping throughout the summer to watch the flowers and pattern develop. The Civic Plaza is just above and a handy place to meet up before heading out into the growing Arts & Entertainment district with its new eateries and pubs. The recently renovated Lerner Theatre is just up the block and offers musical and theatrical options to visitors and locals.

As in years past, the Central Park Quilt Garden team chose their pattern based on the simplicity of the design and their love of simple shapes combined in different, interesting ways. They have chosen a wide variety of plants to offer a range of textures, colors and blooms. Zinnias, petunias and begonias are all tried-and-true plants for the home garden as well as Quilt Gardens throughout the county. Their use of Kiss Frosty orange gazania is an unusual choice, but one that promises to provide lots of interest to visitors this summer.

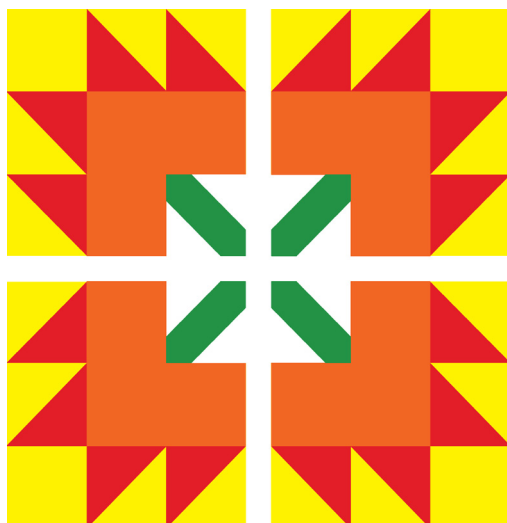
The Kiss Frosty orange gazania consists of very large flowering, compact plants that are densely covered by a charming combination of orange with reddish-bronze striped petals, marked with a darker red ring around the centers, throughout most of the year. The use of the word frosty in the name Kiss Frosty orange gazania indicates that the leaves of this variety are a beautiful dusted silver color, adding extra texture and interest. An abundance of large, 3 1/2" blooms grow on tightly mounded plants that have a uniform, controlled habit.

Gazania plants are generally very easy to grow, handle dry and neglected conditions such as roundabouts, nature-strips, public spaces or rural gardens very well and continue to flower uniformly, without the need for any maintenance. Gazanias are excellent for dry, windy areas, when air temperatures reach the high 80s or 90s.

In celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Quilt Gardens, Central Park will display two of Seward Johnson's bronze sculptures, *Out of Sight* and the 25-foot-tall monumental scale sculpture *God Bless America*. There will be an additional 55 Seward Johnson realistic life-size sculptures on display gracing the gardens and distinctive downtowns of the welcoming communities along the Heritage Trail.

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### B3 "Floral Fiesta" - Concord Town Center & Mall

SIZE: 30'W X 30'H

The Concord Town Center & Mall has been a dynamic part of the Elkhart community for over 44 years. It is a shopping hub for national and local retailers as well as a meeting place for entertainment and non-profit events.

Each year the Elkhart County Dahlia Society provides design, gardening advice, planting volunteers and more to make sure this is a merit-worthy garden. This team is expert at all things flowers, turning out a great Quilt Garden year after year. The Concord Town Center & Mall reciprocates by hosting the lavish Dahlia Society Show every September. With a flower breeder's eye for color, they've selected this beautiful quilt pattern. They, too, have always taken into consideration the nearby wall mural, "Jazz It Up," and the two complement each other again this year.

This summer, as part of the 10th anniversary of the Quilt Gardens, the Seward Johnson sculpture, *Solo*, which is located near the entrance, will welcome visitors. The sculpture and mural are reminders of Elkhart's manufacturing history of musical instruments. They are also a reminder that downtown Elkhart will host its 30th annual Jazz Festival June 23-25, 2017.

This spectacular garden takes center stage thanks to new spotlights that guarantee this pattern gets the attention it deserves. As the only garden with a night viewing option, this photo-worthy spot also holds the possibility to snap a shot of both the garden and mural at once.

This site was the first to utilize white stone pathways to pick up the color of the wall behind it. Stone provides the added benefits of visual dimension and erosion control for a sloped garden. Containment may be a challenge, so one may consider landscape fabric as an underlayment rather than plastic that will not allow air or water to penetrate the surface. Landscape timbers or rolled edging may also be helpful when trying to keep things neat and on the right track.

We've seen Vodka begonias in other gardens, and marigolds, too, but the Concord Town Center & Mall has chosen to use African Taishan marigolds. You'll notice the double, pom-pom-like blooms. These big, tight blooms on super-strong stems deal better with overhead watering and are heat-and drought-tolerant. In fact, their performance is so spectacular that Taishan was featured in landscapes at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

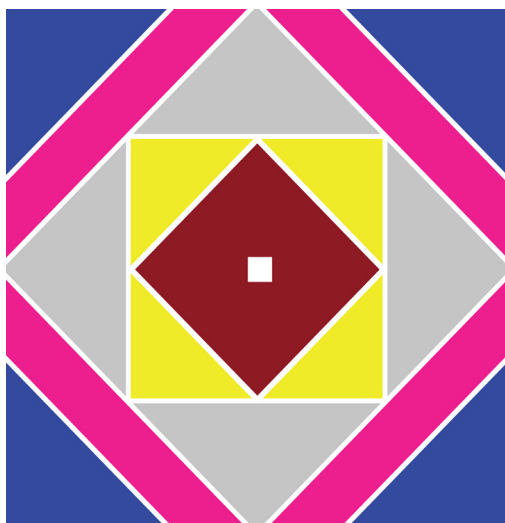
Alyssum, sometimes called sweet alyssum, is one of the easiest annuals to grow. It is a mat-forming plant that produces spreading mounds of well-branched stems. Snow crystals was the first tetraploid sweet alyssum and has lots of vigor. It is known for its greater heat and wind tolerance, larger flower size, and longer staying power. Sweetly fragrant white blooms cover 8-10-inch mounds and plants flower all season from June to frost.

	<i>Snow Crystals Alyssum</i>
	<i>Taishan Orange Marigold</i>
	<i>Taishan Yellow Marigold</i>
	<i>Cocktail Vodka Bronze Leaf Red Begonia</i>
	<i>White Rock</i>
	<i>Turf Grass</i>

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## A6 "Coppes Diamonds" - Coppes Commons

SIZE: 30'W X 30'H

Beginning with the turn of the 20th century, Coppes became a household word. The furniture and kitchen cabinets known as "Hoosiers" were built in Nappanee in these very buildings. Get a glimpse of the fascinating history into the Coppes Kitchens, once featured in department stores such as Gimbels and Macy's, and installed in prestigious homes including those of Frank Sinatra and President John F. Kennedy. While shopping this rustic and rambling brick structure, watch and taste creative ice cream concoctions come to life using liquid nitrogen, taste and buy made-from-scratch baked goods, cheeses, bulk foods, or look for a good book.

The Coppes Factory's proximity to the railroad allowed it to ship cabinets all across the growing country. The company built more than 2 million of the highly collectible Nappanee Dutch Kitchenettes shipping a train car load each day. A railroad spur came directly into the factory yard in the exact spot where the Quilt Garden sits today. Luckily an observation window on the second floor of this historic building offers the best view of the beautiful floral display, and it's the best place on the tour to get an overhead photo of any garden.

The Coppes Quilt Garden uses many of the flowers seen in other gardens. The dark-leaved begonias, lacey, silver dusty miller, and bright blue ageratum are all sturdy, heat-and drought-tolerant varieties that sit smartly among the zinnias with their bright sunny faces. These zinnias, profusion series hybrids, are early blooming plants that perform well under both warm and cool conditions with high humidity. They also boast of excellent tolerance to disease including powdery mildew and bacterial leaf spot. The profusion series zinnias are the longest-blooming, most reliable zinnias you can grow. The needle-like leaves lend a soft textural feel that contrasts nicely with the glowing hot colors of the flowers. The plants grow into tight, spreading mounds up to 20 inches wide, displaying 2-inch yellow blooms just 60 to 65 days after sowing.

For decades, zinnias have been the flowering annual of choice for spreading glorious colors throughout the garden as well as for cutting to bring indoors. But it wasn't always so. When the Spanish first saw zinnia species in Mexico, they thought the flower was so unattractive they named it "mal de ojos", or "sickness of the eye!" Years of breeding have brought striking new colors, shapes, sizes and growing habits to the humble zinnia. No present-day gardener would ever describe this versatile bloomer as anything less than eye catching. Another feature close to the Quilt Garden that is sure to catch your eye, the life-size Seward Johnson sculpture, *Yum Yum*.

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-  *Dreams Sky Blue Petunia*
-  *Double Yellow Profusion Zinnia*
-  *Flare Red Salvia*
-  *Pink Passion Easy Wave Petunia*
-  *Double Fire Profusion Zinnia*
-  *Debonair Black Cherry Petunia*
-  *Easy Wave White Petunia*
-  *Turf Grass*

## F2 "Vibrant Blooms in Dresden Plate" - Das Dutchman Essenhaus

SIZE: 49'W X 57'H

The history of the Das Dutchman Essenhaus is a story of growth, commitment and genuine hospitality. In 1970, Bob and Sue Miller moved from Ohio to Middlebury and purchased property on U.S. 20. The property contained a small 24-hour truck stop known as Everett's Highway Inn. After a week of minor repairs and cleaning, they reopened January 4, 1971, as an Amish-style restaurant complete with Amish and Mennonite cooks and wait staff. The restaurant, flagship of the campus, has grown from 120 seats to over 1,100 and is the largest restaurant in Indiana. In addition, the Essenhaus also offers a home-style bakery, six unique gift shops and stores, an inn, conference center, a wholesale food operation, and seasonal recreation all located on the Middlebury property.

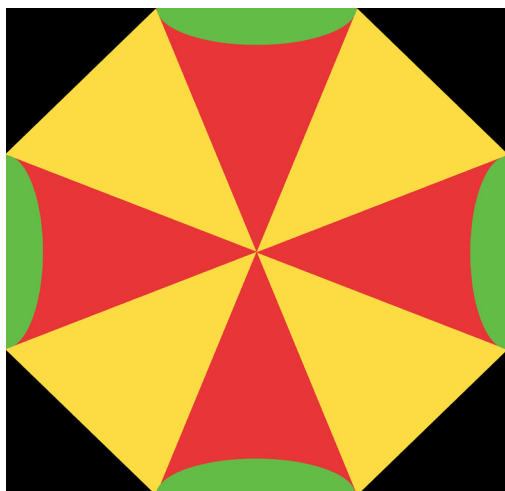
Located on the grounds of Das Dutchman Essenhaus, the company's mission to provide every guest with warm hospitality in a wholesome environment extends to every corner of the grounds, including this lovely floral Quilt Garden covering around 3,000 square feet. As the site of one of the first two test gardens in 2006, the Essenhaus continues to offer their best to the Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail. This year's Quilt Garden pattern is a repeat from 2013, and the most vibrant pattern they have completed. It takes advantage of garden favorites, petunias, salvia and zinnias, for an explosion of color. Blue is a color that is rather difficult to come by in a garden, but the Dreams Sky blue petunia holds its own among the reds and yellows. The Dream series of grandiflora petunias is an outstanding one. It produces many large flowers with an even growth habit. Dreams Sky blue petunias have solid light blue trumpet-shaped blooms that are 2 to 3 inches across, and unlike many other grandiflora types, the flowers of this Ball Horticultural Co. introduction hold up well in rain. The petunias are low maintenance and attract bees and other pollinators.

Easy Wave petunias are another introduction by Ball that contributes well to the design. Wave petunias are the most popular annual plant brand ever, thanks to their easy spreading color. Each plant creates a ground-hugging carpet of up to four feet. Easy Wave petunias have the added characteristic of standing up well to warmer temperatures. Petunias are excellent plants to fill in when you must replace your summer plants in early September, and it is still too warm for pansies. Petunias can handle the warmer weather of late summer/early fall. Plants can be pinched after the initial flowering to maintain bushiness and promote new flower growth, or they can be left to grow naturally. Petunias prefer good drainage, an occasional feeding, and absolutely complain if left wet going into the night.

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In celebration of the Quilt Gardens 10th anniversary, Seward Johnson's bronze sculpture, *The Gardener*, will be next to the "Vibrant Blooms" Quilt Garden to assist his human counterparts in caring for this garden.

*Wave Red Velour Petunia**Easy Wave Yellow Petunia**Marguerite Sweet Potato Vine**Blackie Sweet Potato Vine*

## F2 "Dutch Country Windmill" - Dutch Country Market

SIZE: 45'W X 45'H

In 2005, Norman and Katie Lehman used Katie's homemade noodles to launch Dutch Country Market. As the business has grown, so has the selection and production of noodles at an average of 400 pounds a day. On weekday mornings, you can watch them being made. They also have a wide selection of other products including jellies, pickles, preserves and another local favorite, Amish peanut butter. Outside, local produce of amazingly high quality can be found in season, as well as locally made lawn furniture. And there's honey, another of their specialties. Norm has tended bees for over 20 years and produces 36,000 pounds of honey products a year! The store carries jars of honey in many sizes and varieties and there's a working honeybee hive in the store where one can view the bees at work.

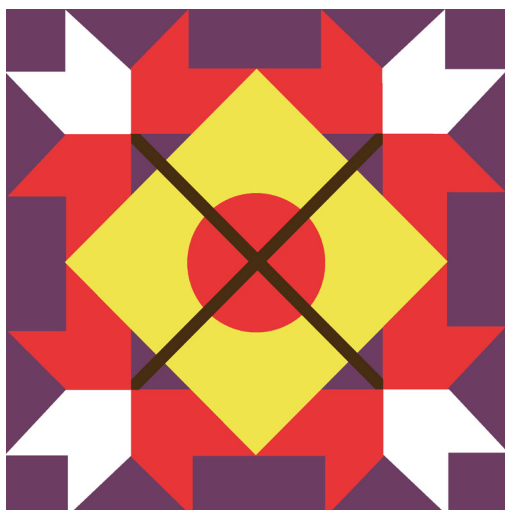
But follow the bees outside and you'll find many of them heading straight for the huge "Dutch Country Windmill" full of flowers. In fact, the bees seem to appreciate the Quilt Garden just as much as the visitors. The bees and other pollinators can often be seen nestled among each of the 19 Quilt Gardens in the county and growers, like Norm and Katie, are careful to avoid harmful pesticides and to use natural fertilizers so the bees stay healthy and productive.

"Dutch Country Windmill" is a huge display covering over 2,000 square feet, and its slanted position makes it especially beautiful in the late afternoon when the sun's angle makes for a golden glow on the flowers. Norm and Katie are especially fond of petunias and have used the popular Wave and Easy Wave varieties to add vibrant color to the design. Norman says they like simple yet vibrant designs, "that match our lifestyle."

In addition, two types of sweet potato vine add contrast and texture to the garden. Marguerite is an especially attractive selection with golden-chartreuse foliage. Blackie offers purple hand-shape foliage on a vigorous plant. Among the most popular container-garden plants, sweet potato vine is a vigorous grower that you can count on to make a big impact. Its colorful foliage, in shades of chartreuse or purple, accents just about any other plant. You will find that if you grow a few together in a large pot they can make a big impact all on their own. Sweet potato vines thrive in sun or shade, but do best during the warm days of summer and prefer moist, well-drained soil.

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## A6 "Dutch Dreamcatcher" - Dutch Village

SIZE: 30'W X 30'H

This Amish-owned restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch. Locals love the breakfast buffet and it's a great place to meet for a cup of "Joe" and a cinnamon roll.

The new owners of Dutch Village are full of enthusiasm for their Quilt Garden which is situated next to the tall windmill. The garden is meant to inspire conversation with its visual appeal using flowers with lots of color contrast to show off the complicated pattern. "Dutch Dreamcatcher" sports a bold design of four mirrored sections and a name full of imagination.

The flowers in this design all work together to produce the pattern, but it's the intense yellow of the marigolds that highlights the dramatic red of the hot sally salvia. That bright red may well be where the best dreams get caught. Hot sally salvia, sometimes called scarlet sage, produces stocky spikes of vivid red flowers early in summer and continuing until frost. Native to Brazil, this tender perennial is most often used as an annual bedding plant. The flowers are held slightly above the green leaves, creating a dense plant with stout and bright accents of red petals.

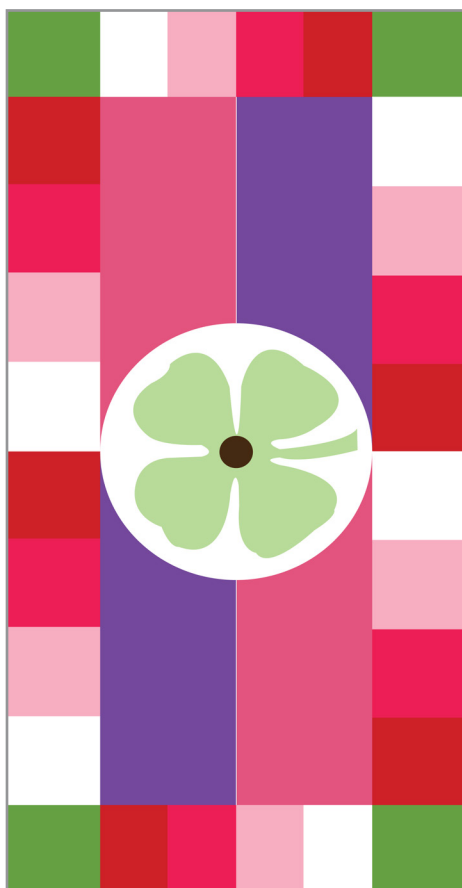
This scarlet sage cultivar needs full sun and average garden soil. It is drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or PH, and can handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. The many types of salvias are colorful, reliable flowering plants at home in most parts of the country. Members of this clan, and part of the mint family, includes the culinary herb, sage. They all have square stems, flowers whorled around upright spikes, and bright colored blooms.

Sages (*Salvia*) have been grown in gardens for a thousand years to make medicine and for use as culinary spice. The ancient Romans believed Sage sharpened the mind and imparted wisdom. In the Mediterranean, North Africa and later in Europe, it was thought to be a symbol of skill, long life, and good health. Listed among the best 18 plant families for natural nectar, bees, butterflies and hummingbirds will flock to this plant.



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-  *White Splash Hypoestes*
-  *Super Olympia Green Leaf White Begonia*
-  *Pacifica Deep Orchid Vinca*
-  *Pacifica Lilac Vinca*
-  *Cocktail Vodka Bronze Leaf Red Begonia*
-  *Super Olympia Green Leaf Rose Begonia*
-  *Sprint Plus Green Leaf Pink Begonia*
-  *Curley Leaf Parsley*

## D4 "4 Cornerstones of 4-H"

### - Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds

SIZE: 20'W X 40'H

The Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds is a busy place year-round with RV, motorhome and motorcycle rallies and community events. But, the fairgrounds is never busier than during the Elkhart County 4-H Fair, which takes place July 21-29, 2017 and is one of the largest in the nation. The Fair Board's goal is not only to provide a large event, but to be one of the best. The fair takes pride in preserving quality family entertainment, free grandstand shows, positive competitions and terrific fair food.

The Quilt Gardens at the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds have varied greatly over the years, but one constant has been their selection of designs with four parts or components to represent the four groups involved. This garden is a cooperative partnership between four organizations: Purdue University Co-Operative Extension Service, Michiana Master Gardeners Association, Elkhart County Extension Homemakers, and the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board.

Another constant in the Fairgrounds Quilt Garden is the color green, which represents life and agriculture. The green in this garden is well placed, and the design supports the mission and goals of the Elkhart County 4-H program. Parsley is not only a sumptuous deep green herb with great texture and easy care, but it's also high in vitamin C. It allows one to see, feel and taste promoting health as part of the health, head, heart and hands pledge of the 4-H program. The Seward Johnson sculpture, *Bunnies Don't Bite*, is displayed near the garden and depicts the connection between youth and animals, an important 4-H value.

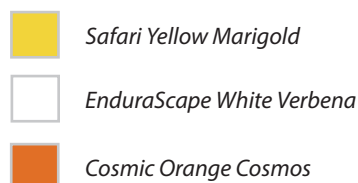
This quilt location is another that struggles with shade. Although sunny at times, it never receives the minimum six hours of sun that would register it as sunny. The choice of begonias, which thrive in this mix of some sun, but mostly shade location, has been a good one. This year, they are trying the addition of hypoestes, commonly known as polka dot plant. Hypoestes has been a common houseplant that has ventured out into landscaping uses. A native of Madagascar, its dotted leaves and pink color make its foliage stand out. It's need for bright light, but not full sun seems a good match for this location.

The garden also uses two colors of Pacifica vinca. Although vincas prefer sunny locations, they are good sports and will accept less. Genetics have improved this Madagascar native to grow uniform and full of flowers. Sometimes called periwinkle, it has a long history of medicinal uses. The plant can be toxic if consumed orally, but to its credit, it attracts bees and butterflies.

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## D4 "Goshen on Fire" - Elkhart County Courthouse

SIZE: 20'W X 40'H

The Goshen Historical Society, which plants and maintains the Quilt Garden at the Elkhart County Courthouse, also operates a museum downtown where they exhibit artifacts, documents and images from Goshen's past. Their goal is to preserve the past for future generations. Seward Johnson's sculpture, *Sidewalk Judge*, is a tribute to an elder generation of men who would while away their hours at the center of town, giving advice to passers-by whether they wanted it or not!

Because of its central location, the courthouse is a good place to park and explore downtown. It is within easy walking distance of a great many unique and locally owned shops and eateries. The courthouse architecture is grand and the magnificent Neptune Fountain adds to its warm-weather attraction.

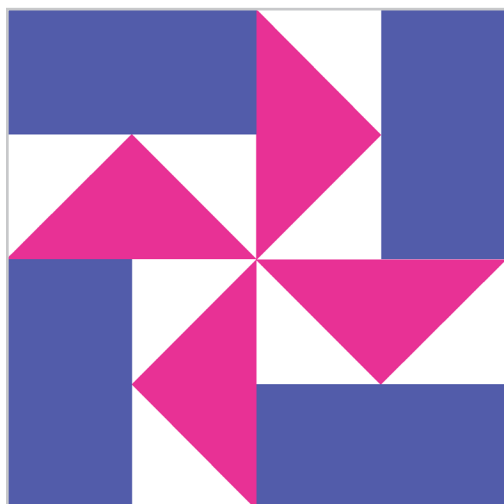
The "Goshen on Fire" design was chosen for its simplicity, but gardening in town is anything but simple. Masonry buildings, paved streets and asphalt rooftops absorb heat quickly during the day, meaning summer heat is magnified for this garden. Heat-and drought-tolerant plants are a must, and even then, watering can be a constant chore to maintain plant health.

The simplicity of the Quilt Garden is accomplished with only three plant varieties. Verbena and Safari marigolds have been used in several gardens this year, but this is the only garden using cosmos. *Cosmos sulphureus*, cosmic orange, features vibrant, bright orange flowers up to 2 inches across from early summer until fall. Pest and disease free, this is a no-fuss annual introduced from Mexico in 1800 that will thrive on minimal care. Only water, sun and fertile (but not too fertile) soil are needed for cosmic orange to bloom its head off all summer and into the fall. Very attractive and eye-catching with profuse, joyful blossoms for weeks, cosmos can create a visual impact in the garden.

One of the things to watch in this garden will be how tall the cosmos grow. Their companion plants will reach maximum growth at about 12 inches, where cosmos can get as tall as 22. Pinching out the central shoots or stem tips should encourage branching and control height while speeding up flower development. Deadheading will also help flower production.

**Elkhart County Courthouse**  
*in partnership with the Goshen Chamber of Commerce and the downtown Economic Improvement District of Goshen*  
 101 North Main Street | Goshen, IN

w: [ElkhartCountyIndiana.com](http://ElkhartCountyIndiana.com)  
 w: [Goshen.org](http://Goshen.org)  
 p: 574.533.2102



- Super Olympia Green Leaf Rose & Sprint Plus Pink Mix Begonia*
- Super Olympia Green Leaf White Begonia*
- Hawaii Blue Ageratum*

## D1 “Pinwheel” - Elkhart County Historical Museum

SIZE: 30'W X 30'H

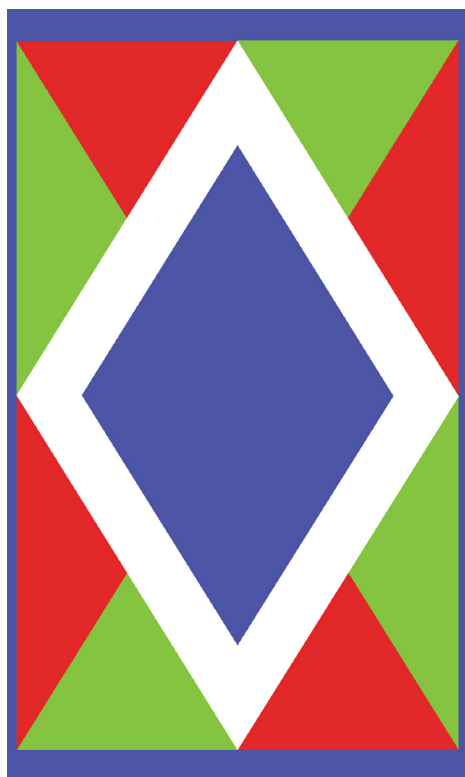
Visiting the Elkhart County Historical Museum Quilt Garden site gives one a chance to experience history inside and out. The museum itself was founded in 1968 as a partnership between the Elkhart County Historical Society and the Elkhart County Parks Department, using a building once used as Bristol High School from 1928 to 1966. The Elkhart County Historical Museum is dedicated to preserving and fostering appreciation of the history of Elkhart County and the larger region. The museum offers exhibits for all ages with 10 permanent exhibits, two additional rooms for special showings, and over 20,000 artifacts of local historical interest. This summer, near the museum entrance, is the Seward Johnson bronze sculpture, *Time for Fun*, welcoming visitors to the Quilt Garden and museum. This delightful sculpture is a reminder of days gone by. The museum staff hopes the sculpture will entice visitors to come inside and explore.





The museum staff has teamed up with a group of Michiana Master Gardeners to prepare, and care for, the “Pinwheel” Quilt Garden. Pinwheel quilt blocks are a favorite among quilters, some dating back to the early 1800s. Pinwheels were often used to create a garden in the bedroom, but here we have a garden bed full of color, art and history using over 3,000 plants. Just as those before us found it difficult to find a dye to create the hues of the sky for their cloth, gardeners today still struggle to capture that blue in flowers for the garden. Hawaii blue ageratum is one of those few. Hawaii blue is a variety of a species of ageratum (*ageratum houstonianum*), sometimes also known commonly as floss flower. Members of the Hawaii series of hybrids grow 6 to 12 inches tall and offer better heat tolerance than other ageratum. Hawaii blue is a frost tender annual that is prized for an ability to grow in light shade, with a compact form and dense clusters of blue, fringed flowers.

Now ageratum have a history of their own. Commonly used as a bedding plant, ageratum is from Mexico and is named after William Houston (1695-1733), a Scottish physician who collected the first ageratum plants. Now wild species of ageratum can grow to over 2 feet in height and typically reseed themselves liberally, not especially attributes that the gardener is looking for in their garden, but again, a bit of history. In the 19th century, a man named Mendell cross-pollinated two bean plants to create a hybrid. F1 hybrids make it possible to grow a plant with uniform color, size and bloom time all qualities that the gardeners, whether home or commercial, are looking for in a plant. Both the ageratum and the begonias (super olympia) are F1 hybrids.

**Elkhart County Historical Museum**  
304 West Vistula Street | Bristol, IN

w: [ElkhartCountyParks.org](http://ElkhartCountyParks.org)  
p: 574.848.4322



-  *Velocity Blue Salvia*
-  *Accent White Impatiens*
-  *Accent Burgundy Impatiens*
-  *Triple Curled Parsley*

## E2 "Krider Star Point" - Krider World's Fair Garden

SIZE: 20'W X 40'H

Krider World's Fair Garden is a memorial to Krider Nurseries Inc. and the Krider family, and one of the true stars of Middlebury. It was formed by Vernon Krider in the late 1800s and was known as the largest plant nursery between Cleveland and Chicago. The gardens were originally designed for display in the 1933-1934 Chicago World's Fair. The Krider garden then began as display gardens for the nursery after bringing back many of the structures from the World's Fair exhibit.

Vernon Krider's grandson, Rex Krider, has been active restoring the garden's history with replicas of original garden structures from the 1930s, and propagating the Festival thornless rose from a remaining original found last year. In 1944, Krider Nurseries patented the first thornless rose called the Festival rose. Roses, and particularly the Festival thornless rose, contributed to Krider Nurseries' business growth. The three Festival roses are planted, along with 10 other varieties in the new, Krider Rose garden.

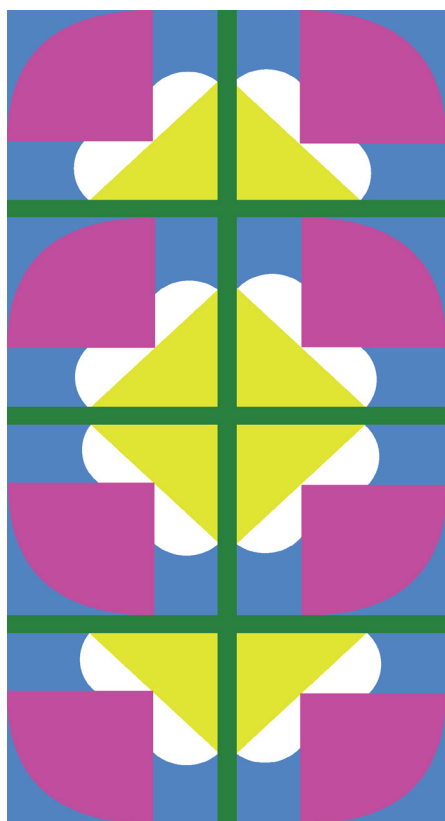
While strolling through the gardens, one can find a multitude of photo ops. The concrete toadstools from the 1933 Chicago World's Fair are a great photo spot, as are the windmill, water features and gazebo. Did you know you can ride your bike to Krider Gardens? This is the only Quilt Garden on the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail. In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Quilt Gardens, Seward Johnson's bronze sculpture, *Far Out*, has been placed on the right side of the garden facing the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail that goes through the park.

The Krider Quilt Garden is one of the few that has shade. Thus, they have chosen impatiens to fill in a major portion of the design. Few plants provide the flowering impact in the shade like impatiens. In recent years, impatiens downy mildew was a disease problem that resulted in severe defoliation and flower drop of impatiens. But Michigan State University Extension now says, "No longer does this disease need to be a limiting factor in producing this popular bedding plant." Multiple research studies conducted from 2013 to 2016 clearly shows that if impatiens are treated in the greenhouse, the risk for a downy mildew outbreak in the landscape are significantly reduced or prevented entirely.

Krider's Quilt Garden also incorporates parsley, a well-loved herb. Triple curled parsley is a more decorative variety, which is popularly used in garnishing. This variety is attractive growing to a mature height of only 10 to 20 inches tall. The leaves form a compact growth habit, much like that of a miniature bush. Parsley does best when planted in a sunny location but it can tolerate some light shade. It is also popular with native bees and butterflies, especially swallowtails.

**Krider World's Fair Garden**  
302 West Bristol Avenue (County Road 8)  
Middlebury, IN

w: MiddleburyIN.com  
p: 574.825.1499



-  *Durango Yellow Marigold*
-  *Sunstorm Pure White Vinca*
-  *Madness Magenta Petunia*
-  *Fields Blue Ageratum*
-  *Turf Grass*

## C2 "Hope Blooms Bright" - Linton's Enchanted Gardens

SIZE: 66'W X 32'H

Linton's Enchanted Gardens is Indiana's largest home and garden facility, boasting over 50,000 square feet of indoor shopping filled with creative displays and over nine acres of outdoor displays that are sure to spark your imagination. The Garden Cafe at Linton's features fresh and healthy meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as decadent desserts and handcrafted hot and cold drinks. Linton's Enchanted Gardens began in 1982 as a small landscape design company and has added attractions as they have grown and evolved. Their continuing goal of connecting to the community while showcasing the new and traditional in horticulture drives their business spirit.

This year, Linton's introduces a Butterfly House to their other attractions, as well as two emus for the petting zoo and two macaws for the conservatory. Linton's prides itself on being a family-friendly destination, and is listed as one of the top attractions in Elkhart.

Linton's Quilt Garden is located on the north end of the gift shop and has the advantage of an observation bridge to give guests a better vantage point. Once again, their Quilt Garden is bursting with plants, topping the mark at 16,936, but who's counting! Their trained team of gardeners on site will be kept busy maintaining the 2,112 square feet of grass and flowers. For this summer only, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Quilt Gardens, the Seward Johnson life-size bronze sculpture, *Gotcha*, will grace the garden. Garden visitors will find this bronze garden visitor standing near the southeast corner of the Quilt Garden.

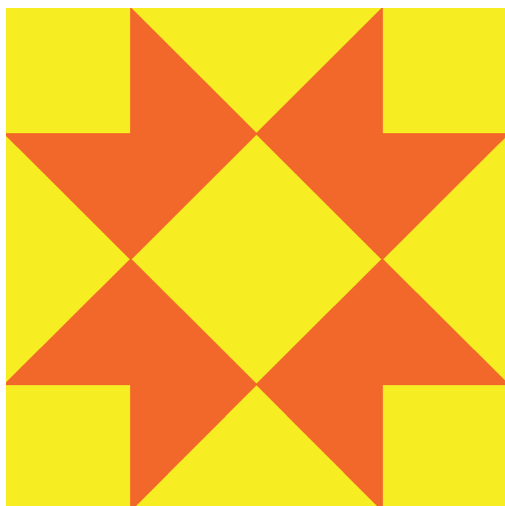
Continuing with their support of the Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation, Linton's has chosen the Vera Bradley "Art Poppies" fabric colors as their inspiration. Their garden is named the "Leslie Greising Memorial Garden" in honor of an important member of the Linton family. The garden this year continues the pink story while creating striking color contrasts: vibrant magenta, clear yellow, and dark blue. This abstract design named "Hope Blooms Bright" with its simple, colorful pieces is indeed memorable.

The sheer quantity of flowers makes the colors stand out boldly. The ageratum, petunias, marigolds and vinca have all been chosen for not only their bright colors, but also for their compact habits and ultimate growth height, making the mature bed uniform. Linton's is another garden with ageratum, this time, fields blue. You might notice that this variety is taller than the Hawaii dwarf, and has a tinge more lilac purple in its button flowers to more effectively contrast with the petunias. Ageratum needs to be deadheaded to keep up flower production, so Linton's gardening team will be kept busy. The addition of vertical elements in the way of the annual topiaries using the ruibal topiary system, provides additional interest with their trailing annuals dancing on the breezes and showcasing additional container annuals. Everything will keep the pollinators busy gathering nectar and spreading around pollen.

**Linton's Enchanted Gardens**  
315 County Road 17 | Elkhart, IN

w: [Lintons.com](http://Lintons.com)  
p: 888.779.9333



*Magellan Yellow Zinnia**Janie Deep Orange Marigold*

## F2 "A Burst of Joy"

### - Tulip Tree at Martin ACE Hardware

SIZE: 30'W X 30'H

Many are curious about the barn-themed structure of the hardware building. The design was something Larry Martin sketched on a napkin during a cross-country flight. The structure fits nicely in its surroundings here in Amish country, and offers a variety of shops, services and products within its 23,000 square feet. This family-owned business lives by their promise of quality service and products delivered with kindness.

As a tribute to their lumber business, the Martins purchased a 6-foot cross-section of a 513-year-old, African Bubinga tree to display inside their store. The tree, which was a seedling around the year 1491, is one of only five or six sections in the United States. Bubinga's rich reddish tones are laced with darker annual ring lines. Bubinga is a large tree reaching over 100 feet in height and with a trunk diameter of 36 feet. The species enjoys wide use in equatorial Africa as a medicinal plant with the local population making use of the bark and leaves for various medicinal and cultural purposes.

Martin Ace Hardware planted their first Quilt Garden in 2013 after their move to this location. Their patterns have been themed around happiness, and this year's "A Burst of Joy" is no exception. The bright, sunshiny colors of Janie orange marigolds and Magellan yellow zinnias can't help but bring a smile to one's face. Next to the garden, on the left side, is Seward Johnson's bronze sculpture, *Attic Trophy*. This whimsical sculpture continues the theme of happiness as it reminds us of summer days gone by and the joy of children at play.

The Magellan yellow zinnia, *zinnia elegans*, promises abundant growth. Their large, fully double, petal-packed sunny faces reach up to 5 inches wide and arise profusely over neat, well-branched little plants scarcely more than a foot high. The flowers are packed with layer after layer of petals, with a frilly yellow center. One can expect them to range from 4-5 inches wide and to shine bright over a long, hot summer as they are heat and drought tolerant. Perfect for the front of the annual bed, containers or as accents in the patio garden and perennial border, *zinnia magellan* holds up its big, heavy blooms beautifully.

Magellan zinnias are a Proven Winner branded plant. The Proven Winners brand is comprised of two leading U.S. plant propagators in Michigan and New Hampshire. These companies founded Proven Winners in 1992 and, together with two licensees in Canada, produce superior liners under the Proven Winners name. Liners are then sold to wholesale growers to "finish" and sell to retailer garden centers across North America. All young plants produced by the Proven Winners propagator companies are grown without the use of neonicotinoids, which are harmful to bees and other pollinators.

**Tulip Tree at Martin ACE Hardware**  
103 Crystal Heights Blvd | Middlebury, IN

p: 574.825.7011



## A6 "Crossroads of Nappanee" - Nappanee Center

SIZE: 30'W X 30'H

Nappanee sits at the crossroads of U.S. 6 and S.R. 19, two major highways in the northern sector of Indiana. The community spirit is evident as one can visit not just one, but three Quilt Gardens in this small town of 7,000. The quarter block area where the Quilt Garden resides sits in the backyard of the Nappanee Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber shares space with the Nappanee Center/Heritage Museum and the John Hartman Home, a structure that dates to 1897. The Heritage Museum has an impressive collection started by former librarian, Evelyn Culp, in the Nappanee Public Library, but was later moved to this site. Over the years this collection has expanded to include a collection of historic "Hoosier" Cabinets and many other items of interest.

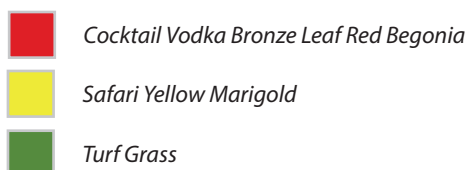
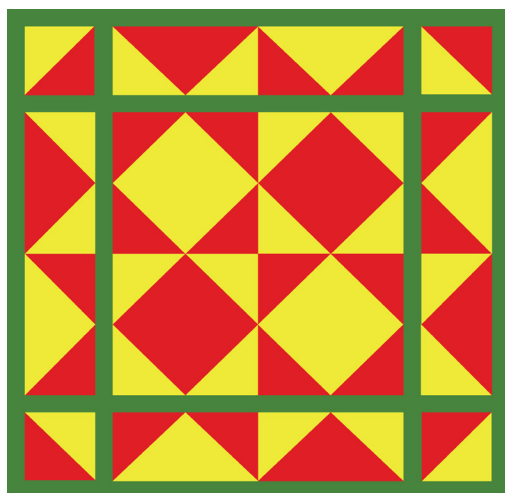
This year's Quilt Garden pattern, "Crossroads of Nappanee," portrays two highways intersecting in the center. Those roads are U.S. 6, also known as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and S.R. 19. The middle section being the historical community of Nappanee. The larger sections within the big diamond symbolize the unique characteristics of this progressive community. The city is surrounded by a large Amish rural settlement that is the third largest in Indiana. In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Quilt Gardens, the Seward Johnson's sculpture, *There, Now You Can Grow*, will complement the garden. This life-size child sculpture brings warmth and life to the garden.

The choice of parsley was a conscious choice in hopes of attracting swallowtail butterflies who prefer parsley for food and host. The bright colors of the coleus may well attract the winged creatures to come and stay. The group has chosen to use coleus in this sunny location for several years now with great success. Today many coleus are bred to take sun, as well as their preferred shade.

Coleus was first introduced into Europe from Java in 1851. Then, there were few leaf colors and shapes. A wider variety was available by 1877, when the American William Bull offered seeds at 43 U.S. cents each. The "Crossroads of Nappanee" Quilt Garden offers great contrast among their choices of coleus. One, the Wizard Velvet coleus has attractive serrated pointy leaves that remain red in color with distinctive creamy white edges throughout the year. It has nice dense foliage with a mounding, upright habit. It is a favorite with landscapers and homeowners. This is a relatively low maintenance annual bedding plant that performs well in both full sun and full shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. A thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season helps conserve soil moisture. This plant can be propagated by cuttings.

**Nappanee Center**  
302 West Market Street | Nappanee, IN

w: [NappaneeChamber.com](http://NappaneeChamber.com)  
p: 574.773.7812



## C4 "Burns Building Blocks" - Old Bag Factory

SIZE: 29'w x 32'h

This year's quilt garden is named for J.J. Burns, who in 1896 opened the Cosmo Buttermilk Soap Co. in Goshen. The production building, constructed expressly to facilitate Burns' new business, took up nearly 80,000 square feet of space. Inside, workers manufactured laundry soap, fine bathing soap and toilet paper. In 1910, the plant was renovated and purchased by The Chicago-Detroit Bag Co. A 1924 merger put the building under the control of the Chase Bag Factory and became part of a colossal enterprise. The Goshen plant was one of the largest and most important of the 15 plants owned by the company. The range of bags extended from waterproof burlap sacks to the fine, sheer paper used in Hershey's Kiss wrappers. The term "bagology" which is painted across the building was coined during this period, meaning "to elevate the production of bags to the level of science."

In 1984, the Old Bag Factory was restored and artists and merchants began making this nostalgic building and its surroundings their home. The Old Bag Factory thrives on craft and commerce just as it had in the past. One can watch hand-thrown pottery being processed, or steel structures being welded into place. Jewelry, furniture, pottery and artwork are offered in shops throughout the historic building.

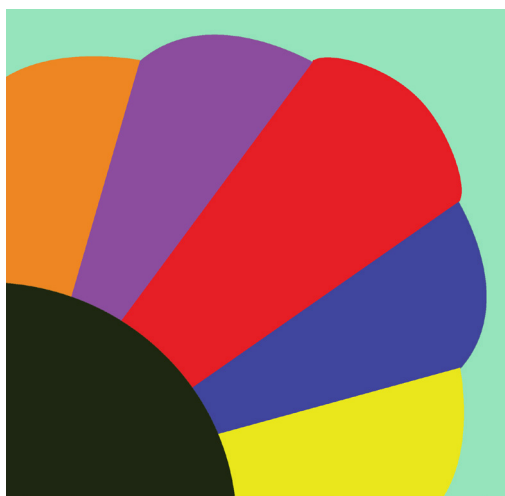
As in several Quilt Gardens, the Old Bag Factory has chosen to cut away panels of sod to form a permanent template for use each year. This is one way they create a path from which to care for the flowers, but it also requires continual vigilance to keep the openings neatly edged and to size. The Quilt Garden, although complicated in design, accomplishes the pattern with just two plant varieties, begonias and marigolds. Much like the Old Bag Factory, marigolds have a fascinating history.

Marigolds, native to the New World and sacred flowers of the Aztecs, journeyed across the Atlantic Ocean twice to travel 3,000 miles north of their center of origin. The lengthy journey gives testimony to the rugged durability of marigolds. Today the marigold is one of the most popular annuals grown in North American gardens. The Aztec people attributed magical, religious and medicinal properties to marigolds. The Herbal of 1552 records the use of marigolds for treatment of hiccups, being struck by lightning, or "for one who wishes to cross a river or water safely."

Today their magic helps make history come alive in the "Burns Building Blocks" Quilt Garden. In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Quilt Gardens, the Seward Johnson sculpture, *Summer Thinking*, will be on display. These sculptures are designed to be interactive so the public is welcome to have their picture taken with the young woman on the lawn.

**Old Bag Factory**  
1100 North Chicago Avenue  
Goshen, IN

w: OldBagFactory.com  
p: 574.534.2502



-  *Black Dragon Coleus*
-  *Durango Orange Marigold*
-  *Tritunia Lavendar Petunia*
-  *Cocktail Vodka Bronze Leaf Red Begonia*
-  *Tritunia Blue Petunia*
-  *Durango Yellow Marigold*
-  *Silver Falls Dichondra*

## B2 "The Amazing Technicolor Dream Quilt" - Premier Arts, Downtown Elkhart

SIZE: 30'W X 30'H

In 1923, Harry E. Lerner, an Elkhart businessman, announced plans to construct a modern "theatrical palace" on the corner of Franklin and Main Streets. The Lerner Theatre became a reality with the grand opening on November 24, 1924. In 1990 the city of Elkhart purchased the theatre to save it from deterioration caused by vacancy. Restoration began on the theatre in 2006 and in 2011 it re-opened to great fanfare.

Premier Arts is the resident theater company for the historic Lerner Theatre. Based in Elkhart, the theatre company instills civic pride, confidence and character building for everyone engaged in its programs and they are a recognized regional leader in providing diverse, professional performing arts education and entertainment. The organization is committed to being engaged in downtown Elkhart and the Quilt Garden has allowed them to create living art that reflects their program and dedication to the community. They are proud to live, work and play along the Gateway Mile.

In October, Premier Arts will present *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* as part of their 2017 season. Their Quilt Garden this year is coupled with a 3D topiary sculpture of Joseph. The flowers create his coat of many colors, and a variety of petunias, marigolds, begonias, coleus and Silver Falls dichondra spill onto the racked garden floor creating a vibrant, colorful effect. The selection of Seward Johnson's bronze sculpture, *Building Better Neighbors*, is a good fit for the "Amazing Technicolor Dream Quilt" Quilt Garden. This bronze garden volunteer will be in place tending the garden as part of the 10th anniversary of the Quilt Gardens.

Dichondra, commonly called silver ponysfoot or silver nickel vine, is a creeping/trailing evergreen perennial that is native to desert regions in western Texas, New Mexico, southeastern Arizona and northern Mexico. In most of the U.S. it is grown as an annual. It is easily grown in dry to medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun and tolerates some light shade. It tolerates heat and drought, and grows well in sandy loams with good drainage. Soil drainage is particularly important if plants are grown as a ground cover. Dichondra has no serious insect or disease problems.

Silver falls is also grown in baskets, containers or as seasonal ground cover. From a hanging basket, it will cascade downwards to 3-6 feet long in one season. As a ground cover, plants only rise to 2-4 inches tall, but they spread rapidly with their stems rooting at the nodes to 3-4 feet wide in one season. Branching silver stems are clad with soft, rounded, fan-shaped, silver leaves (to 1 inch across). The foliage can be described as having a metallic appearance.

**Premier Arts**  
410 South Main Street | Elkhart, IN

w: [PremierArts.org](http://PremierArts.org)  
p: 574.293.4469





-  *Velocity Blue Salvia*
-  *Enduroscape White Verbena*
-  *Ruby Slipper Coleus*
-  *Jackpot Gold Melapodium*
-  *Pacific Punch Vinca*
-  *Triple Curled Parsley*
-  *Brown Mulch*

## B2 "Elkhart Founder Homestead"

### - Ruthmere Museum

SIZE: 30'W X 30'H

The Ruthmere campus is made up of three historic properties that engage visitors with a unique experience of history, art and architecture. Part historic house museum, part world class art collection, part performing arts venue, such is the unique nature of Ruthmere. Ruthmere overlooks the confluence of the St. Joseph and Elkhart rivers, residing at the heart of the Beardsley Historic District Neighborhood, a nationally recognized site on the National Register of Historic Places.

Albert Beardsley, nephew to one of the founding fathers of Elkhart, Dr. Havilah Beardsley, had Ruthmere Mansion built in 1910. The mansion is filled with lavish one-of-a-kind furnishings, and stunning works of art. The magnificently restored Beaux Arts-style mansion boasts a fine art collection which includes sculptures by Auguste Rodin, Antoine-Louis Barye and William Ordway Partridge and artworks by renowned artists such as George Peter Alexander Healy, William Morris Hunt and Albert E. Sterner. Art comes in many forms at Ruthmere. The iconic greenhouse and Ruthmere's gardens provide the perfect bridge for visitors to appreciate both the Ruthmere property and the annual Quilt Garden found just outside of Ruthmere's perimeter wall. As part of the 10th anniversary of the Quilt Gardens, Ruthmere will feature Seward Johnson's bronze sculpture, *A Turn of the Century*. This turn-of-the-century couple dancing across the lawn could have easily attended one of the many events that were hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beardsley upon the completion of Ruthmere.

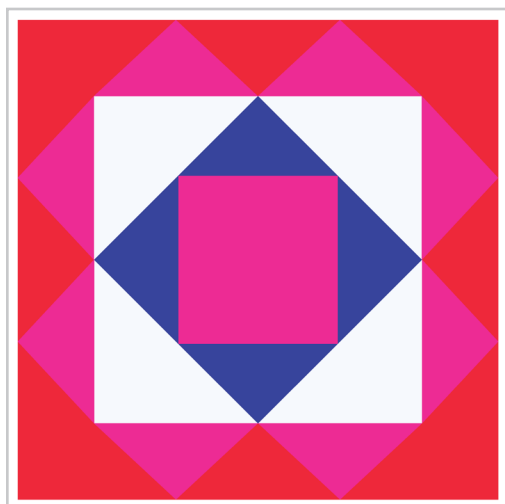
The staff at Ruthmere has chosen to use the pattern, Schoolhouse, because the simple lines of the pattern look like the original Ruthmere campus Havillah Beardsley House. The colors chosen speak to that history and are subtle and calm. Trusted plants like verbena, coleus, vinca and parsley were probably staples of the gardens of old here at Ruthmere.

An early bloomer, Velocity blue salvia, adds its sparkle to the garden. It features large, dark blue flower spikes. Velocity blue is a great performer with strong stems, dense habit and unusually large flowers. This salvia is an easy-care plant with no need to deadhead. Its water needs are low, and the heat tolerance is excellent. Flowering throughout the summer, it attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and bees.

The bright light in this Quilt Garden is the Jackpot gold melampodium. A native of Mexico from the sunflower family, this plant gives a hardy performance from early summer until first frost. It offers the same heat and cool tolerances of its neighbors, and maintains its attractive appearance with very little care all season long.

**Ruthmere Museum**  
302 East Beardsley Avenue | Elkhart, IN

w: [Ruthmere.org](http://Ruthmere.org)  
p: 574.264.0330



- Super Olympia Green Leaf Rose Begonia*
- Cirrus White Dusty Miller*
- Easy Wave Blue Petunia*
- Cocktail Vodka Bronze Leaf Red Begonia*

### G3 “Diamonds are Forever” - The Barn Door

SIZE: 32'W X 32'H

This is a brand-new store with its first-ever Quilt Garden. Since opening in March 2017, The Barn Door has shown a lot of community interest and energy as it makes its debut into retail and Quilt Gardens.

The Barn Door offers antiques and vintage, repurposed and new furniture. Janet Martin and Laura Kauffman, owners, have worked hard at transforming the space into a rustic, boutique setting with metal awnings, salvaged barn wood, and even a wrap-around front porch inside. Their 30 years of antiques experience and love of antiques is evident in the selection and quality you'll find on display. The name, The Barn Door, came from the experience they had on a road trip to Manchester, IN to pick up two very large and heavy wood barn doors. The scene - two women, a truck and trailer, a large farmer, a muddy hill - it's a story they'll be glad to tell you as you visit.

For their first Quilt Garden, the ladies have chosen “Diamonds Are Forever,” a pattern with deep meaning for them and their business. Vibrant colors and contrasting “pieces” of the quilt make a statement about their love of home, family and community. The cool silvers of the Cirrus Dusty miller, along with the blue-sky blues of the petunias, offer a strong stage to highlight the green-and bronze-leaved begonias. All the plants are chosen for their compact form, ability to grow well in some shade and their color.

Cocktail vodka begonia features dainty scarlet orchid-like flowers with touches of yellow in the center at the ends of the stems from mid-spring to mid-fall. Its attractive succulent heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color with hints of coppery-bronze throughout the year. The begonia is a favorite of landscapers and homeowners alike. It is a compact plant that blooms all summer long and is very uniform in its habit. Its medium texture blends into the garden, and is balanced here by the finer textured leaves of the cirrus dusty miller for an effective composition.

Cocktail Vodka begonia can be a high maintenance annual bedding plant that will require regular care and upkeep and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. This annual bedding plant should be grown in a location that is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth and will die in standing water. The use of mulch helps conserve moisture during hot, dry spells.

A good soil analysis is perhaps the best way to ensure a great growing season. Over-fertilization and nutrient build-up has become a problem with some Quilt Gardens in the past. High phosphorous levels in the soil are usually because of over-fertilizing. Not only will excessive phosphorous harm plants, it can be of concern in lakes and streams as well. One of the symptoms of excessive phosphorus in soil is stunted plant growth. It also harms beneficial root fungi, which help the plant absorb water and nutrients and decreases the plant's ability to uptake iron and zinc.

**The Barn Door**  
52886 State Road 13 | Middlebury, IN

w: BarnDoorLLC.com  
p: 574.358.0074



-  *Janie Bright Yellow Marigold*
-  *Madness Red Petunia*
-  *Janie Orange Marigold*
-  *Hotline Red Salvia*
-  *Cirrus Dusty Miller*

## A5 “Sunshine in Flowers” - Downtown Wakarusa

SIZE: 30'W X 30'H

Wakarusa is one of those towns where the rush of the big city is left behind and old-fashioned is an honored trait. Centered around the town's only stoplight, you can find historic buildings featuring tin ceilings, a hardware store open since 1904 with a wall of 1,000 drawers ready to serve you, and a dime store. Wakarusa Dime Store was begun by a German immigrant in 1907 as Wolfberg's Department Store. Today, Wakarusa Dime Store is home to the Giant Jumbo Jelly Bean, big enough to share. Look for take-homes of Wakarusa maple syrup while downtown. Each spring the town hosts the Maple Syrup Festival honoring the local sweet and the labor-intensive process.

This year's Quilt Garden continues Wakarusa's tradition of bold design, which pairs well with the “Dancing Leaves” mural nearby. In fact, this is a good spot for some great photo-taking, capturing not one, but two display quilts, and maybe even the Quilt Garden billboard. Speaking of photo-op, be sure to get in the picture with the Seward Johnson sculpture, *Photo Shoot*.

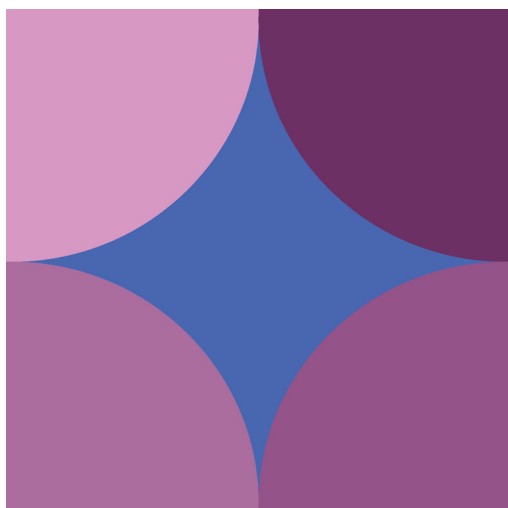
The “sunshine” of this pattern from all the Janie marigolds in this Quilt Garden will brighten both your day and your pictures. Janie marigolds are commonly known as the French marigolds. They are an easy-to-grow, compact annual that originates from Mexico and Central America. In fact, some believe it is a naturally occurring hybrid between the American marigold and signet marigold. The flowers do not hide among the foliage of Janie as they perch 2-3 inches above the low, rounded plants. They will continue to bloom all summer long, making Janie a great choice for the front of a border, edging or containers.






Because the flowers are open when the sun is out, the marigold is called the “herb of the sun,” representing passion and even creativity. The dark green, ferny foliage of this bushy plant is highly aromatic and subtends many small, fully double flowers that are vibrant. The colorful blooms attract butterflies and other insects. Regular deadheading will keep plants looking clean and prolong flowering. For best growth, marigolds require full sun and well-drained, average soil. They are great for mixed plantings and containers. As an added benefit, research suggests marigold roots emit a substance that deters root-damaging nematodes, which plague certain vegetable crops, so these make fine companion plants for vegetable gardens as well.

Other plants chosen for their sunshine effect for this garden include hotline salvia, and madness red petunias. Salvia's height and consistent color make it a good choice to add heat to the Janie marigolds. They are a pollinator magnet, drawing bees, hummingbirds and butterflies. Madness petunias are a floribunda type of petunia that is free flowering, compact and blooms consistently until frost. They were bred to withstand heat, humidity and heavy rains and will bounce back after a torrential rainfall within a few hours. Floribunda petunias are improved enough with increased disease resistance to use throughout the landscape and gardens or containers, and put on a lush floral display.

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-  *Velocity Blue Salvia*
-  *Surfinia Heavenly Blue/Sky Blue Petunia*
-  *Surfinia Purple Majesty Petunia*
-  *Surfinia Baby Deep Purple Petunia*
-  *Surfinia Pink Veined Petunia*

### 03 “Window to Waters” - Wellfield Botanic Gardens

SIZE: 30'W X 30'H

Wellfield Botanic Gardens' mission is to promote the inseparable relationship between water and life; inspire creativity and lifelong learning, foster stewardship for our natural world, and grow community. Thirty-six acres in size, half of which are water, Wellfield resides on a historical piece of property originally known as the North Main Street Well Field. The property has been a source of hydraulic energy and drinking water for the city of Elkhart since the mid-1800s and continues to provide most of the drinking water for the community.

Wellfield's Quilt Garden is a new site for 2017. It is located just outside their gates, where it is showcased in a new stone-lined bed. For a small admission fee, step inside and get in touch with nature as Wellfield leads visitors along winding stone paths dotted with charming pump houses and whimsical sculptures. Vantage points from walkways and bridges offer panoramic views while shaded benches invite quiet reflection. The Visitor's Center with its wheelchair-accessible restroom and gift shop is open for all to visit.

Wellfield chose their Quilt Garden pattern, “Window to Waters,” for its sharp crisp lines as well as the bold color impact. Velocity salvia stands its own among the variety of colors in the Surfinia petunias. Surfinia is a brand name, created by Suntory Flowers Ltd., for a series of trailing petunias all produced from cuttings, not seeds. Surfinia trailing are all vigorous varieties which bloom profusely all season, are easy to grow and are self-cleaning. They have excellent rain and wind tolerance and are suitable for full sun or part shade. The plant's ability to flower back up the stems is another great strength, along with resistance to mildew. It benefits greatly from constant feeding with a complete water-soluble fertilizer.

Lou Aguirre, a representative for Suntory, recently wrote, “Surfinia petunias are bred to stay compact in habit, and that is what they do. Even our trailing petunias that can grow as long as eight feet across, retain the short node habit, so there is more branching and more even flowering throughout the plant. Most competing petunias do tend to stretch and get leggy, particularly towards the dog days of summer, while Surfinia petunias retain their compactness.” We shall be anxious to see what summer brings for this garden of Surfinia.

As part of the 10th anniversary of the Quilt Gardens, Seward Johnson's sculpture, *Inner World, Outer World*, will be on display next to the Quilt Garden. Visitors to the Quilt Garden are welcome to sit on the bench and contemplate the garden and the world around them.

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