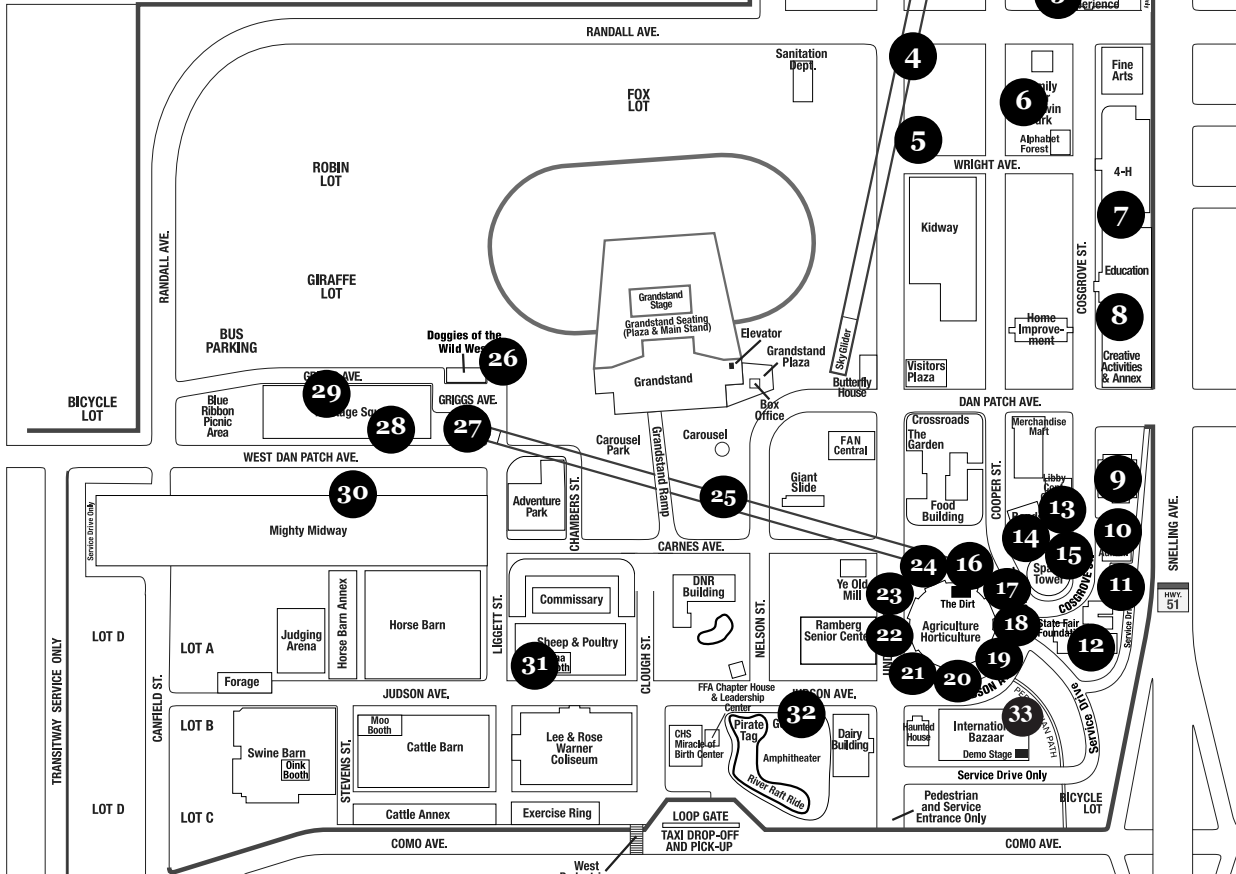


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The Minnesota State Fair is home to many spectacular gardens. Use this brochure as a guide to the fairgrounds' most naturally colorful attractions, and enjoy the expertly created arrangements while gathering ideas for your own garden! A flower next to the description denotes an Adopt-A-Garden Sponsor.



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1 Lawn and Landscape Gardens

The north silo is beautified by Blue Star juniper, carpet juniper and cypress evergreens. Red mulch and Chilton outcroppings on a hillside complete the three-dimensional effect of this garden.

2 Botanical Blitz

This festive garden at the north gate greets guests with hardy perennial sedum including Autumn Joy, Matrona, Blue Spruce and Angelina sedum ground covers. Sunflowers, morning glories, zinnias, blue salvia and other annuals add color, ensuring this garden catches the eye.

3 Out Back Nursery, Inc.

This attractive garden features ecologically appropriate plantings to attract birds and butterflies, while remaining low maintenance for the casual gardener. The dead tree is part of a healthy, highly diverse garden and functions as a rest stop for local songbirds.

4 Dakota Communities

The circular planters dotting the boulevard of Randall Avenue showcase plants and ornamental grasses including Karl Foerster, little bluestem and blue oat grass. These portable gardens are nurtured by Dakota Communities, a non-profit providing support to people with disabilities while enabling them to get involved with the community.

5 Underwood & Wright

Beneath the SkyGlider sits a pair of antique wagon potters. The north bed features variegated geraniums, white scaevola, Moses-in-the-cradle and ornamental grasses. The south wagon is planted with yucca and purple ruffles basil.

6 Family Fair in Baldwin Park

A whimsical centerpiece anchors this circular garden in Baldwin Park, featuring a vibrant display of cannas and mixed Wave supertunias for a one-of-a-kind look.

7 Bever Landscaping, Inc.

At this peaceful yet practical garden, a gazebo and outdoor grilling area overlook two ponds connected by a waterfall. Pots filled with annuals bring bursts of color to the scene while a concave retaining wall keeps the abundance of flowers and natural grasses including Borealis yarrow, Candy Cat Catmint, Avalanche feather reed grass and Purple Dome asters from spilling into the ponds.

8 Creative Activities Annex

This wildflower garden features cannas, yarrow, verbena and dill and is designed to attract butterflies with its fragrant blooms. Daisies, anise, echinacea, and Candy Lilies bring this garden to life with colorful blossoms.

9 Admin Too

Snoopy takes a dog nap at the fair among a pleasant mix of perennials including columbine, delphinium, peonies, ribbon grass, artemisia and hostas. Window boxes featuring bacopa, Wandering Jew, euphorbia, New Guinea impatiens and licorice vines bring color to this popular napping spot.

10 Administration Building

This two-tiered garden offers a beautiful view for passersby coming from the main gate. The lower tier showcases a variety of perennials including roses, monarda and echinacea, veronica and pasque flower. The raised bed surrounds the water feature with annuals including lantana, nicotiana, pentas, purple basil and eryngo.

11 Officer's Quarters

With elephant ears, coleus, New Guinea impatiens and celery plant, this flowerbed is sure to dazzle State Fair officers and visitors alike.

12 J.V. Bailey House

Annabelle hydrangea accent the historic J.V. Bailey residence, which housed greenhouse superintendents and groundskeepers from the 1920s until 2004. Restored in 2006, the Bailey house is the State Fair Foundation headquarters.

13 Bergmann's Greenhouses and Garden Center

The beautiful bloom'n garden pouches hanging from the light posts in the Leinie Lodge Bandshell area feature an assortment of petunias and other colorful plants.

14 Flagpole

Beneath the State Fair flagpole is a vibrant array of colorful blooms including snapdragons, copperleaf plant, mixed supertunias and sawtooth. The State Fair's Diggin' Dino statue salutes the flag while Linus shows off his first place ribbon from the quilting competition.

15 Leinie Lodge Bandshell

West of the Leinie Lodge Bandshell rests a simple garden of verbena, perennial hibiscus, Angelica sedum, tiger eye sumac, petunias and mixed perennials. It is overlooked by a rake symbolizing the rising sun and hopeful talent contest semi-finalists competing for a chance to perform on the big stage.

16 Minnesota Water Garden Society

This mature woodland garden located across from the Food Building features shrubs and perennials, showcasing a variety of colors, sizes and textures. With its spectacular plate-sized blooms during State Fair time, a Kopper King hibiscus highlights the garden. A pond, fed by two wandering streams supports a variety of water plants including cattails, water lilies, yellow flag irises and assorted floating plants to give the garden a natural appearance.

17 Jackson Landscape Supply, Inc.

This garden brings you back in touch with nature by using a unique plant community to create a naturalistic design. Take a break at the seating area made of Sioux pink quartzite and rest your feet on the elegant rectangular bluestone. Enjoy this seating area that abounds with color year-round.

18 Meadow Green Lawn and Landscape

Below the Skyride loading area rests a garden that both beautifies and controls erosion. It features hardy, low maintenance shrubs, evergreens and junipers to keep the garden looking spectacular even after a summer rain. Along with perennials, bush honeysuckle and roses bloom throughout the summer while winged euonymus and tiger-eye sumac offer remarkable leaf color through the fall.

19 Liberty Bell

Originally constructed in 1921, the State Fair Liberty Bell provides space for a patriotic display. A dense topiary of hens-and-chicks wrap around the bell's arches, while brown alternanthera brings the bell to life. White alyssum, blue agertum and moss roses complement the stone border.

20 Accent Gardens and Shrubs

This beautifully created wildflower garden outside the Agriculture Horticulture Building is home to a mix of native plants and common perennials that give it a natural feel.

21 Veteran's Memorial Garden

This newly remodeled garden, located on the south side of the Agriculture Horticulture Building, honors all Minnesotans who have served their country. The open horseshoe design edged with weigela shrubs invites guests into the garden to view the honorary plaque surrounded by patriotic mixed annuals: dusty miller, blue salvia, white wave petunias and red geraniums.

22 Minnesota State Horticultural Society

This late summer garden peaks during the State Fair. It is home to a waterfall feeding two streams that end in a central pond; a bubbler fountain in a large boulder; and two pondless falls at the patio level. Plants such as yellow moneywort, assorted grasses and sedums have been used for their texture and color. A collection of hardy, low maintenance roses has been added to the hydrangeas, while hibiscus, zinnias, and lime bicolor petunias add color behind the pond garden. The garden's raised beds demonstrate how seniors and people with movement limitations can continue to garden.

Gates Ajar

A State Fair mainstay, the majestic Gates Ajar topiary requires a crew of six and approximately three weeks to complete. Surrounded by mixed impatiens, elephant ears, magilla and coleus, the initials "MSF" are spelled out with bronze leaf begonias to welcome guests.

24 Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association

Backdroped by a 6' waterfall, cedar gazebo and meandering stream, this creative garden features a wide variety of colorful annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees. Other landscape features include an aspen grove, an environmentally friendly irrigation system, outdoor lighting and a Superior Granite staircase and walking path. This year's featured plants are Going Bananas Daylily, Bella Anna, Incrediball, Invincibelle Spirit and Light-O-Day Hydrangeas.

Hennepin Technical College

The garden features hardy pine, birch and oak trees, featuring a blue willow in the setting as well. The naturalized area includes perennials that are drought and heat tolerant. Have a seat and beat the heat under the trees in the midst of the fair experience. The garden is planted and maintained by students of Hennepin Technical College taking the Professional Gardening class taught by Deb Kvamme.

Heritage Train

Bursting with color, this wooden planter is an inspiration for gardeners and woodworkers alike. The train features an assortment of Moses-in-the-cradle, purple millet and vista salvia. Aloe and black-eyed susan vine complete this State Fair garden tradition.

27 The Skyride Garden

Colorful eye-catching fish play hide-and-seek amid the bubbles of the sparkling artesian spring. Patriot hostas, multi-bloom lilies and little bluestem accent the creek and natural pond.

28 Friends School of Minnesota

The garden in front of Heritage Square and the west terminal of the Skyride features hardy perennials mixed with tropicals and annuals, focusing on colorful foliage and textures. The plants are from the Friends School Plant Sale, the Midwest's largest plant sale, held at the Grandstand every Mother's Day weekend.

29 Ole's Hollow

A Ye Old Mill boat paddling through Ole's Hollow is filled with dusty miller and celosia, and highlighted by crown of thorns. Sedum decorates the base of the statues dedicated to Cliff Olson and Gale Frost, two longtime friends of the fair.

30 Plant Kingdom

Amid the contrasting textures of mixed annuals and perennials rest brightly colored flowers in full bloom during fair time. Fragrant herbs, sedum and a quaking aspen in the hosta bed complete this delightful garden.

31 Waterstone Landscaping

This garden showcases the latest trend in eco-friendly landscaping with a permeable patio that captures and filters rain water runoff from roofs, driveways and gutters for reuse in lawn or vegetable garden irrigation. The sustainable sitting area is framed with Karl Foerster feather reed grass, black-eyed susan, tiger-eye sumac, diablo ninebark and hydrangea.

32 Mickman Brothers, Inc.

Weeping Norway Spruce, Como Park roses, evening primrose and monarda add to this beautiful sweeping, multi-tiered plaza. It is also home to a bubbling fountain rock, made of drifter trap outcropping. The stone and garden are in memoriam to the Mickman brothers' father, John V. Mickman.

33 International Bazaar

This tropical garden is both eye-catching and inviting. Surrounding the globe, symbolizing the many countries represented in the International Bazaar, are sawtooth, magilla, hibiscus, passion vine and banana trees. Vibrant stephanotis and elephant ears add exotic flavor to this internationally-inspired garden.

