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## **Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds**

*"Harts" of the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Garden*

### **THE GARDEN...**

The original design of this garden gives it the appearance of three distinct sections. It's tightly planted using 4.38 plants per square foot. Eureka Bronze Leaf Scarlet Begonias make up the three hearts, a great choice for intensity of color. The hearts seemingly float in a sea of Blue Fields Ageratum. This flower is one of the few "true" blues. Yellow Boy Marigolds are used as an accent border with corners of richly textured Flat Leaf Parsley. Green is nature's most common color representing life, youth and growth which are essential elements of the 4-H program.

### **THE INSPIRATION...**

Love of the fair. Love of quilting. Love of gardening. All this comes to mind in this garden. The hearts in this original, contemporary design represent the "hart" in Elkhart County. They also represent the generous hearts of countless volunteers who are committed to the 4-H program and the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. The intense green parsley symbolizes life and the edible plants will be dried and used in cooking.

### **THE FACTS...**

- This garden is a collaborative effort of the Michiana Master Gardeners and Elkhart County Extension Homemakers Associations.
- 73 flats of annuals were planted in this garden.

## THE FLOWERS...



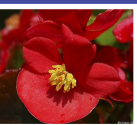
### **1,248 Blue Fields Ageratum**

*Their soft fuzzy flowers are delightfully fragrant.*



### **1,152 Yellow Boy Marigolds**

*Part of the aster family.*



### **816 Eureka Bronze Leaf Scarlet Begonia**

*Tried and true, they tolerate a wide range of light.*



### **288 Flat Leaf Parsley**

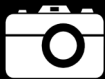
*The flat leaf has more flavor than curly parsley and is preferred for cooking.*



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