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American Countryside Farmers Market *Whirling Star Garden*

THE GARDEN...

Planted with over 3,100 annuals, this pattern is reminiscent of the windmill that is featured in the logo for the farmers market. A spectacular use of color is displayed in this garden. The center star bursts with vibrant Fantasy Red Petunias, Yellow Becky Rudbeckia, Victoria Blue Salvia and New Look Dusty Miller. Blue Fields Ageratum forms a lush background for the Whirling Star. Each cultivar chosen for this garden should do well here. As you might imagine, this location is quite windy and dry since open fields and highway surround it.

THE INSPIRATION...

The Whirling Star was a pattern among those appearing in the Kansas City Star newspaper from 1928 to 1960. Those early-published patterns were very popular with quilters and often featured in vintage quilts. Those Depression era quilts evoke memories of frugal living which is even important for us today.

THE FACTS...

- At 1,444-square-feet this garden is one of the larger gardens on the tour
- Over 40 tons of soil were moved to build this garden site

THE FLOWERS...



1,008 New Look Dusty Miller

Growing to approximately 9 inches tall, this variety shows off rounder, more oak shaped almost white leaves.



576 Blue Fields Ageratum

This popular bedding plant is one of the few annuals with a truly blue flower.



576 Yellow Becky Rudbeckia

A member of the aster family, this award-winning variety is a relative newcomer and tops out at 5-6 inches tall.



576 Fantasy Red Petunia

More compact than other petunias, this cultivar maintains a mounded growth habit and does not require pruning.

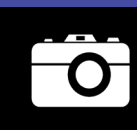


432 Victoria Blue Salvia

Reaching up to 24 inches in height, salvia is a member of the sage family.



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We suggest positioning yourself directly in front of the garden approximately 50 feet from its base.

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