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Farmstead Inn *Shoofly Garden*

THE GARDEN...

The Shoofly pattern has been creatively interpreted using red and white annual Vinca. It translates well in this garden design as it reminds us of the delightful calico fabrics often used in quilt designs. Vinca Cooler Coconut was used as the light value while Vinca Cooler Hot Rose represents the dark hues that would be found in a traditional patchwork quilt. Mulch separates each block and adds a durable path for viewing and weeding. Turf grass forms the border of the quilt top and final edging that finishes the quilt.

THE INSPIRATION...

The Shipshewana Blessings Quilt that hangs in the town hall was the inspiration for this garden. It features quilting representing all the people who lived in this area – from Native Americans to the Amish. This year the Shoofly block was chosen for the garden. This pattern has a rich history. It is said to have symbolized a conductor on the path to freedom and used in quilts hung on clotheslines or windows by abolitionists helping slaves escape bondage.

THE FACTS...

- By choosing plants with similar growing requirements, the garden will perform uniformly throughout the season.
- Each year this garden will feature a different block of the Shipshewana Blessings Quilt.

THE FLOWERS...



2,010 Cooler Coconut Vinca

Generally drought tolerant, once established this annual does well in hot dry locations.



2,880 Cooler Hot Rose Vinca

Vinca is commonly known as periwinkle.



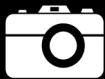
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On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays the Auction Restaurant serves up Shoofly Pie in honor of our Shoofly Quilt Garden - customers tell them they have the best pie around!



You can see the Shipshewana Blessings Quilt in the Town Hall, located at 345 N. Morton Street.



This colorful creation is best captured from the sidewalk to the right of the Farmstead Inn sign (in the direction of the Antique Gallery).

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