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Menno-Hof

Dove at the Window Garden

THE GARDEN...

This well thought out garden is brimming with just over 3,500 Begonias. The Begonia was a winner for them last year, so they chose to repeat it for success again this year. By selecting both Green and Bronze Leaf varieties, they are assured of continual contrast in foliage and in flower. White Bronze Leafed Begonia form the background of the quilt garden. Pink is the color of choice for the dovetails. Next you see white and pink bi-color plants forming the window frame. Inside the window is a vivid field of Scarlet Begonias.

THE INSPIRATION...

The dove has long been a symbol of peace. The message of this Dove in the Window garden pattern is true to the mission of Menno-Hof-- to promote the theology of peace not only in relationship to God but also as it relates to justice and community. Seldom do you ever find a quilt pattern with just one name, and this one is no exception. Dove in the Window was first published in 1934, and then later published in a 1945 edition of the *Kansas City Star* under the name A Quilt Mosaic. Although that pattern does not look exactly like the one featured in this garden.

THE FACTS...

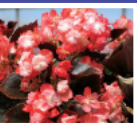
- Volunteers from Marion Mennonite Church are maintaining this garden, a first for Menno-Hof.

THE FLOWERS...



1,152 Bronze Leaf White Begonias

816 Green Leaf Bi-Color Begonias

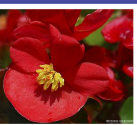


816 Green Leaf Pink Begonias

720 Green Leaf Scarlet Begonias



Tried and true, Begonias are generally pest free and tolerant to a wide range of light. These annuals are hard workers and used in many of the Quilt Gardens TourSM landscapes. What's amazing is the variety of innovative ways in which these sturdy flowers can be used in pattern interpretations.



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Be sure to go inside Menno-Hof to learn about the faith and life of the Amish and Mennonites.



We suggest a shot from the lower left corner to include Menno-Hof's red facade - the perfect backdrop for this garden's color palette.

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