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Ruthmere Museum *The Flower Basket Garden*

THE GARDEN...

Replicating a quilt from the Ruthmere collection, this garden is filled with sweet scented, colorful flowers. The basket of the pattern is made up of White Easter Bonnet Sweet Alyssum. This honey scented annual begins in early spring continuing through early fall. It's an ideal border, staying tidy throughout the growing season. The "flowers" that make up the pattern - Blue Danube Ageratum, Telstar Crimson Dianthus, and Safari Yellow Marigolds - display a spectacular show of color. New Look Dusty Miller beautifully sets a perfect stage for this basket of beauties.

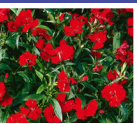
THE INSPIRATION...

The original quilt that was the inspiration for this garden is in the Ruthmere collection. The pattern choice is appropriate since judging by the grounds it is obvious Albert and Elizabeth Beardsley, the couple who built the mansion, were very fond of gardening. Many variations of the charming Flower Basket design originated in the early 1900s; around the time Ruthmere was being built. The simple design uses squares, rectangles and half-square triangles. However with so many pieces, sewing the quilt is often challenging.

THE FACTS...

- Garden soil was augmented using biosolid compost donated by the Elkhart Enviro Center.

THE FLOWERS...



816 Telstar Crimson Dianthus

Like marigolds, they are a simple, old-fashioned flower that is easy to grow.



672 Easter Bonnet White Alyssum

Honey-scented flowers begin in early spring and continue through early fall.



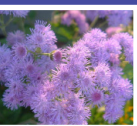
672 New Look Dusty Miller

Silvery white leaves make it a good backdrop to show off other flowers.



528 Safari Yellow Marigold

The foliage has a pungent scent and deters common insects.

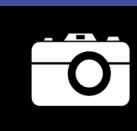


288 Blue Danube Ageratum

One of the few annuals with a truly blue flower.



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Try a wide shot that includes the Mansion's majestic limestone façade.

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