



## PRETTY AS A PICTURE

There are *so many* ways to capture our eye-popping gardens and vibrant murals. Feel free to stand inside or pose in any garden (include your travel partners!) to show height, dimension and visual appeal. Here are a few other suggestions you may find helpful:

- Amish Acres, Nappanee** The cow mural on the red barn makes a great backdrop for the *Blue Bird Thing* garden.
- Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Middlebury** Shoot the *Pinwheel* garden – the largest(!) – from all sides ... each side gives you a very different perspective!
- Downtown Wakarusa** Test your photography skills ... can you capture a photo that includes the mural, garden and billboard?
- Elkhart County Courthouse, Goshen** The Courthouse & King Neptune fountain add stately touches to any photo of the *Whirlwind Flag* garden on Main Street.
- Farmstead Inn, Shippshewana** An Amish Buggy heading down State Road 5 lends a picturesque backdrop (and buggy traffic's busiest on Fridays).
- Krider Garden, Middlebury** Early morning sun and late afternoon shade offer contrasting views of the *Sunrise* garden.
- Menno-Hof, Shippshewana** The clothesline, red barn and Menno-Hof logo beautifully frame the *Anabaptist Cross* garden.
- Old Bag Factory, Goshen** The porch at quilt designs provides a great vantage point for the *Egress* garden.
- Ruthmere, Elkhart** You'll want to include the breathtaking mansion in the background.

# Visitors Love

## ... along the Heritage Trail

BRISTOL ELKHART GOSHEN MIDDLEBURY NAPPANEE SHIPSHEWANA WAKARUSA

### COUNTRY ROAD EXPERIENCES

#### WORTH THE STOP

- Catch picture perfect country scenes at dawn as the sun is rising and the morning dew is still on the ground and dusk when the light of the setting sun casts a soft, warm glow.



- Stop and shop with the Amish. Explore country stores filled with goods you don't find in the city. When the "open" sign is out, so is the welcome mat.

- Take home the bounty of roadside stands. Brown eggs fresh from the hen-house. Red juicy tomatoes. Sweet as sugar corn. Ripe fragrant melons. Apples just plucked from the tree. That's only the beginning!

- Dine for a cause, sample great homemade food from a traditional Amish "Haystack" supper or a fabulous fish fry and maybe make some new friends. The action happens at community and church suppers all over Amish Country.

- Buy local. Buy fresh. Buy in bulk. From May thru October the Wakarusa Produce Auction offers whatever is in season plus lots of local "color."

#### ***Amish Country Courtesies***

*You'll find the Amish in Northern Indiana to be friendly and talkative - at farm markets, special events and other places where they mingle with the English (that's us). Please do respect their privacy as they go about day-to-day life, and keep these courtesies in mind:*

*- Don't ask to photograph or film the Amish. It's against their religious beliefs.*

*- Respect private property, but take some time to chat with Amish shop owners and artisans who welcome guests.*

*- Amish businesses are closed on Sundays.*

*- Keep a sharp eye out for buggies as you crest hills and round corners.*

*- Most buggy horses are car savvy and hard to spook. Even so, they might be startled into erratic behavior by high-beam headlights and honking horns.*