

2025 Trial Gardens Theme

A Cottage Garden

Cottage Gardens have been in existence for hundreds of years. They were originally designed for practical purposes, essentially a kitchen garden. Today, however, they provide a visual delight with an abundance of beautiful common perennials, annuals, bushes, herbs, and even edibles. Cottage garden design favors curves over straight lines, and asymmetry. The layout appears to be casual but be mindful of the spacing, height, color, size, fragrance and texture of leaves and flowers. Most importantly, a cottage is a place to relax and enjoy. So should your garden.

Requirements:

1. Colorful perennials
2. Colorful annuals
3. At least one herb
4. A bush or shrub
5. At least one vegetable or fruit

This theme was selected by our 2024 Trial Gardens Competition winner, Grand Marais Garden Club.