



Grand Marais Garden Club



Trial Gardens 2026 Competition Theme

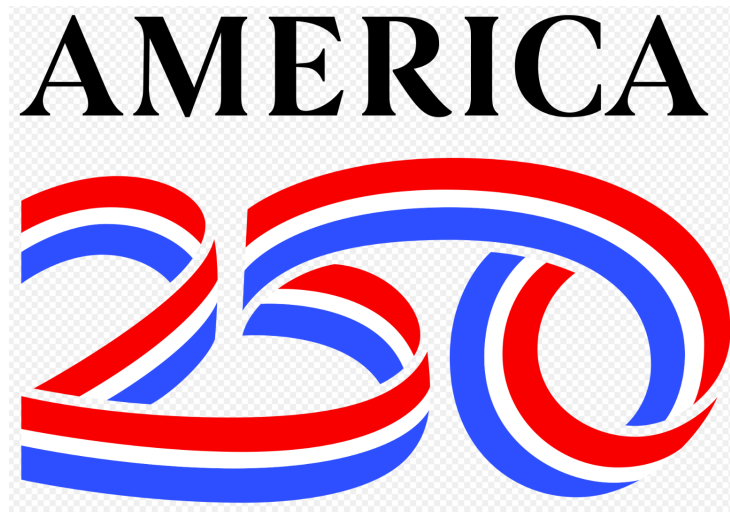
“250th Anniversary of our Nation” **1776 - 2026**

Our scaled-down replica of the Betsy Ross flag is planted with red and white begonias representing the original 13 stripes of 7 red and 6 white stripes of the original flag. The stars that float in a bed of blue ageratum represent the original 13 colonies. The ground cover in the foreground of the flag is Scotch moss.

The backdrop of the garden continues the patriotic theme with red-blooming cannas, intermixed with blue salvia, and anchored at either corner by two little blue stem native grasses. Sweet alyssum embroiders the garden paths with its dainty white flowers, marking the way to a red rose in a bed of blue ageratum.

Plants native to our newly formed nation are represented by echinacea, yarrow, and hyssop, forming a natural area in the front corner of the garden.

Our overall design is a salute to our country's special anniversary, honoring the United States's semiquincentennial year of its Declaration of Independence from Great Britain.



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Plant List 2026

Required plants:

Rose Bush:

1. Petite Knockout Rose - *Rosa meidlandino* 'Meibenbino'

Ornamental Grass:

2. Little Blue Stem (native) - *Schizachyrium scoparium* 'Standing Ovation'

Native plants:

3. Anise Hyssop - *Agastache hybrid* 'Blue Fortune.'
4. Coneflower - *Echinacea* 'PowWow Wild Berry'
5. Yarrow - *Achillea species*

Variety of Annuals:

6. Ageratum - *Ageratum houstonianum* 'Aloha Blue'
7. Begonia - *Begonia semperflorens* Ambassador Scarlet
8. Begonia - *Begonia semperflorens* Bada Bing White
9. Gazania - *Gazania regins* Frosty Kiss White
10. Gazania - *Gazania regins* Big Kiss Red
11. Salvia - *Salvia farinacea* 'Victoria Blue'
12. Sweet Alyssum - *Lobularia maritima* 'Easter Bonnet White'

Additional plants:

13. Blue Daze - *Evolvulus glomeratus*
14. Canna - *Canna x generalis* Cannova Scarlet
15. Scotch moss - *Sagina subulata* 'Aurea'