

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

Trial Garden Summer of 2026

Our Club celebrates the theme of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of our Country with a garden representing the creation of the First Flag. History tells us that in 1776 General George Washington collaborated with Betsy Ross of Philadelphia to sew a flag that would unite the colonies in their fight for independence. They designed a flag of 13 red and white stripes, with a blue square carrying 13 white stars, to represent the collaboration of the 13 colonies in the War of Independence.

In our garden, Betsy Ross is beginning to make the First Flag. A stepping stone path commemorates the original 13 colonies that fought for Independence in the Revolutionary War with silhouettes of the States that they are today.

In the center, Betsy Ross's silver Sewing Needle is threaded (white marine rope), and preparing to "stitch" the colonies together in their mutual fight for freedom and self-determination by sewing a new flag of red and white stripes, and of white stars on a blue background, that will represent the colonies fighting together.

Red and white begonias create the flag's stripes. More red and white flowers continue the stripes: a border of red and white Dahlias, a row of red Dianthus, and white Bidens continue toward a red rose. Dark blue Petunias are the beginning of the familiar blue field where white stars will be sewn to represent the states of the new union. Blue Salvia plants continue the blue field, and make a background for White Cone Flower (native plant), Alaska Daisy, and white Cosmos. The garden includes a water feature, in a planter with trailing Licorice Plant and white Petunia. A Blue Fescue grass and a Lambs Ear sit at the base.

Happy 4th Of July!

“250th Anniversary of our Nation”

1. Rose, Variety HT Fragrant Cloud, red (required rose)
2. Blue fescue, Ornamental Grass (required grass)
3. Stachys byzantine, Furby Lambs' Ears
4. Leucanthemum, Superbum White, Alaska Shasta Daisy
5. Salvia, Icon Dark Blue
6. Echinacea, PowWow White Coneflower (required native plant)
7. Dahlia, Novation White
8. Dahlia, Novation Red
9. Dianthus, Diana Scarlet
10. Asteraceae, Cosmos, white
11. Bidens, Campfire Marshmallow
12. Begonia, Bada Boom White
13. Begonia, Bronze leaf, Bada Boom Red
14. Calibrachoa Minifamous Uno Dark Blue
15. Helichrysum, Licorice
16. Petunia, White

Specified plants are underlined: 1. Rose, 2. Ornamental Grass, 6. Native plant.

For a variety of Red, White & Blue flowers, we planted 11 different

flowers; 9 annuals and 2 “tender perennials” (Salvia and Dahlia).