



The “Spiritual Gardens” of the Retreat House

Adopt-A-Flowerbed Program

The Spiritual Center Retreat House appreciates God’s beauty and knows that you do too! Many people enjoy the paths throughout the grounds, and many also notice that there are flowerbeds everywhere that get little to no attention. Now is your chance to help make a difference! With your family and loved ones, consider adopting a Retreat House flowerbed in the new “Adopt-a-Flowerbed” program. This program is a volunteer-based activity that allows each group to maintain the selected bed, with the direction of the Retreat House staff. Thank you for volunteering – we can’t wait to see what you do!

Adopt-A-Flowerbed Program Guidelines

- The flowerbed or planter should be adopted for one complete growing season (tentatively May through September/October)
- Adopters may either be an individual or a group, however groups must identify one person to be the contact with the Retreat House liaison
- Planting is restricted to only those areas identified by Retreat House as Adopt-a-Flowerbed locations
- Sign up is on a first come, first served basis

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Remove and dispose of litter and weeds in designated area
- Water plants as needed – hose and watering cans provided
- Provide own hand tools for area maintenance & follow safety precautions while using
- Notify Retreat House liaison of problems or concerns
- Visit the site frequently to ensure good health of plant material (suggested bi-weekly)
- If applicable, maintain adequate signage of plant or display boards
- Install mulch provided by the Retreat House when needed
- Plant and move plants approved by the Retreat House liaison
- Winter/spring preparation of beds

Retreat House Responsibilities

- Monitor and adjust water requirements – be sure watering supplies are available
- Acknowledge the adoption through signage placed by the flowerbed or planter and/or provide signage of dedication if the adopter so desires
- If at any time the Retreat House liaison deems the flowerbed or planter to be unsightly, contact will be made with the individual adopter or adopter team lead



The Spiritual Center Adopt-A-Flowerbed Application



Adopt-a-Flowerbed is an effort to encourage community involvement in the enhancement of The Spiritual Gardens of the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. This program is a volunteer-based activity where area volunteer groups "adopt" a flowerbed within the Retreat House property. The adoptive group is responsible for maintaining the selected bed with direction and oversight from the Retreat House. Please contact robin@spiritualcenter.net to schedule an initial on-site meeting and to go over maintenance needs and frequency requests.

Date: _____

Name of Individual or Group Leader: _____

Name of Group: _____

Location Choice: _____

Adoption Period: _____ to _____ (at least 1 growing season)

I have read the guidelines and agree to perform the duties listed under the volunteer's responsibilities section. Responsibilities include weeding, dead-heading, and general aesthetic maintenance of flowerbed. (See guidelines for a complete list of responsibilities) It is the intent of this agreement to provide quality, attractive flowerbeds to enhance the beauty of our community. If at any time the Retreat House deems the flowerbed or planter is unsightly, contact will be made with the individual adopter or group team leader. Any time you need assistance or have problems meeting the maintenance schedule, please call the Retreat House at 419-925-7625. Thank you for volunteering your time and effort!

Signature of Volunteer/Sponsor _____

Email Address _____ **Phone** _____

Send completed forms by e-mail to robin@spiritualcenter.net OR mail to: The Spiritual Center, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH 45860 OR drop off during office hours Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00.

Donations for the purchase of flowers or bedding plants are welcomed and greatly appreciated.

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