

“Spiritual Gardens” at the Maria Stein Retreat Center



Adopt-A-Flowerbed Program

The Maria Stein Retreat Center 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 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 Center staff.

Adopt-A-Flowerbed Program Guidelines

- The flowerbed or planter should be adopted for one complete growing season (roughly May through October)
- Adopters may either be an individual or a group, however, groups must identify one person to be the contact with the Retreat Center liaison
- Planting is restricted to areas identified by the Retreat Center as Adopt-a-Flowerbed locations
- Sign-up is on a first-come, first-serve 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 Center 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 Center when needed
- Plant and move plants approved by the Retreat Center liaison
- Winter and spring preparation of beds

Maria Stein Retreat Center 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 Center liaison deems the flowerbed or planter to be unsightly, contact will be made with the individual adopter or adopter team lead



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Adopt-A-Flowerbed Application

Adopt-a-Flowerbed is an effort to encourage community involvement in the enhancement of The Spiritual Gardens of the Maria Stein Retreat Center. This program is a volunteer-based activity where area groups "adopt" a flowerbed within the Retreat Center property. The adoptive group is responsible for maintaining the selected bed with direction and oversight from the Retreat Center.

Please contact robin@spiritualcenter.net to schedule an initial on-site meeting and to review maintenance needs and frequency requests.

Date: _____

Name of Individual or Group Leader: _____

Name of Group: _____

Location preference: _____
(Stations of the Cross 1-14, Mary statue in courtyard, Respect Life garden, Mystery location)

Adoption years: _____ through _____ (growing season years)
May October

I have read the guidelines and agree to perform the duties listed under the volunteer's responsibilities section. Responsibilities include weeding, deadheading, and general aesthetic maintenance of flowerbeds. (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 Center 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 Center at 419-925-7625. Thank you for volunteering your time and effort!

Signature of Volunteer _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Send completed form by e-mail to robin@spiritualcenter.net
...or...drop off during office hours Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00
...or...mail to:

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

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