

# Discover the Wanda Hauser Garden

The Wanda Hauser Herb and Rose Garden was the first demonstration garden at this site, established in 1994. The garden features a wide variety of common ornamental plants with less commonly known culinary, medicinal, and cosmetic uses. Most of the plants are perennials, while others are self-seeding annuals or shrubs.

## Look for:

- The *Ginkgo biloba* tree is in the back left of the garden. This tree has very unusual-shaped leaves, amazing golden fall color, and is an herb commonly used for memory. The ginkgo is known as a living fossil because it has remained unchanged as a species for more than 200 million years.
- What plants in this garden have fragrant leaves? You might be surprised at how many they are! Many of these plants also have a history of being used for healing purposes.
- The genus *Salvia* includes many members of both annual and perennial plants. Culinary sage is one example. We love growing many types of *Salvias* because of their beautiful blooms that attract pollinators!

## Garden Tips:

- Make sure when you select a plant for your garden that you read about the eventual height and spread of the plant. As this garden demonstrates, you want to plan ahead for the size of the plant at maturity - even though when you buy it, it may be small!
- A perennial is a plant that does not complete its life cycle in just one year - it keeps coming back. However, some perennials do have limited life spans or may need to be divided to provide more space for new growth.
- The garden demonstrates how herbs can be used artistically in a garden, as well as an example of garden design with paths, a center of interest, and a variety of colors and textures.

