

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



Meadow Brook

Meadow Brook Hall is the historic home of one of the automotive aristocracy's most remarkable women, Matilda Dodge Wilson, her second husband Alfred Wilson, a lumber broker, and their four children, Frances and Danny Dodge, and Richard and Barbara Wilson. It exists as an indirect product of the achievements and good fortune of her first husband, automotive pioneer John F. Dodge, co-founder of Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company who quickly prospered in the burgeoning auto industry before his tragic death in 1920, leaving Matilda one of the world's wealthiest women. This fortune not only built one of America's finest residences and country estates, it also supported numerous Detroit charities and organizations, and made possible the founding of Oakland University.

Meadow Brook Hall was built during the country place era, a time when wealthy American industrialists pursued rural life in settings of great beauty. It represents one of the finest examples of Tudor-revival architecture in America and is especially renowned for its superb craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale of 88,000 square feet. Inspired by the country manor homes in England, it was designed and built by the Detroit architectural firm of Smith, Hinchman and Grylls between 1926 and 1929, at a cost of nearly \$4 million.

Meadow Brook Hall was built on the 320-acre farm estate John and Matilda Dodge had purchased years earlier as a weekend country retreat. The Wilsons expanded the estate to include 1,500 acres and several residences. For the Dodge and Wilson families, the farm estate provided a splendid setting for recreational activities and pastimes, such as equestrian sports, motoring, and gardening, and even developed into an agricultural complex, producing the finest lines of pedigree livestock.

In 1957, the Wilsons donated their residence, its collections, the estate's 1,500 acres and \$2 million to found what would become Oakland University. Meadow Brook Hall was opened to the public in 1971, four years after Matilda's death.

Currently, The Hall welcomes more than 70,000 visitors each year to participate in tours, educational programs and a variety of special events. This historic house museum also provides a sense of tradition for Oakland University and is a research, scholarship and training resource for students and faculty.

A National Historic Landmark, Meadow Brook Hall strives to preserve and interpret its architecture, landscape, and fine and decorative art so that visitors may be entertained, educated and inspired by history. The many beautiful gardens at Meadow Brook are maintained by hundreds of dedicated volunteers and members belonging to the Meadow Brook Garden Club.

"Becoming a Proven Winners Signature Garden validates what we have known for years: using Proven Winners plants assures us that our gardens will perform to our high standards all season long. The designation allows us to share that confidence with our guests by providing a magnificent backdrop for weddings and events while showcasing this National Historic Landmark."

Nikki Thomas

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MEADOW BROOK HALL AND GARDENS

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Meadow Brook Hall is known for its Tudor Revival architecture and extensive collection of decorative and fine arts. The Hall's 88,000 square feet and 110 rooms make it the largest historic home in the Midwest. The Hall's beautiful gardens make extensive use of Proven Winners plants, and have earned the prestigious designation as a Proven Winners Signature Garden – a showcase for the State of Michigan!



Mystic Illusion Dahlia
Showy star-shaped flowers contrast with dark foliage. Excellent garden performance. Zones 8-11. Full sun. Height: 18-36".



DIAMOND DELIGHT® Euphorbia
A mounding selection with double flowers. Heat, humidity and drought tolerant. Zones 10-11. Sun-part shade. Height: 10-12".



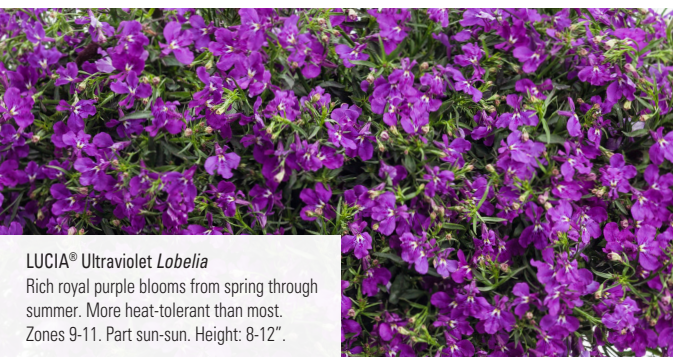
SUPERBELLS® Frostfire Calibrachoa
Abundant, small petunia-like flowers all season on cascading growth. Heat-tolerant. Zones 9-11. Sun-part shade. Height: 6-12".



SUPERTUNIA® Vista Fuchsia Petunia
Impressive, vigorous petunia for landscapes and large containers. No deadheading required. Zones 10-11. Part sun to sun. Height: 12-24".



CATALINA® Grape-O-Licious Torenia
Beautiful mounding to trailing flower for containers and landscapes. Heat-tolerant. Zones 10-11. Sun or shade. Height: 10-12".



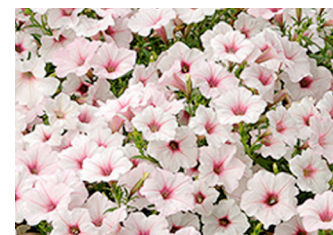
LUCIA® Ultraviolet Lobelia
Rich royal purple blooms from spring through summer. More heat-tolerant than most. Zones 9-11. Part sun-sun. Height: 8-12".



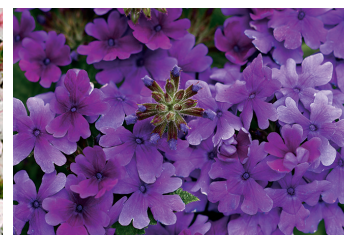
Sweet Caroline Bewitched Ipomoea
Great filler plant for combinations; excellent heat tolerance and vigor. Zone 11. Sun or shade. Height: 6-8".



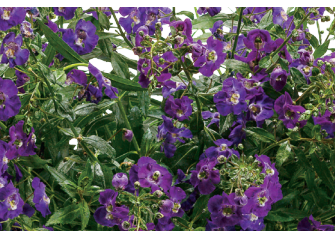
WHIRLWIND® Blue Scaveola
Fan-shaped, blue flowers grace the spreading stems of this durable plant all season. Zones 10-11. Sun. Height: 8-12".



SUPERTUNIA® Vista Silverberry Petunia
Impressive, vigorous petunia for landscapes and large containers. No deadheading required. Zones 10-11. Part sun to sun. Height: 12-24".



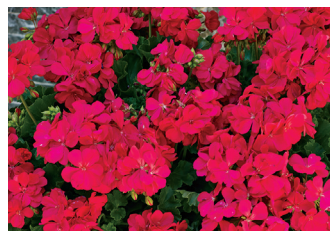
SUPERBENA® Dark Blue Verbena
Vigorous, trailing plant with large flowers all summer. Great in combinations and landscapes. Zones 8-11. Part sun to sun. Height: 6-12".



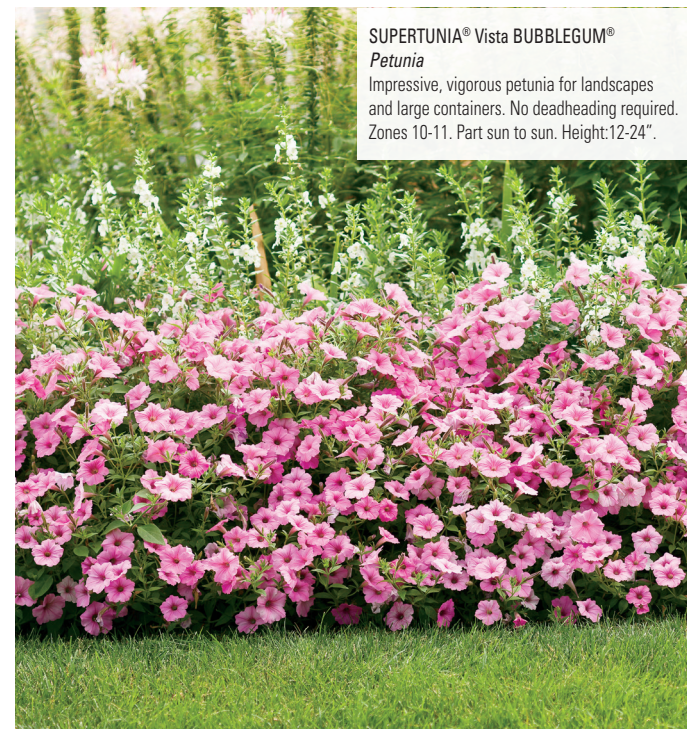
ANGELFACE® Blue Angelonia
Excellent flowering thriller for combinations. Blooms all season, loves the heat. Zones 10-11. Full sun. Height: 18-24".



LUSCIOUS® Bananarama Lantana
Bright yellow flowers grace extremely tough plants. Heat and drought-tolerant with a sweet fragrance. Zones 9-11. Full sun. Height: 18-30".



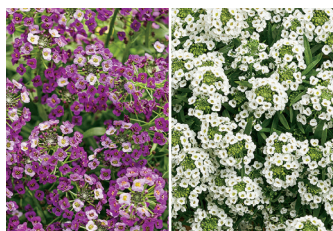
BOLDLY® Hot Pink Pelargonium
Long blooming, vibrant pink flowers on mounding plants. Heat-tolerant. Zones 9-11. Full sun. Height: 10-12".



SUPERTUNIA® Vista BUBBLEGUM® Petunia
Impressive, vigorous petunia for landscapes and large containers. No deadheading required. Zones 10-11. Part sun to sun. Height: 12-24".



SNOW PRINCESS® and BLUSHING PRINCESS® Lobularia
Displays mounds of fragrant blooms from spring to frost. Zones 9-11. Sun-part sun. Height: 4-8".



DARK KNIGHT™ and WHITE KNIGHT® Lobularia
Masses of fragrant flowers from spring to frost. Zones 9-11. Sun-part sun. Height: 4-6".



COLORBLAZE® VELVETEEN® Coleus
Fuchsia and burgundy foliage, with very late to no bloom. Heat-tolerant. Zones 10-11. Sun or shade. Height: 24-34".