

BEAUTIFUL HERSHEY MANSION GROUNDS

All Kinds of Flowers, Artistically Arranged, Make It a Real Beauty Spot

A walk through the Mansion grounds of M. S. Hershey reveals one of the most beautiful garden spots to be seen in this section of the country. It is unique in many ways and shows an individualistic taste of floral decorations. Besides all kinds of flowers are to be found somewhere on the spacious lawns, and indeed it is really a beautiful botanical garden, of large proportions. With large walks, plenty of shade, and all the effects of nature herself, the mansion lawns are to be fully appreciated only after having seen them yourself.

Approaching the lawns from the factory side, off of Chocolate Avenue, one gradually wends his way up the path which leads to the fountain when it is finished, but at the present the large flower beds is the charm that greets your eye and sustains that altogether pleasing effect of being among the sweet, fragrant, and beautiful flowers, God's greatest creation, which are here to please and sooth the unsubdued passions of worldly man. The large bed at the back of the fountain facing the mansion contains three colors of Achranthus in the border, with the Cannas as a center piece. The Cannas are yellow and blend beautifully with the red border of Achranthus. Near the fountain are to be found two triangular beds, one at either side of the fountain approach, which are filled with Coleus. The triangular beds have for the centers the famous Black Hero Coleus, while the borders are of the Golden Bedder Coleus. This setting of the handsome fountain is beautiful and the symmetry of the arrangement together with the selection of the flowers with the harmonious blending of colors could not have been better or more artistically arranged if nature had been unaided by the Hershey horticulturists.

Passing on toward the mansion the visitor will see at his right, just below the great rock formation and steps of rock, a bed of five hundred red geraniums, with a border of red coleus. This bed faces Chocolate Avenue, and can be seen from the drive way which encircles this entire rise of ground.

In front of the mansion are to be found exquisitely hand carved Italian Marble seats with four lion heads, one at each corner support. Large Sphinx heads guard the porch entrances, and the court is great. The Italian marble vases of all sizes, are handsomely carved and rare specimens of beauty.

The Italian Garden is just to the right of the main porch of the Mansion, is the exact reproduction of an elaborate and well executed garden such as would be seen only in the best of premises in the old country. There are ten beds of flowers in this garden, and one of which is a Rug Bed. This rug bed is composed of five colors of Althernanthera, with the formation of two crosses, one at either end, and a circular figure in the center. And the central bed is of Cannas. This bed has a double border of Scarlet Sage and sweet Allyssum and the cannas have dark red foliage. The other beds are: two of Petunias, two of Phlox, two of Snapdragons, and two of Coxcombs.

One of the most beautiful spots in the Hershey Mansion Botanical Gardens to be found, is the "Fountain of the Woods." Here a lover nature, and indeed one who looks at nature only casually can find a specimen of the rarest beauty, and one will likely spend as much time here admiring the beauty as at any other two places in the mansion lawns. One could spend a whole afternoon here and feel so refreshed as to actually forget about the heat of the day. To while away the time of a few hours is by no means a task, as you are likely to forget that you have anything else to do and spend three times the time at this "Wood" as you had originally intended to spend. To go on with the description of the "Wood," the writer must first describe the large pergola, which is semicircular in shape and is constructed in a most pleasing manner. The many pillars are all of cement and the spacious and very comfortable seats are also of cement. These are always cool and lend an air of comfort and ease to the "Wood."

The cement pillars support cedar cross pieces in the natural ruff, and together they form a very neat attractive arbor. This arbor is covered with several varieties of climbing roses, together with wisterias, clematis, and the famous Japanese Kandzu vine which makes a three foot growth in a single night, or twelve hours. This is not all by any means, but in the semicircular inclosure is to be found the "Fountain in the Wood," which has a bronze crane perched on top of a mass of stone placed in loose fashion, with the rustic and natural effects. The crane stands erect with wings outstretched and is apparently ready to fly. Water spouts forth from his mouth and he seems to be enjoying the cooling spray.

The fountain basin or lake is surrounded by hundreds of pots of ferns which are placed in such a natural manner that they appear as if they had always grown there. Whereas they were all in the hot house during the winter and had to be reset this spring. The ferns are of all kinds and varieties, from the aspidistras to the Mexican tree ferns, and including many species and families of tropical plants this fountain basin fifty large and very beautiful gold fish can be seen swimming around during the cool of the evening, but during the day they all stay in under the rustic stone work at the fountain base where it is cool and dark. All around the pergola and fountain are to be seen beautiful ferns and plants which make the spot look true to nature.

In another part of the mansion lawn there is a ninety foot bed of begonias of all kinds. This bed is simply under the trees in the woods, and is a pretty sight to behold.

The bed is shaped like a snake in the form of the letter "S" and is quite odd which adds to its uniqueness.

One of the most historic and gratifying features to be found on the mansion lawns is the Old Derry School House. It is built of local lime stone and is in a good state of preservation. In this school house Mr. M. S. Hershey received his early education and it is a fitting remembrance and memorial to have this old classic surrounded with ever-blooming flowers. Some of which are always in flower.

Harry Haverstick is the efficient head gardner, and has a large force of men working all the time to keep the lawns in the first class condition that they are always to be found.

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PIGEON SHOOT HELD SATURDAY

On Saturday afternoon a live pigeon shoot was held on the new baseball diamond adjoining the railroad tracks. There were seventy pigeons left out of the traps. The shoot was well attended and the contestants were P. N. Kasson, Ezra Hershey, Wm. Curtis, Ad. Whistler, Russell James, and L. B. Dunham. Mumper, an onlooker, made a good shot and killed a stray bird.

200 NEW BENCHES FOR HERSHEY PARK

Consignment of Fifty Received This Week. All Are Late Improved Ornamental Lawn Setees

The park management received another consignment of fifty new ornamental lawn setees for the park. These are all of the late pattern and are very seldom found in parks, because they are the expensive kind of lawn setee. There is now an additional 200 of them, all of which have been placed this season. These added to the large number of comfortable park benches which were placed in the park at its opening, fully equip the Hershey Park with benches to accommodate the large crowds that gather here daily. They are scattered all over the large park, and along all the walks leading to the carrousel, to the swings, and every cool and shaded nook.