



Susan Swerda Foss is a multi-media artist who began the Minnesota Goose Garden in 1989, inspired by the work of ethnologist Frances Densmore. She is a landscape artist, sculptor, painter and illustrator. Susan appreciates support from family and Native educators as well as the grants from McKnight Foundation, MSAB, ECRAC, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.



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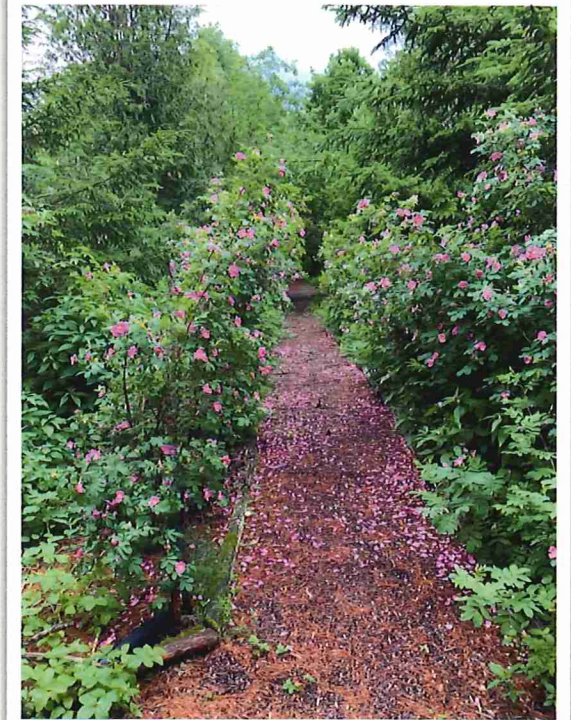
The Minnesota Goose Garden is open from Memorial Day weekend through October, 7 am-7 pm. The MGG is self-guided; tours are available by request.

A dog run is available in the parking lot; **pets are not allowed** in the MGG due to sensitive flora and wildlife. Sculpture hunt guides are available in the kiosk on-site, ideal for all ages.

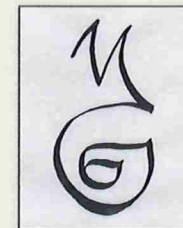
The MGG is a 501(c)3 non-profit, volunteer organization. \$5 per person is the suggested donation for ages 13+. 100% of donations are used for garden maintenance and are much appreciated. Miigwech!

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MINNESOTA GOOSE GARDEN



A floral and sculpture preserve
based on Ojibwe history





Medicine Wheel

What plant was used by the Ojibwe to catch fish? What was used to relieve teething babies or treat nosebleeds?

Answer these questions and more within a mile of paths with signage explaining Native usage of plants. Mosaic depictions provide migration routes, Native and introduced flora and a traditional Medicine Wheel.

New installments are ongoing. To obtain flora booklets listing species, usage and sourcing (\$28) text Susan at 320-390-2323 or email the MGG: info@minnesotagoosegarden.com



Birchbark phone booth

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Boozhoo! This unique garden was first envisioned in 1989 to promote native flora for the purposes of education and preservation. In Ojibwe culture, every plant has a utility for food, medicine, craft and ceremony—as given by the Creator, Gitchi Manitou.

500+ SPECIES OF FLORA, ROCKS AND MINERALS

Including: Sweet fern, Winterberry, Witch Hazel, Western sunflower, Wild geranium, Musclewood, Wild cucumber, Fireweed, Boneset, Goldthread, Beech, Aster, Cactus, Blackgum, Sassafras, Cottonwood, Lady Slipper, wild onion, wild roses, May apple, Skunk currant, Bergamot, Crabapple, Sage, Spikenard, Twin Flower, Bluebell, Pipestone and copper.



Showy Pink Lady Slipper



Joe Pye Weed

60+ ANIMAL, FLORA, HUMAN AND FUNGAL SCULPTURES

- Bald Eagle
- Caribou
- Sandhill Crane
- Common Loon
- Pine Marten
- Timber Rattlesnake
- Northern Pike
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Gray wolf
- Gray wolf pups
- North American Beaver
- Herring Gull
- Red tailed hawk
- Whitefish
- Sturgeon
- Canada Lynx
- Black Bear
- Goldfinch
- Mud turtle
- Sturgeon
- Catfish
- Ojibwe drum
- Medicine wheel
- Nisucweyacikwe
- Sun woman
- Merman
- Little boys/girl
- Sucker fish
- Goldfinch
- Hare
- Moose
- Otter family
- Turtle
- Baby Manadoon
- Fungi forest
- Missi-Kanabec
- Frances Densmore
- Keewaydinoquay
- Missipeschu
- Canada goose
- Canada gosling
- Canada egg nest



Moose



Black Bear



Timber Wolf



Sandhill Crane



Woman Blown by the Wind



Fungi