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**FLOWER GARDENS – AND ROMANCE! – IN FULL BLOOM AT
MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HERITAGE PARK**



MIDLAND – Thanks to the tireless efforts of local volunteers, the flower beds at the Bradley Home gardens and Carriage House Heritage Rose garden have never looked finer than they did this summer. They were nothing short of spectacular. "Our gardens are maintained entirely by volunteers who spend countless hours designing, planting, watering, weeding, and pruning. If you use the Rail Trail, we hope you'll take a moment to enjoy the handiwork of these dedicated individuals," remarks Midland County Historical Society Director Gary Skory. "Our thanks go to Mary Johnson, who heads up our Heritage Rose garden, and Pat Marsh, who heads up the beds around the Bradley Home, as well as all our other volunteers."

The MCHS gardens have also been the site of romance, with several couples exchanging marriage vows on the porch of the 1874 Bradley Home and in front of the rose-covered arch, handcrafted on site by the Max Carey Blacksmith Guild.

Summer hours for Heritage Park are Thursday through Saturday, 11 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$5 adults; \$3 children; FREE for children ages 3 and under and MCHS members. Admission includes access to all Heritage Park facilities: Michigan County History Gallery, H. H. Dow Museum, and 1874 Bradley Home. Rental inquiries for Heritage Park can be directed to Katy Schappel: 989-631-5930 ext 1245.



The Midland County Historical Society maintains Heritage Park, which includes the Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center, 1874 Bradley Home Museum and Carriage House and the Herbert H. Dow Historical Museum. The Historical Society was founded in 1952 and is dedicated to fostering the understanding, appreciation and preservation of Midland County's heritage.

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