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Sainte Marie's Hanging Flower Baskets

Visitors to Ste. Marie this summer are in for a special treat. The Sainte Marie Foundation recently spearheaded a program to hang beautiful flowering plants on four poles at the village's four-way stop. Each basket has a gorgeous cascade of different shades of pink flowers.

DM Manufacturing, a Ste. Marie welding company, made the wrought iron hangers from a design created by Maurice Calvert. Ron Kirts, Foundation vice-president, devised a battery-operated watering pump that is pulled by a golf cart, so the flowers could be watered daily.

"These hanging baskets are simply a way to beautify our village," said Maxine Calvert, treasurer of the Foundation, who organized the project. "We just wanted people to see how pretty they could be so we planned a limited number this year. We hope that businesses and interested individuals will sponsor more flowering baskets next year."

The Sainte Marie Foundation is incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit, founded exclusively for charitable purposes and dedicated to the improvement and historical preservation of Ste. Marie. For more information, call Maxine Calvert at 618-455-3227.



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Picture Caption 1: Ron Kirts waters one of the hanging flower baskets in the center of Sainte Marie.



Picture Caption 2: A pink cascade of flowers flows from one of the four hanging baskets at the intersection in Sainte Marie.