Patriotic Plantings

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our founding fathers wrote two centuries ago. On Sept. 17, the Constitution celebrates its bicentennial. To commemorate the occasion, bicentennial chairman Warren Burger has asked communities to plant red, white and blue gardens. Petunias provide just the right hues for a classic patriotic planting, as illustrated by the gardens at the Ball Seed Co. in Chicago, Ill. (above, lower right). The Constitution gardens can get more creative, such as this flag at the University of Minnesota (upper right). Red and white begonias make up the stripes, while dusty miller creates one large star in the corner.