

# Leila Arboretum [1]

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Planting a Brighter Future!

## *Leila Arboretum Children's Garden*

Well before European settlers came to what is now Michigan there were many different tribes of Native Americans who had made this land their home. The Potawatomi were native to this particular area of Michigan.

To this day, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi continues to live in harmony with the environment.

The Four Winds garden is designed and planted by local Potawatomi and is a visual education garden that is laid out in the shape of a circle. The circle is divided into four distinct quadrants which correspond to each of the four directions:



Each direction is represented by a particular color and a particular plant, together revealing the fundamentals of the Potawatomi way of life.

## **The Four Winds**

Direction	Common Name	Color
North	Sweetgrass	White
South	White Cedar	Red

East

Tobacco

Yellow

West

Sage

Blue



1. <http://www.lasgarden.org/index.html>