

Winnebago County Master Gardeners trip to the Gardens of Rockford

Thursday, June 22 – Friday, June 23, 2017 Cost: \$250, includes motor coach travel, tips, admissions, hotel (double occupancy), breakfast at hotel, 2 lunches and parking.

Cost is non-refundable, but if you cannot attend you can find someone else to take your place.

Details: Thursday: Bus departs from Coughlin Center at 6:30 am and arrives at La Paloma Gardens, a lovely private home garden owned by Karen Harding where we will have a tour by her and then a lunch from Panera. Next we travel to Midway Village which is a collection of 25 building showing the pioneer history of the Midwest and what plants the settlers grew alongside their cabins.

We will then travel to the Nicholas Conservatory to board the Forest City Queen for a one hour trip up and down the Rock River while listening to the history of Rockford and seeing the beauty along the river. This will be followed by a catered dinner on the terraces outside the 11,000 square foot Conservatory alongside the river and the Sinnissippi Gardens. At 6:30 we will go on a tour of the rose gardens and Conservatory and see a light show by artist Bruce Munro.

Finally we will go to the Holiday Inn Express for a good night's sleep!

Friday: Continental breakfast at the hotel, and check-out. First we will board the bus to visit the Klehm Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. We will have a 30 minute guided shuttle tour of the gardens and also have a guided walking tour time to see 150 acres of trees, plants, botanical educational center and children's garden. Next we will travel to the Anderson Japanese Gardens where we will go on a 2 hour docent lead walking tour to learn about this large serene garden featuring waterfalls, ponds, and stepping stones across ponds. Dinner will be on your own at the restaurant on the grounds of the Japanese Gardens. On our way home, we will stop at The Flower Factory for a chance to buy some of the special plants we might have seen on our garden excursions and finally we will head home! We will probably get back to Oshkosh around 9 pm after this garden packed day!

Make checks out to WCMGA (Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association) and mail form to: Marge Menacher, 4105 Westview Lane, Oshkosh, WI 54904. Questions? Contact Marge at marmen4105@charter.net or call 920-233-3467 or 920-420-8472.

Name _____ Cellphone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address to receive more information _____

Name of person I will room with _____

____ I would like a roommate ____ I would prefer a room alone (additional cost of \$60.00)