

Bus Trip to Montello, Dalton area, Green Lake and Princeton

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Join the Winnebago County Master Gardeners for a one day motorcoach trip to Nelson and Pade Aquaponic Greenhouses in Montello, Amish greenhouses in the Dalton area, the Pineapple Hill Orchard, Green Lake and Elim's Hostas in Princeton on Tuesday May 1. Cost is \$40.00 which includes motorcoach travel, admissions and tips. Cost is non-refundable, but if you cannot attend you can find someone else to take your place.

At Nelson and Pade we will tour their greenhouses, learn about aquaponics and controlled environmental agriculture and why it tastes better and is better for you. Each adult will receive a sample head of lettuce and be able to purchase vegetables at the Fresh Farm Stand. Some special bio-security health procedures apply: All guests must be free of influenza, common cold, and other contagious diseases – this is a food growing facility! All guests must show up in clean clothing and clean shoes, free of dirt, plant and debris. Anyone who arrives in dirty clothes, dirty shoes, is coughing or sneezing or displaying symptoms of communicable disease will not be allowed in the greenhouse.

Next we will travel to several Amish greenhouses. Because we are on a bus and many will be interested in buying plants, I am asking everyone to bring labeled large Rubbermaid type containers with lids. That way we can stack the containers under the bus and will be able to provide room for a number of purchases.

We will not be stopping at restaurants on this trip, so you will need to bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks. I will provide a cooler packed with bottled water for the afternoon. We will either eat on the bus or at one of the Amish farms. They do not have picnic areas for us!

In the afternoon, we will visit the Pineapple Hill Orchard where the owners Greg and Barb Becker specialize in apples grown on miniature trees that Greg has modified to grow close together and that produce a large amount of fruit! They also have beautiful gardens. We will probably be there too early for apple blossom time and definitely not for apple picking time! Greg will provide a tour and talk about his specialized orchard.

Last we will travel to Elim's Hostas in Princeton. We will get an introduction to their yard and look around at their 1300 varieties of hostas and will have an opportunity to purchase some of the 300 that they have for sale. Again because it is early, the hostas won't be in there prime, but it still should be quite interesting. He does have an open house the last weekend of June for those who would like to go back to see them in full beauty.

We will leave the Coughlin Center at 7:30 and Penney's parking lot at 7:45 and should arrive back in Oshkosh at 6:00 pm. Bring your own lunch, drink and snacks. Water will be provided. If you plan on buying plants, please bring your own labeled plastic container with lid to put your plants in. These containers will be stacked in the bus so be sure that your lid fits the container!

Make checks payable to WCMG and mail the form to Marge Menacher, 4105 Westview Lane, Oshkosh, WI 54904. Questions? Contact me at marmen4105@charter.net or call 920-420-8472. Please choose the pickup place below.

Name _____ Cell phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address to receive more information _____

_____ Coughlin Center pick up

_____ Old Penney's Parking lot pick up