

GREAT GARDENS OF PHILADELPHIA

The public is invited to join Winnebago County Master Gardener Volunteers on a spring trip to the Great (and Beautiful) Gardens of Philadelphia, Sunday, May 5, 2019 through Friday, May 10.

The trip begins with a flight to Philadelphia on **SUNDAY**. Flight times to be determined. Time permitting, we will have a group dinner at the hotel restaurant on Sunday evening.

We'll spend **MONDAY** in the historic **Philadelphia City Center** which offers a wide variety of tours, museums, river trips and much more. More information will follow so that you may choose how to spend your day.

On **TUESDAY**, we'll have a 60-minute tour of the world-renowned **Longwood Gardens**, as well as plenty of time to wander the majestic gardens on our own. In late afternoon we will visit historic and quaint **Kennett Square**, full of unique independent shops, restaurants & galleries. Dinner will be on your own in Kennett Square, the mushroom capitol of the world. Be sure to taste the mushroom soup!

WEDNESDAY will see us visiting the naturalistic gardens of **Winterthur** and **Mt. Cuba**, both originating from the private estates of DuPont family members.

- Mt. Cuba has evolved into a center that “inspires an appreciation for the beauty and value of native plants and a commitment to protect the habitats that sustain them”.
- Winterthur Gardens “are not a botanical collection maintained for scientific purposes but, rather, an artistic composition that captures a significant period in the history of American horticulture. This landscape is a significant cultural artifact, and its components--plants, architecture, and decorative objects--are preserved and managed as a collection.” Great gift shop here, too!

THURSDAY, we visit **Morris Arboretum** of the University of Pennsylvania and **Chanticleer**, a Pleasure Garden.

- Morris Arboretum began in 1887 as *Compton*, the summer home of John and Lydia Morris, sibling heirs to the iron-manufacturing I.P. Morris Company. Through the stewardship and vision of this Quaker family, Compton became the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania in 1932. Science, art, and humanities are pursued through a variety of research, teaching, and outreach programs that link the Arboretum to a worldwide effort to nurture the earth's forests, fields and landscapes. Many champion and former champion trees are at the arboretum.
- Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America. The garden is a study of textures and forms, where foliage trumps flowers, the gardeners lead the design, and even the drinking fountains are sculptural. It is a garden of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home. This garden was voted number one on our previous trip to Philadelphia gardens.

Friday we will fly home. Time TBD.

We will stay at the Best Western Plus Concordville Hotel. A hot breakfast with an omelet station is served every morning and is included in the room cost. A restaurant, bar, pool and exercise facility are available on site. We stayed at this hotel on our previous Philadelphia trip and everyone was very pleased with the accommodations. The hotel cost is \$73.03 per person, per night based on double occupancy. **Total cost of 5 hotel nights is \$365.15 per person including taxes.**

Motor coach transportation in Philadelphia will be provided by Werner Bus Lines, Inc., chosen again due to excellent service provided during our last trip. **The cost of all transfers in Philadelphia will be \$255 per person which includes the driver's tip.**

Entrance and tour fees for all gardens listed above, as well as a group dinner on Sunday totals \$118 person. We are working to have tours at all gardens, but have not been able to confirm as some gardens are closed for the season. Fees for any tours we are unable to confirm, will be deducted from final payment. Any tour or entry fees incurred in Philadelphia City Center will be paid by you.

Airfare is not included in the trip cost at this time. We are unable to finalize that cost until reservations are made. To reserve seats for group trips, all airlines require a \$50 non-refundable deposit within 2 weeks after a firm quote is provided. Therefore, we can tell you the cost of airfare today, but unless we pay the \$50 non-refundable fee per seat (a total of \$1500) within two weeks, the amount quoted is no longer valid. Based on current quotes (December), **we estimate round trip airfare will be approximately \$500.** We will either fly from local airports or provide coach transportation to Chicago, depending on seating availability, cost and timing of flights.

The trip per person cost **WITHOUT AIRFARE** now stands at **\$738.15.** **Air transportation to Philadelphia is expected to be about an additional \$500.00 for a final trip total of approximately \$1,238.15**

A deposit of \$250 will be required by March 1 to hold your trip reservation, but participants are encouraged to register early as the trip's capacity is only 30. See details on registration form below or at <http://www.winnebagomastergardeners.org/> On homepage, click on "Classes, Seminars and Trips" to find registration form. Contact Roy Anne Moulton at royanne@new.rr.com or 920-915-9731 for more information.

We hope to share the Great and Beautiful Gardens of Philadelphia with you!

REGISTRATION FORM for PHILADELPHIA TRIP

NAME: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

ROOMING WITH _____

ROOM FOR ONLY 1 _____ **UPCHARGE OF \$365.15 IS ENCLOSED** _____

Make checks payable to WCMGA (Winnebago County Master Gardener Association)

Mail registration form and deposit check to Roy Anne Moulton, 1434 Silverwood Lane, Neenah, WI 54956. Email royanne@new.rr.com or call 920-915-9731 with questions.

Remaining payment of \$488.00 plus airfare is due 4/1. You will be notified of airline costs as soon as possible