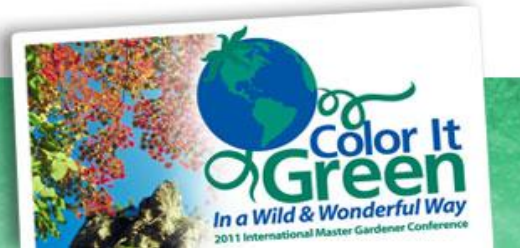


International Master Gardener Conference 2011



Wednesday Day Tours, October 12, 2011

Heritage Farm Museum and Village & Ritter Park Rose Garden

Tour Date: Wednesday, October 12

Tour Time: 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost if registered prior to June 10: \$35, includes admission fee and lunch (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Cost if registered on or after June 10: \$45, includes admission fee and lunch (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Activity Level: Easy. (See additional information at the bottom of the page.)

Enjoy a catered lunch in the Welcome Center. Then, step back in time at the Heritage Farm Museum and Village for a fun-filled, educational and relaxing experience. See life as it was in Appalachia from the 1800's through the early 1900's.

Journey through history with a guided tour through three museums.

- The Transportation & Mill Museum has covered wagons to early automobiles.
- In the Progress Museum witness the dramatic changes made in the home during the 1800's and early 1900's.
- In the Country Store see the daily activities of the economic center of the village.

On the way home, we will stop by Huntington's Ritter Park Rose Garden. This 70 year old rose garden houses around 2,000 bushes and is noted for its All-American Rose selections.

**Location is ADA accessible. Bus does not have wheelchair lift. Can stow wheelchair in cargo if person can get on and off bus*



Farms of Today and Yesterday

(Listed on the registration form as: Heritage Farm Museum & Village/Stiltner Apiary)

Tour Date: Wednesday, October 12

Tour Time: 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Cost if registered prior to June 10: \$35, includes admission fees (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Cost if registered on or after June 10: \$45, includes admission fees (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Activity Level: Easy – Moderate (Please see additional ADA information at the bottom of the page)

Enjoy stops at two locations to learn about farming and Appalachian heritage. This tour combines the history and heritage at the Heritage Farm Museum and Village in Huntington, W.Va. with the modern techniques in bee farming in the state's largest apiary, Stiltner Apiaries in Fort Gay, W.Va.

Begin your tour with a stop at Heritage Farm for lunch and a tour through the museums and village. Step back in time for a fun-filled, educational and relaxing experience. See life as it was in Appalachia from the 1800's through the early 1900's. Journey through history on a guided tour through three museums.



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Afterward, travel to Stiltner Apiaries to learn about modern beekeeping and current issues concerning honey bees. Discover firsthand the history of rural Appalachian life and culture and learn about today's bee farming industry in West Virginia.

This tour is made possible by the support of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

**ADA Accessibility: Locations are ADA Accessible. Passenger vans do not have wheelchair lifts, but wheelchairs and assistive devices may be stored in rear cargo area of vans if attendees are able to mobilize into and out of the vans.*

Kanawha State Forest & Capitol Market

Tour Date: Wednesday, October 12

Tour Time: 1 – 4:30 p.m.

Cost if registered by June 10: \$25 (For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information)

Cost if registered on or after June 10: \$35 (For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information)

Activity Level: Easy to moderate—you choose the hike that will fit your comfort level. (See additional information at the bottom of the page.)

Kanawha State Forest is a place where one can find tranquility and be one with nature. On this October day, leaves on the trees will be in their full fall color.

Much of the temperate hardwood forest in Appalachia is disappearing; therefore these 9,000 acres are a place to piece together the puzzle of what our land was like.

Several groups, led by Master Naturalists, will walk along trails to learn about different topics such as trees, plants, aquatic life and history. There will be an opportunity to look for a witch hazel tree in bloom and new leaves of the putty root orchid.

As the sun goes down behind the mountains, we will conclude our afternoon with a trip to the Charleston Capitol Market, a renovated railroad transfer dock which was built in the late 1800s.

This is an opportunity to look at the produce in season and enjoy a colorful array of pumpkins and chrysanthemums. Inside the market, there are food and craft specialties including Swiss chocolates, wine and cheese, various coffees and teas, and bulk foods.

From here the bus will return you to your hotel and the Civic Center.

**This is an active tour that is fairly fast paced. This tour is not ADA accessible.*



Huntington Museum of Art/ C. Fred Edwards Conservatory & the Ritter Park Rose Garden

Tour Date: Thursday, October 13

Tour Time: 1 – 5 p.m.

Cost is registered prior to June 10: \$35, includes admission fees (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Cost is registered on or after June 10: \$45, includes admission fees (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Activity Level: Easy. (See additional information at the bottom of the page)

Travel with us to Huntington, West Virginia, to visit the Huntington Museum of Art. For more than five decades the museum has been bringing the world of art to the people of West Virginia.

Enjoy the beauty of glass, the wisdom and whimsy of Appalachian folk art, the artistry of American furniture and firearms, and the serenity of 19th and 20th century American and European paintings. Ponder the exotic Middle Eastern arts and the sculptures by Calder and Rickey.

In addition to art, this Museum was founded with the mission to be a proponent for, and an interpreter of, nature. This mission is manifested in the conservatory which contains warm growing non-native plants to include orchids, agriculturally important plants, fragrant plants and unusual plants.



The orchid collection contains 400 varieties, which include hybrids and species. Agriculturally important plants include those that are important because we eat them or use their products in some way. The presence of fragrant plants adds another dimension to the conservatory.

Plants such as orange Jessamine and white ginger add a pleasing aroma to the air. The unusual category includes the pitcher plant, designed to trap insects, the turtle plant, which produces a structure to help it survive droughts, and the sensitive plant, which responds to touch by folding its leaflets.

There are two sculptures in the conservatory. A glass sculpture by Dale Chihuly and a bronze by Harriet Whitney Frishmuth.

On the way home, we will stop by Huntington's Ritter Park Rose Garden. This 70-year-old rose garden houses around 2,000 bushes and is noted for its All-American Rose selections.

**Museum and conservatory ADA accessible. Bus does not have wheelchair lift. However wheelchair can be stored in cargo area if person is capable of get on and off the bus.*

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Ginseng & Medicinal Plants at Left Fork Farm

Tour Date: Wednesday, October 12

Tour Time: 1 – 5 p.m.

Cost prior to June 10: \$30 (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Cost on or after June 10: \$40 (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Activity Level: Moderate. This tour is not ADA accessible.

Adventure tour to a 250 acre farm 25 miles outside of Charleston, West Virginia.

Learn how Ginseng and other Medicinal Plants (Black Cohosh, Bloodroot, Goldenseal, and other natives like Black Walnut) are planted and harvested. Discover how these items are later produced into teas, tinctures, salves, and other products.

Learn how the moon plays an important part on this farm.

**Participants must be able to climb stairs to the top of the barn and walk one half of a mile (with optional sloping hillsides for the woods-grown Ginseng.)*

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Charleston's Spring Hill Cemetery Park, Capitol Market & East End Gardens

Tour Date: Wednesday, October 12

Tour Time: 1 – 5 p.m.

Cost if registered by June 10: \$30 (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Cost if registered on or after June 10: \$40 (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Activity Level : Moderate – High. (This tour is not ADA accessible. See additional information at the bottom of the page.)

View West Virginia's magnificent gold-domed Capitol from high above the City at one of the Kanawha Valley's most scenic sites, the 150-acre Spring Hill Cemetery Park.

The tour begins at the 1910 Moorish-style mausoleum for an overview of the Cemetery and continues by foot into the nearby Old Circle where many of the City's earliest families are buried.

Visit the massive obelisk of a local judge which required 24 mules to draw it up the hill. Find out which marker played a part in transferring whiskey during Prohibition. This is a wonderful place to walk, enjoy the natural beauty of the valley and do a little bird watching.

Next stop is the Capitol Market, a renovated railroad transfer dock which was built in the late 1800s. Walk through the outdoor shops in the farmers' market to view West Virginia plants and produce. Inside the market, there are food and craft specialties including Swiss chocolates, wine and cheese, various coffees and teas, and bulk foods.

Back on the bus for the last stop to visit gardens in one of the oldest and most diverse neighborhoods in Charleston. The gardens of the historic East End include eclectic residential flower/vegetable gardens, a community vegetable garden, and a pristine memorial garden.

**This is an active tour that is fairly fast paced. Participants should be able to walk approximately a mile at the Cemetery Park. This tour is not ADA accessible.*

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WV State Capitol Grounds & Museum of Culture and History

Tour Date Option 1: Wednesday, October 12

Tour Date Option 2: Thursday, October 13

Tour Time: 1 – 5 p.m.

Cost if registered by June 10: \$30 *(For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information)*

Cost if registered on or after June 10: \$40 *(For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information)*

Activity Level: Easy. (See information at the bottom of the page.)

A presentation highlights the process of the West Virginia State Capitol grounds: “Going Green and Native.”

Learn how the Capitol switched from chemicals to organic fertilizers, biological control and native plants. On the self-guided map tour, see a worm farm that turns leaves, grasses and wood chips into compost mulch and two landscape areas by the West Virginia Native Plant Society with a water feature.

At the Governor’s Mansion, see the “Year Round Garden” which includes “Cold Frames” and then have a tea and cookie break.

Complete your afternoon with a visit to the West Virginia Culture Center State Museum’s art exhibits, or visit the main capitol building.

**ADA accessible. However bus does not have wheelchair lift. Wheelchair can be stored in cargo area if person is capable of get on and off the bus.*

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Thursday Day Tours, October 13, 2011

Bob's Market & Greenhouses

Tour Date: Thursday, October 13

Tour Time: 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Activity Level: Easy. (see more information at the bottom on the page)

Plan your afternoon excursion at the Robert Barnitz' family owned and operated Bob's Market and Greenhouses in Mason, W.Va.

Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow gardeners as you travel 70 spectacularly colorful miles from Charleston to our destination, while our hosts, the Barnitz family, ready lunch for your arrival.

Afterward, take a guided walking tour of and learn about the horticultural process, from seedling to show, of Bob's multi-lines of business that grew from a small roadside market begun in 1970. Now nearly 20 acres large, you'll see nearly half the property under greenhouse roof, where Bob's germinates over 120 million seedlings annually as a main supplier for Ball Seed Company, and also transplants and roots more than 4 million cuttings as a station for Dummen, U.S.A. —a German based plant breeder. Bob's Market not only ships its plants all over the United States, but maintains various retail stores, including one at the Mason, WV location.

Bob's Market is proud to embrace an eco-friendly production process, from use of energy-efficient natural gas heaters to offerings of USDA and CCOF organic vegetables and herbs, to recycling production by-products and plant containers.

Plan to see a plethora of color on display in the hundreds of thousands of hardy garden mums, geraniums, pansies at this time of year, along with rooted cuttings of geraniums and poinsettias.

As a bonus, shop the Mason Market for fresh produce and gift items to take home with you! Bob's even stocks a number of Sugar Creek Foods from Ohio's Amish Country.

What a way to experience autumn, all in one fell swoop of an afternoon! We'll have you back in Charleston in time for dinner with friends.

**Activity Level: Easy. ADA accessible location. However bus does not have wheelchair lift. Wheelchair can be stored in cargo area if person is capable of get on and off the bus.*

Tamarack & the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine

Tour Date: Thursday, October 13

Tour Time: Time: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$45, includes lunch and fees (*For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information*)

Activity Level: Easy. (See additional information at the bottom of the page.)

Treasure in the Mountains

Come and spend the afternoon in the mountains of West Virginia. This trip will include two unique destinations.

The bus will first head to TAMARACK: The Best of West Virginia. Tamarack, opened in 2003, was the nation's first showcase of handcrafts, fine art and regional cuisine. It is comprised of a warmly decorated retail store, working studios for resident artisans, a fine art gallery, a theater, herb garden, and a food court managed by the world-renowned Greenbrier Resort.

Tamarack serves as a single stop where visitors can shop, eat, relax, and discover West Virginia's delightful heritage.



Following lunch from The Greenbrier Food Court and some shopping time, the tour will leave Tamarack for a journey into the earth and into the past at the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine.

The Exhibition Coal mine is the largest coal heritage destination in the region. Tour participants can expect to spend approximately 45 minutes underground under the supervision of an experienced, veteran coal miner in a "man car."

Bring a jacket. The mine maintains a steady temperature of 50 degrees.

The remainder of the time at this historic site includes an opportunity to tour a coal miner's home, church and school representative of early life in the coal towns of southern West Virginia.

** This tour is suitable for anyone. Both locations are ADA accessible. Bus does not have wheelchair lift, can stow a chair in the cargo if person can get on and off the bus. Must be able to step into man car to take mine tour.*

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Charleston's Coonskin Park, Carriage Trail & Capitol Market Tour

Tour Date: Thursday, October 13

Tour Time: Noon – 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 (For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information)

Activity Level: Moderate – High. (This tour is not ADA accessible. See additional information at the bottom of the page.)

Our parks are forested hillsides and in October are dressed in their fall beauty. This tour will take you to Coonskin, a county park of 850 acres, the Carriage Trail, a city park of 11 acres and the Charleston's Capitol Market. You will learn how volunteers have aided the government agencies. Coonskin, 15 minutes out of town, has a picnic pavilion near the entrance garden which is maintained by the Kanawha County Master Gardeners. Here we will eat our lunch and discuss the plantings in the garden and the trees that surround us.

After a drive through the park, we continue on to the Carriage Trail, a hidden treasure where you will feel secluded by the wooded area. This gentle .67 walking path down hill, filled with history and native plants, is just across the river from town. This walk will be of special interest to people interested in removing English ivy.

The bus will meet us at the bottom and take us just a short distance to the Capitol Market. This is an opportunity to look at the produce in season and enjoy a colorful array of pumpkins and chrysanthemums. An indoor section has WV made crafts, wine, Swiss chocolate, bulk foods and prepared food for purchase. From here the bus will return you to your hotel and the Civic Center.

**This is an active tour that is fairly fast paced with walking on sloped terrain. This tour is not ADA accessible.*



Blenko Glass Company Tour

Tour Date: Thursday, October 13

Tour Time: 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 (For additional tour pricing for guests see registration information)

Activity Level: Easy. (see more information at the bottom on the page)

Blenko Glass Company in Milton, W.Va., is nationally well-known for its artistic hand-blown glass.

The Visitor's Center contains a factory outlet, a museum to explore with a designer's corner, displays of Blenko's historical works including Presidential gifts, U. S. Capitol lighting globes, Colonial Williamsburg stemware, and a gallery of stained glass windows made with Blenko sheet glass.

Attached to the Visitor's Center is an observation area allowing visitors to watch as Blenko's skilled craftsmen transform molten glass into its final form.



Blenko produces many vibrant individual colors for use by anyone with a taste for quality glass, Handmade in the USA.

**Location is not ADA accessible. There is a set of stairs to climb to get to the factory. Bus does not have wheelchair lift. Wheelchair can be stored in cargo area if person is capable of get on and off the bus.*

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State Capitol Grounds & Museum of Culture and History

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