

WHPS Bus Tour Milwaukee Area Gardens Sunday, June 1—Cost \$28

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Highlights: Join us for a one day bus trip to the Milwaukee area where we will visit four garden centers/nurseries and two private gardens.

Date: Sunday, June 1 **Cost:** \$28

Registration deadline: May 1, 2014 (No refunds after 5/1)

Departure time: Sunday, June 1, 8:00 a.m. from Dutch Mill Park and Ride (day parking in East Lot).

Return Time: 6:00 p.m.

What's included: Bus, driver tip, entry to Radler garden

What's not included: Please bring a sack lunch. There will be NO water or beverages on the bus—please plan accordingly and bring your own refillable water bottle or beverage for the day.

The garden centers/nurseries we will visit are:

Shady Acres Perennial Nursery (www.shadyacresnursery.com) Shady Acres Perennial Nursery is a local, family-owned business that has been serving the green industry for 55 years. Perennials are their specialty, and they are known for an outstanding selection of top-quality plants, grown in their New Berlin, Wisconsin nursery, offering over 1200 varieties. You will be able to browse their garden center and take time to meander through their display gardens, where you can see many mature perennials growing in a garden setting.

Bluemel's Garden Center (www.bluemels.com) Unlike the box stores, their retail garden center grows most of their own annuals and perennials, and they take genuine pride in the plants they offer customers. Besides annuals and perennials, they also carry rose bushes, herbs, veggies, bagged materials, pottery and garden decor. The store is loaded with gardening necessities such as tools, fertilizers, soil & water testers, pest & disease control applications as well as unique garden



accents- some even created by local artists!

Minor's Garden Center (www.minorsgardencenter.com) carries a wide variety of trees, shrubs, evergreens, perennials, annuals and much more. Minor's is well known

their selection of unusual and hard-to-find plants. Minor's Garden Center is more than just a garden center; their knowledgeable customer-oriented staff will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have concerning your gardening needs. Minor's Garden Center offers over 20 acres of quality, guaranteed nursery stock on site. Their 2014 Price List is now available online to view or print, along with our Seasonal Merchandise and Specials.



Johnson's Nursery (www.johnsonsnursery.com) At their retail nursery in Menomonee Falls, you will discover and experience first-hand the outstanding quality of plant material available

for purchase. Their knowledgeable, friendly, no-pressure staff will answer questions and give suggestions and ideas to make your garden more beautiful. You won't believe the incredible selection of locally-grown towering shade trees, flowering ornamentals, conifers, shrubs and beautiful perennials, many of which are Wisconsin natives.

We will also be touring two private gardens:

Will Radler Garden: The name Will Radler may be familiar to some gardeners. Will is the creator of the Knockout Rose. Will is a rose breeder with an extensive collection of roses of all types. Will's goal is to develop roses that are showy, disease free and easy to care for. Thus far, he has developed seven varieties of Knockout Roses. While much of his garden is dedicated to roses and his breeding program, he loves all types of plants. His two-acre garden is extensively landscaped with all types of interesting plants. There are many interesting and unusual trees and shrubs, both deciduous and evergreen. He primarily uses perennials, but grows many interesting and unusual annuals as well to fill in the garden. In addition to unusual plants, the garden includes ponds, waterfalls, sculpture and an extensive stream that meanders through the yard. The sloping garden uses stone to create terraces, raised garden beds, waterfalls, and a very large outdoor fireplace and seating area. There's even an outdoor shower. This is truly a gardener's garden that you surely will enjoy.

Dorothy and Gerry Danforth private garden: Dorothy Danforth has had many loves in her life. In the early days of her gardening, she had a passion for hostas—collecting more than 50 varieties of them. Then she fell for daylilies. "They are such prima donnas," she says fondly of the 100 or so different cultivars she tends. As she worked to incorporate fall color, she developed a real appreciation for ornamental grasses, sedges and asters. For the last few years, dwarf conifers have set her heart aflutter. As is typical of Danforth, in short order she has incorporated more than 200 conifers into the brimming mixed borders she's created during more than 30 years of gardening on her 1/3 acre lot outside Milwaukee.



"I seem to possess a great passion for the garden," she explains. "It keeps me healthy with its demands for physical exercise, fresh air and sunshine. It brings me some wonderful friends. It is a way of sharing my learning and experience with others and fostering a desire in others to plant a garden. It is very important to have a passionate interest as one ages," she concludes. "The garden fulfills that need for me." (from *Chicago Gardening* magazine March/April 2011)

WHPS Trip to Chicago Botanic Garden Saturday, August 9—Cost \$28

Tour leader

Jane LaFlash, cell 608-243-1208, whps05@yahoo.com

WHPS Trip to Chicago Botanic Garden, Saturday, August 9

(www.chicagobotanic.org)

Cost: \$28

Departure time Saturday, August 9: 7:30 am from Dutch Mill Park and Ride (day parking in East Lot).

Return time Saturday, August 9: approximately 6:00 pm

Registration deadline: July 9 (no refunds after this date)

What's included: bus to Chicago Botanic Garden, driver tip, bus parking

What's not included: Lunch will be on your own in the Garden Café. There will be NO water or beverages on the bus—please plan accordingly and bring your own refillable water bottle or beverage for the day.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Wouldn't you love to visit or re-visit the Chicago Botanic Garden without having to drive there yourself?

How about joining 55 of your favorite plant friends for a day at these beautiful gardens?

Once the bus is parked, entry is free and you will have the day to explore on your own this 385 acre botanic garden with 26 separate gardens and 4 natural areas, including: the English Walled Garden, the Japanese Garden, the Rose Garden, the Sun and Shade Evaluation Gardens, the Dwarf Conifer Garden, the Bonsai Collection, the Fruit and Vegetable Garden, Evening Island, the Native Plant Garden, and the Plant Science Center.



WHPS Bus Trip to Eastern Iowa Friday-Sunday, September 12-14—Cost \$210 (double occupancy)

Tour Leaders:

John Cannon, cell 608-772-9854, jtcannon@wisc.edu
Jane LaFlash, Ph: cell 608-243-1208, whps05@yahoo.com

Cost is \$210 per person (double occupancy); single supplement is \$100. Please list your preferred roommate on the registration form. We suggest you send the forms together to guarantee both people get on the trip. We will match you with a roommate if you prefer.

Deadline to sign up is August 1, 2014. No refunds given after this date.

What's included: bus, driver tip, tour at Seed Savers, entry to all gardens, Saturday and Sunday lunches (with beverage)

What's not included: Please bring a sack lunch for Friday. There will be NO additional water or beverages on the bus—please plan accordingly and bring your own refillable water bottle or beverage. Friday and Saturday night dinners are on your own.

Departure Friday, September 12: 7:00 a.m., Dutch Mill Park and Ride. Please be on time for prompt departure.

Overnight parking in WEST LOT ONLY at Dutch Mill Park and Ride.

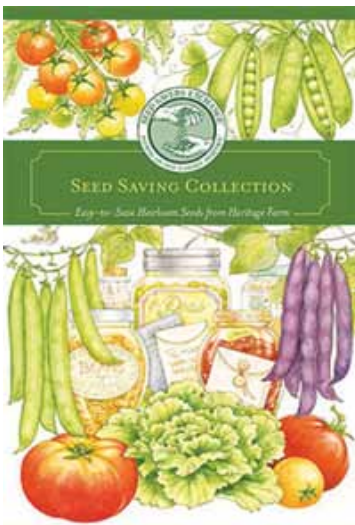
Return Sunday, September 14: approximately 6:30 p.m.

Highlights: This 3-day trip features some of Eastern Iowa's best private gardens, garden centers, and botanic gardens. We'll tour Seed Savers Heritage farm and preservation gardens to learn about their mission of collecting and saving heritage seeds. We will visit the Bickelhaupt and Dubuque Arboreta, both botanical gardens featuring world-class conifer and Hosta collections. We have lined up six fabulous private gardens to explore and you will have the opportunity to shop for seeds, plants, and garden gifts at four nursery stops along the way.

We will be visiting the following four garden centers/nurseries:

Seed Savers, Decorah IA (www.seedsavers.org)

This unique 890 acre heritage farm attracts visitors from all over the world. It maintains 20,000 rare vegetables and 2000 traditional varieties, as well as over 650 varieties of 19th century apples and hardy grapes which are grown at the farm. The farm is also the home of 50 rare, ancient wild White Park cattle. The buildings on the farm are also a treasure. Amish carpenters have built a meeting center in the barn's cathedral-like loft and have completed the Lillian Goldman Visitor's Center that offers a wide selection of heirloom seeds, horticultural books, and garden gifts.



K&K Nursery, Hawkeye IA (www.kkgardens.com)

K&K gardens offers Northeast Iowa the largest selection of new and unusual perennials, annuals, woody ornamentals, water garden plants, water garden equipment and accessories, garden gifts, tools, and an incredible selection of hosta. K&K has nearly one acre of enchant-perennial gardens displaying endless ideas for all levels of the gardening enthusiast. This retail nursery has been referred to as a “must-see” destination for every gardener.



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In The Country Garden and Gifts, Independence IA

(www.inthecountrygardenandgifts.com) The greenhouse and shadehouse are bursting with many new and unusual plants, and the gift shop is filled with unique garden décor, statuary, and homespun gifts.

From the start, hostas and water plants have been the mainstay of the business. A large shadehouse is filled with more than 300 hosta varieties for sale, and hosta fanatics frequently come from all over the Midwest to find new and hard-to-find varieties. Die-hard hosta collectors will also find hosta-themed gifts, including books, t-shirts, greeting cards, mailboxes, tote bags, Christmas ornaments, and even lawn chairs.



They began water gardening over 20 years ago and In The Country is now one of the largest sources of aquatic plants in Northeast Iowa. They grow a large selection of both hardy and tropical water lilies, including the giant Victoria water lily, lotus, floating and submerged plants, and a wide assortment of hardy and tropical marginal plants. All plants are potted and ready to go right into the customer's pond.

Gardeners will also find a variety of choice shade perennials, succulents, and miscellaneous intriguing horticultural wonders.

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Hosta Leaf Nursery, Colesburg IA

One of the Midwest's premier hosta destinations.



We will be visiting two public arboreta:

Bickelhaupt Arboretum, Clinton IA (www.bickelhaupt.org)

This is a 14 acre outdoor museum of select labeled trees, shrubs, groundcovers, perennials and annuals. The Heartland Collection of Dwarf Conifers is one of the top public garden conifer collections in the U.S., with over 600 cultivars. Also included are the Hasselkus Collection of Arborvitae and Cultivars, a wildflower garden, a Hosta Glen, a pinetum and collections of prairie plants, flowering trees, and wildflowers.



Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Garden

(www.dubuquearboretum.com)

This 52-acre arboretum and botanical garden includes: the largest public hosta garden in the US (13,000 with 700 varieties), formal rose garden, herb garden, Japanese garden, annual and perennial gardens, and the nationally recognized Bill Walter and Dennis Hermsen's Award Winning Conifer collection.



Private Gardens

We will be visiting the following private gardens:

- Gary and Tom Whittenbaugh (Oelwein IA),
- Diane Dave (Independence IA)
- Dennis Hermsen (Farley IA)
- Jeff and Lora Rathje (Long Grove IA)
- Dave and Mary Vogel (Fulton IL)
- Randy Dykstra (Fulton IL).

These are all fabulous gardens which include conifers, rock gardens, unusual woody and perennial plants, and beautiful landscaping design. Dennis Hermsen and Randy Dykstra operate nurseries connected with their gardens.

Hotels

- Country Inn and Suites
2011 Laporte Rd, Waterloo IA (Friday night)
- La Quinta
3330 E Kimberly, Davenport IA (Saturday night)



2014 Trips
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Madison, WI 53704-5822

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Questions? Contact Jane LaFlash at whps05@yahoo.com or 608-243-1208.



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**Sunday, June 1
Milwaukee Area**

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**Friday-Sunday, September 12-14
Eastern Iowa**





Registration—2014 Bus Trips

Please send a separate check for each trip you are registering.

All trips are rain or shine.

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Name _____
Address _____
Phone(s) _____
Email _____

TRIP FEE \$28 _____ (No refunds after May 1, 2014)

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I/we agree to release Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society, trip tour guide and board members from any liability for loss or injury of any kind on this tour.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Phone _____

Make checks payable to Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society

Only checks/forms sent U.S. Mail will be accepted.

(Separate checks for each trip)

Send to Jane LaFlash, 211 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Madison, WI 53704

* nonmembers pay additional \$10 membership fee

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Email _____

TRIP FEE \$28 _____ (No refunds after July 9, 2014)

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Estimated return is 6:00 p.m.

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Friday-Sunday, September 12-14—Eastern Iowa—Cost \$210 (double occupancy) Registration deadline August 1, 2014

Name _____
Address _____
Phone(s) _____ Email _____

Double-occupancy Fee \$210 _____ (Single supplement \$100) _____ (No refunds after August 1, 2014)

My preferred roommate _____ (We will match you with a roommate if you prefer.) I need a vegetarian option _____

We suggest you send the forms together to guarantee both people get on the trip.

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