

2017 Daffodil & Hosta Society of W PA Bus Trip

Buffalo and Rochester, NY Area

June 23 and 24, 2017

Smug Creek Gardens: The Garden of Mike & Kathy Shadrack - Hamburg, NY

This is a large wooded rural plot with four completely different gardens. Four terraces displaying daylilies, hydrangeas, lilies, irises and unusual perennials rise from a creek-side patio. On the opposite wooded slope a large collection of hostas is planted. A second shade garden designed especially for little hostas includes a hosta rock garden, featured in Kathy and Mike's Book of Little Hostas. The newest planted area, also in the sun, features island type gardens with more daylilies, irises, conifers and unusual perennials and shrubs. Many troughs and containers are featured and there is a wide, shallow creek running through the property and under the house.

Hidden Gardens of Eden Home of Marcia and David Sully - Eden, NY

The 'Hidden Gardens of Eden,' home of a passionate gardener, contain over one thousand named hosta and a number of unique hosta seedlings that Marcia has hybridized. New hosta are constantly being added to this collection. These gardens offer a touch of mysticism, where hidden gardens are interspersed throughout the two acre plot, which is also accented by a creek rambling through a deep ravine. Viewer friendly terrain, with artistic landscape design incorporated, reflects the gardener's love of experimenting with unique placement of plants and eclectic decor. Garden features include a tropical succulent display, a new addition of tropical bromeliads and Martagon lilies, as well as a wide variety of pots and hanging baskets containing colorful annuals. Sunny plots containing daylilies and specialty perennials, as well as hundreds of companion plants growing in the shady hosta beds, offer a sweeping panorama of beauty. Meandering stone paths, scenic overlooks, and benches invite the visitor to linger, breathe deeply, and enjoy nature at its best.

Whit's End Gardens The Gardens of Barb and Dave Whittemore – Hamburg, NY

Whit's End provides a shady retreat for a large collection of hostas, astilbe, and many other varieties of perennials and annuals. Several outdoor rooms provide different vistas for viewing and enjoyment. The focal point is a waterfall surrounded by an operating Garden Railroad (good weather only), with dozens of different miniature conifers, structures and other miniature plants that create a world in scale. The garden shed has been disguised as a railroad station. A grounded treehouse and sheltered canopy provide places for quiet reflection. Pots and containers are homes to numerous other perennials and annuals and a few fairy gardens. The gardens are full of color, animation, fun and whimsy.

Menne's Garden Center - Buffalo, NY

Premier garden center with a large perennial and miniature plant sections.

Niagara Falls, NY

We will be spending the night in Niagara Falls, NY. This will allow for those that are interested to visit the American side of the falls or casino.

Jim Ecker - Rochester, NY

Jim has a very nice large shade garden and grows many hostas in pots.

Jerry and Karen Kral - Rochester, NY

Jerry and his wife, Karen, garden have been featured in several National Magazines. Started in 1992 the garden is presented as dozens of raised beds interconnected by over a 1/2 mile of meandering Pennsylvania bluestone pathway. Water features and unique statuary add whimsy and drama at every turn. Over 1000 taxa of plants are displayed including over 300 conifer cultivars. The purpose of this private garden is to delight the guest and present conifers in an aesthetic manner.

Susan Buckner - Rochester, NY

Susan is more of a plover and not a planner, the gardens are filled with hundreds of hosta, many unusual to rare perennials, a nice collection of conifers, variegated trees and shrubs. Also cool garden ornaments of metal with glass and hypertufa from local artists. A small backyard nursery with plants and hypertufa for sale.

Palmiter's Garden Center - Avon, NY

Premier garden center with a large perennial and miniature tree sections. They have a large supply of tuffa rock for sale and display gardens.