

2024 Daffodil & Hosta Society of W PA Bus Trip

Philadelphia, PA Area

July 24 to 26, 2024

The three day bus trip will be jammed pack for your enjoyment. We will visit 4 private gardens, 2 public gardens (Chanticleer and Longwood), an Amish buffet and Ashcombe Garden Center. I hope you can join us.

Day 1: Pickup will be in Cranberry, PA (Target route 228, parking lot) at 6:30 a.m. Travel, lunch provided in route. Visit Chanticleer garden and then return to Inn for a wonderful sit down meal. We will then visit Carol Verhake's Boulder Haven garden after diner.

Day 2: Hot breakfast provided by hotel. We will then spend the morning exploring David Culp's Brandywine Cottage gardens. Arriving around lunch time at Longwood Gardens. Your lunch and dinner will be on your own, they have several places to eat. We will spend the day enjoying the gardens and will then stay for their famous water fountain and light show after dark.

Day 3: Hot breakfast provided by hotel. We will visit two private gardens in the morning Connie Parson's Holly Lane Gardens and then Wayne Guymon's WynEden . We will then travel to the Lancaster area and have lunch at an Amish buffet. On the way home we will stop at Ashcombe Garden Center for shopping. Arriving back in Cranberry in the evening.

Cost \$555 single, \$415 double, \$375 triple and \$355 quad.

Includes bus, admission to all the gardens, 2 night stay at the Inn at Mendenhall, lunch and sit down dinner on day 1, hot breakfast on day 2 and 3 and Amish buffet on day 3. Bonus: Ashcombe Garden Center will also be providing a coupon.

Chanticleer Gardens

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.

Boulder Haven Carol Verhake

The garden includes full sun, full shade and everything in between. Carol strive to keep my mature tree canopy healthy and has also planted a diverse selection of trees, shrubs and perennials to help ensure a vibrant and healthy ecosystem for the future. There are multiple beds, a woodland trail, a water feature, new sitting areas and a stone moon gate.

My landscape includes more common plants like Hosta, Astilbe, Allium, and Peonies along with some very rare and unusual plants that are dotted around the garden. I like to think there is something for everyone to enjoy and very much look forward to your visit.

Brandywine Cottage David Culp

David Culp's (author of "The Layered Garden") beloved garden where he mastered the design technique of layering — inter planting many different species in the same area so that as one plant passes its peak, another takes over. A nonstop parade of color that begins with a tapestry of hellebores and heirloom daffodils in spring and ends with a jewel-like blend of Asian wildflowers at the onset of winter.

Longwood Gardens

One of America's quintessential landscapes, is a place of ever-changing seasonal beauty, handcrafted feats of horticultural wonder, and an awe-inspiring collection of the most beautiful plants from around the globe.

Holly Lane Conny and Jim Parsons

A central lawn sweeps through a garden bordered by trees, under-planted with many beds and long borders. Visitors enjoy walking along the side borders toward the gazebo where there are some interesting trees including many different Japanese maples, redbuds and magnolias. Paths of stone, grass, moss, and mulch weave through or around many beds. Just off the deck is a two-tiered pond. Past the pond is a nice selection of mini hostas in a rock garden and beds along a wooden fence. Conny, an artist, says she likes to paint with plants. She uses the color of hostas to move your eye from one area to another. Her mass plantings of hosta look

like a tapestry where each color complements or contrasts the next. Her favorite hostas have distinctive features as rugosity, sheen, really ruffled edges and the ones that are just a little. They have a lot of large hostas which are striking from a distance. Long drifts of ferns, astilbe, grasses and variegated petasites border their property in wetter areas. Conny and Jim have a collection of garden art that has been created by artisans and friends.

WynEden Wayne Guymon

A small portion of the garden is left more or less wild, while about 4 acres (not counting the 1-acre pond itself) are intensively gardened, in a natural way reminiscent of nearby Winterthur. In spring the main hillside is flooded with flowering bulbs, which are then subsumed by the incomparable wall of hostas. Planted by the previous owners, the rivers of color, using three cultivars, contain over 10,000 clumps, easily the most extensive landscape planting of hostas in the country. This hillside frames what is in essence an Asian-style bowl garden. The bottom of the bowl is the large pond, feeding in part the stream beyond.

Two smaller streams and six smaller ponds enhance the setting and support the wildlife (but not deer, which are kept out by good fencing). Sun-loving perennials around the pond are used on large scale, and hosta plantings here also feature larger grouping of cultivars.

As befits naturalist's garden, ornaments are kept to a minimum. A few Asian elements the Guymons collected during or inspired by travels to the Far East serve as minor focal points. Wayne continues the theme with carefully designed bridges and walkways, and an aggressively managed bamboo forest. WynEden is a woodland garden *par excellence*, where the hostas manage with native and exotic terrestrial orchids, ferns, woodland iris, and more, comprising 5000 specimens. All are interwoven with an incredible selection of shrubs.

Ashcombe Garden Center

More than a garden center for over 60 years Ashcombe has been a Central, Pennsylvania destination. They have a variety of annuals, perennials and shrubs. Their gift shop includes gourmet food, gifts, garden supplies and baked goods. They will be providing a coupon toward your purchases.