

The Master Gardener Society of Oakland County

In cooperation with MSU Extension - Oakland County invites you to participate in our 10th annual garden trip to...

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania

We'll visit... *Phipps Conservatory*, *National Aviary*, *Falling Water*, *Fellows-Riverside Gardens*, *Sandhill Berry Farm & Greendance Winery*, *Hunt Botanical Institute*,
MONOGAHELA INCLINE & STATION SQUARE, *Rodef Shalom Garden*,
Hywet Hall and Gardens and **Naturally Native Nursery**

Thursday, June 10 through Sunday, June 13, 2010 – 4 full days!

Bring friends or spouses as we embark early **Thursday** on a grand gardening adventure! We leave from the Pontiac MSU Extension Office. Nosh on a bag breakfast while we drive to Southern Gardens Tea Room in Akron, Ohio (www.southerngardenstearoom.com) for lunch, tea tasting and time to shop for antiques! From there we head to Fellows- Riverside Gardens in Youngstown, Ohio (www.millcreekmetroparks.com). The 12-acre display garden, part of Mill Creek Metro Parks has several gardens including a rose garden, labeled trees and shrubs, plant collections and annual presentations. Onward to Pittsburgh to the Radisson Green Tree Hotel, just 3 miles from town, in time for everyone to have dinner on your own or sample Pittsburgh nightlife.

Friday, start with a hot breakfast at the hotel before we drive to Falling Water, Frank Lloyd Wright's most famous house (www.fallingwater.org) and considered one of the greatest architectural achievements of the 20th century. Frank Lloyd Wright is known for organic architecture designed to compliment the site. You'll have time after a tour for lunch on your own and exploring the grounds. No dessert, because from there we head to Sandhill Berry Farm and the Greendance Winery (<http://www.sandhillberries.com>). Hopefully, you saved room because we are having mile high homemade pie and yummy vanilla ice cream. We will also have time for a brief wine talk, tasting and buying. From there we travel back to the hotel for a nap or dinner at the hotel on your own...before we head out again to Phipps Conservatory (<http://phipps.conservatory.org>) for a "cool" evening visit. If you didn't have time for dinner, have it at Phipps, before you explore the perennial, discovery, sunken, outdoor, aquatic and Japanese courtyard all outdoor gardens or inside, palm court and Chihuly glass sculptures, fern and orchid rooms and tropical forest to name a few. When we return to the hotel, enjoy Friday night Tiki Bar and music by the pool!

Saturday starts with a hot breakfast before we head to Doug Oster's private garden in Ross Township. He is a Pittsburgh TV personality, syndicated columnist, book author (he will have books to autograph) and founder of Cultivating Success for foster and adoptive children. See Digging with Doug (www.post-gazette.com/homes/) We head back to town to visit the Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation (<http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/>) Current collections include 29,000 books; 30,000 portraits; 30,000 watercolors, drawings and prints; and 2,000 autograph letters and manuscripts. We will enjoy a brief talk and a display of several original Carl Linnaeus books and have time to explore and view the current botanical art exhibit. From here we drive up to an observation deck on Mt. Washington for photos and take the Monongahela Incline (www.portauthority.com). The fabulous view and incline date back to 1870 and is the oldest, steepest funicular in the U.S. At the bottom we enter Station Square (www.stationsquare.com) a converted facility of shops and restaurants to have lunch on our own. On to the National Aviary (www.aviary.org) to view all types of birds (maybe parrots) in their habitats, see a free flight show and have a talk by the Horticulturist in the Rose Garden. Then back to the hotel for dinner on your own.

Sunday is a day of worship, so after breakfast we set off to the Rodef Shalom Biblical Botanical Garden (www.rodefshalom.org). The small garden will be opened early just for us to view plants labeled with biblical references. Onward toward home, with a stop at Hywet Hall and Gardens (www.stanhywet.org) to view the hall and surrounding formal gardens and eat lunch on your own. Lastly we will stop at Naturally Native Nursery (www.naturallynative.net) in Bowling Green, Ohio for a talk and native plant, shrub and tree purchases! We arrive back at MSU Extension in the evening, tired, with fun memories, games we've played, fabulous prizes, millions of photos, new friends and lots of cool stuff we bought...oh yeah...and plants!

Don't miss this great trip! There won't be any paper mailings and the trip fills fast! First come first served!

Any questions (no, sorry I can't save you a seat)...send your reservation form and check...to be registered
Contact Sandie Parrott...248-394-1532 or RSBirdy@Comcast.net

Included:

- Deluxe motor coach with an emergency rest room
- Nylon zippered **name badge** with pen! Stylish enough to wear with everything!
- **Goodie bag** of booklets, brochures, maps and cool **SAMPLES** from garden related companies!
- Radisson Hotel just 3 miles from downtown Pittsburgh!
- Bag breakfast, Thursday and hot breakfasts Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning at the hotel
- Lunch provided on Thursday at Southern Gardens Tea Room!
- Entry to all venues – Hunt Botanical Institute is opening on Saturday just for us!
- Gimongous berry pie and ice cream at Sandhill Berry Farm along with wine tasting!
- All taxes and gratuities
- Garden related fun and **GAMES** on the bus led by **Kathy Click**...YIPPEE!
- Fabulous **PRIZES**, especially PROVEN WINNERS, Contech Scare Crow, Espoma Grow Tone, Droll Yankees feeder, Velcro plant tape, gift certificates and MORE for fun games!
- Absolutely positively **GORGEOUS GARDENS!**
- **FUN** meeting and getting to know other zany Master Gardeners and Michigan neighbors!

AND...MASTER GARDENER EDUCATIONAL CREDITS of 11 hours!

Cost:

\$400 PP (2 people in a room) 2 Doubles or one King bed

\$550 PP (1 person in a room)

If you want to room with someone and you don't have a roommate...note on reservation form and I will try to match you up with someone. Pay as a double. If I cannot locate a roommate, you can decide if you want to pay the difference.

The trip fills fast, **limit is 48 people**. Send reservations quickly! Payment and complete reservation form are required to reserve. No credit cards. I can't save rooms by phone. Cut off date for cancellations is May 1, 2010, after that there may not be a refund; unless a substitute can be found.

Fill out the reservation form **completely and mail it to me with full payment to reserve your place on this fabulous tour! No advance reservations!**

Prefer one check and one reservation form if possible for both people.

Send only reservation form and payment. Retain the rest for your records!

A confirmation letter, itinerary and instructions will be sent by email prior to departure.

See you on the trip!

Sandie Parrott

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2010 Garden Bus Trip to Pittsburgh, PA RESERVATION FORM

PLEASE!!! ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED!!!!!!

PRINT CLEARLY

Full Name _____

Spouse or Roommate Name _____

Address _____

Address of roommate _____

Phone No: _____ Roommate Phone No: _____

Email (**NEED** for updates/confirmation) _____

Roommate's email _____

All rooms are non-smoking.

2 people sharing a room _____ (\$400 each) Double Beds _____ 1 King _____

1 Single in a room _____ (\$550 each)

Certified Master Gardener You _____ Roommate/Spouse _____ Candidate _____

(Master Gardener status is not required for the trip, I just want to know for my records)

Circle

Are you (or companion) a Vegetarian? Yes _____

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Do you (or companion) have any physical/dietary restrictions? Yes _____

If yes, please explain _____

Are you a Senior Citizen (65 or older? - For ticket pricing) Yes _____

Other comments, questions, (need a roommate) or concerns _____

[Make checks to: MASTER GARDENER SOCIETY OF OAKLAND COUNTY](#)

Mail this form and full payment to: (keep the rest for your records)

Sandie Parrott

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