

# The Master Gardener Society of Oakland County

In cooperation with The Michigan State University Extension - Oakland County

Invites you to participate in our 9th annual summer trip to...

## Columbus, Ohio!!!

*We'll visit... Cleveland Botanical Garden, Park of Roses,*

Franklin Park Conservatory, German Village Home & Garden Tour,

Topiary Garden, SCHEDEL ARBORETUM AND GARDENS, Kingwood

Center, Matus Winery, Oakland Nursery & **MORE!!!**

**DATES: Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28, 2009**

Bring friends, spouses or come alone as we embark (early) Friday on a grand gardening adventure with the most gardens and restaurants ever! A deluxe motor coach will leave from Pontiac MSU Extension Office and we'll have a bag breakfast while driving to SHEDEL ARBORETUM & GARDENS on the Portage River in Elmore, Ohio - [www.schedel-gardens.org](http://www.schedel-gardens.org) ! See lowland and upland gardens in the same visit along with 25 types of Japanese Maples, 16 types of Pine, Japanese garden, two lakes, pond, waterfalls, 20,000 annuals, shrubs, perennials and more. From there we drive to the family-owned, 75 year-old Matus family farm, the MATUS WINERY in Wakeman, Ohio - [www.matuswinery.us/](http://www.matuswinery.us/) . Enjoy a vineyard/winery tour and fun wine tasting along with a yummy lunch and plenty of time to purchase their award-winning white, red, blush or fruit wines. Onward to the CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDENS; one of my all time favorite gardens, see [www.cbgarden.org](http://www.cbgarden.org). Wander through an interesting glass house (visit Costa Rica and Madagascar) , funtabulous children's garden, woodland garden, Japanese garden, rose garden, restorative garden and the terrace area where you might see a class performing graceful Tai Chi moves. We will arrive at the totally renovated HOLIDAY INN HOTEL, in the center of downtown, in time for everyone to have dinner on your own or sample Columbus nightlife. Trendy Short North, Brewery and Arena districts are about a mile away along with nearby theaters and restaurants.

On Saturday start with a nice hot breakfast (included) at the hotel to be fortified for the day! We begin early with the PARK OF ROSES - <http://www.clintonville.com/parkrec/rosegarden.html> a 13 acre garden within Whetstone Park featuring over 11,000 rose bushes and specialized gardens such as the Herb Garden, Daffodil Garden, Perennial Garden and collections of miniature and heritage roses. It is one of the largest municipal rose gardens in the United States. From there we head to KINGWOOD CENTER in Mansfield, Ohio – [www.kingwoodcenter.org](http://www.kingwoodcenter.org). Feel the warmth and smell the soil of the Cactus and Succulent (glass) House, seasonal Display House, Tropical House and the Orangery...along with the historic formal garden, perennial, herb (replacing the Parterre), peony, daylily, iris, and rose collections. We'll enjoy a delish rosemary and garlic chicken pasta lunch at the GRAYSTONE WINE CELLAR – [www.graystonecolumbus.com](http://www.graystonecolumbus.com) in a restored 1875 limestone brewery vault, before heading to the FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY - [www.fpconservatory.org](http://www.fpconservatory.org). Originally built in 1895 and undergoing some changes, it is a must see on any gardener's list. This is a horticultural institution housing 400 plant species along with their own Dale Chihuly glass collection. The conservatory has diverse climates including desert, tropical rainforest, cool Himalayan mountain and Pacific Island water garden. We will head back to the hotel for exploring and dinner on your own.

Sunday, after a hot hotel breakfast, get ready to step inside a French painting at our first stop, the TOPIARY GARDEN in Old Deaf School Park – [www.topiarygarden.org](http://www.topiarygarden.org). James Mason's vision recreated Georges Seurat's painting, *Sunday Afternoon on the Isle of la Grande Jatte* in an area where the deaf school burned down and a bare lot remained. Be first to find the hidden cat, not in the original painting to win a prize! Wear your lederhausen pants (or not) for a GERMAN VILLAGE – [www.germanvillage.com](http://www.germanvillage.com) home and garden tour of historic brick houses and small adorable gardens. Lunch is of course at SCHMIDT'S SAUSAGE HAUS und RESTAURANT, [www.schmidthaus.com](http://www.schmidthaus.com) with a buffet of wonderful homemade German delicacies including their signature Bahama Mama sausage with a cream puff dessert! Waddle back to the bus to our next stop, OAKLAND NURSERY - [www.oaklandnursery.com](http://www.oaklandnursery.com) a ten acre plant paradise that will be having their "Thank You Sale" with 20% or more off everything! Then back to Pontiac and the real world.

We will arrive back at MSU Extension in the evening, tired, with lots of fun memories, games we've played on the bus, fabulous prizes, new friends and lots of cool stuff we bought...and plants!

**Don't miss this great trip! There won't be any paper mailings and the trip can fill 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](mailto:RSBirdy@Comcast.net)**

**Included:**

- Deluxe Indian Trails STRETCH Motor Coach with **LOTS of LEGROOM!!!**
- Rest stops every 2 hours or less...emergency restroom on bus
- Nylon zippered **name badge** (purse-style) with pen and pad for plant names!
- Goodie bag of booklets, brochures, maps and cool **SAMPLES** from garden related companies!
- 2009 full color Rock n' Roll Catalog with new varieties and detailed plant info from Terra Nova Nursery
- **Holiday Inn hotel totally renovated in the heart of downtown Columbus, Ohio!**
- **Bag breakfast, Friday and hot café breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning at the hotel**
- **Lunch provided on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Schmidt's German Restaurant)**
- Entry to all venues (some early before the crowds)
- Tour and Tasting and lunch at Matus Winery!
- All taxes and gratuities
- **SHOPPING** opportunities in venues and downtown Columbus!
- Garden related fun and **GAMES** on the bus led by **Kathy Click...YIPPEE!**
- Fabulous **PRIZES**, donated by garden companies especially **PROVEN WINNERS** for fun and educational games!
- Absolutely positively **GORGEOUS GARDENS!**
- **FUN** meeting and getting to know other zany Master Gardeners and Michigan neighbors

**AND...MASTER GARDENER EDUCATIONAL CREDITS of **13 hours!!!****

**Cost:**

\$325 PP (2 people in a room) 2 Doubles or one King bed

\$436 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, I will let you know and you can decide if you want to pay the difference.

Any questions...email Sandie Parrott at [RSBirdy@comcast.net](mailto:RSBirdy@comcast.net) or phone 248-394-1532.

The trip fills fast, **limit is 44 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 June 1, 2009, 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!**

A confirmation letter, itinerary and instructions will be sent prior to departure. Send only reservation form and payment. Retain the rest for your records!

See you on the trip!

Sandie Parrott

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## **2009 Garden Bus Trip to Columbus, Ohio** **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 – smoking is permitted in public areas and roof deck.  
(See notes on previous page for description of rooms)

2 people sharing a room \_\_\_\_\_ (\$325 each)

1 Single in a room \_\_\_\_\_ (\$436 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)

Are you (or companion) a Vegetarian? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you (or companion) have any physical/dietary restrictions? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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)**

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