

The Master Gardener Society of Oakland County

In cooperation with The Michigan State University Extension - Oakland County

Invites you to participate in our 8th annual summer trip to...

INDIANA!!!

Minnetrista (Oakhurst Gardens), International Friendship Gardens, Carolee's Herb Farm and Nursery, Amish Acres, Shipshewana & Tabor Hill Winery!!!

DATES: Friday, August 1 through Sunday, August 3, 2008

Join us & bring your friends or spouses as we embark (early) **Friday** on a grand gardening adventure to INDIANA! The deluxe motor coach will leave from the Pontiac MSU Extension Office; we'll have a bag breakfast and hot coffee on the bus while driving to the INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP GARDEN www.friendshipgardens.org in Michigan City, Indiana; with time to explore the country-themed gardens (like Chinese, Native American or Scottish) and fun trails! From there we drive back into Michigan to the award-winning TABOR HILL WINERY in Buchanan, www.taborhill.com, turning 40 years old this year. We'll enjoy a vineyard/winery tour and a fun wine tasting and plenty of time to purchase wine. Next is the WATERFORD ESTATES LODGE <http://www.waterfordestateslodge.com> located in South Bend, Indiana for lunch in the Lismore Room. We travel to AMISH ACRES www.amishacres.com an agri-tourism farm to shop at a gigantic Arts and Crafts Festival AND indulge in a home-cooked, family-style thresher's dinner, yummy! Finally, the FARMSTEAD INN <http://www.tradingplaceamerica.com/farmsteadinn.php> located in Shipshewana where we will rest our weary toes. We will stay here both nights!

Sleep in on **Saturday** and then grab a continental breakfast in the hotel. Explore SHIPSHEWANA all day long, www.shipshewana.com especially the special Antique Market (this weekend only) with 100+ vendors (reproductions aren't allowed); in the Antique Gallery next door and spilling onto the grounds next to the Inn. Not to miss is the Menno-Hof to understand the story of the Mennonites, take a buggy ride or visit the Blue Gate Restaurant for Lunch or Dinner. D'Vine Gardens and Gifts (used to be Greenfield Herb Garden) is a must see located on the north side of town by the silos...and much more. Maybe save time to take a dip in the pool or Jacuzzi at the hotel. We have lots of room under the bus for purchases...but you have to get it to the bus!

Sunday...begins very early (hey, you slept in yesterday) with a continental breakfast at the hotel. We drive southeast to MINNETRISTA www.minnetrista.net where we'll spend the morning exploring the water, children's, rose, and wishing well gardens plus the history and art of this fabulous place. After a boxed lunch we head north to CAROLEE'S HERB GARDEN. This personal space has 20 small gardens, including 40 kinds of lavender (alas not blooming this late) AND a nursery to purchase perennials, vines, shrubs and small conifers. I hope there is still room under the bus after Shipshewana!

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 bought LOTS of antiques, cool stuff 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 in or drop off your reservation form and check)...

Contact Sandie Parrott...248-394-1532 or RSBirdy@Comcast.net

Included:

- Deluxe Indian Trails **STRETCH** Motor Coach with **LOTS of LEGROOM!!!** (Same as 2007)
- Rest stops every 2 hours or less...emergency restroom on bus
- Nylon zippered name badge (purse-style) with pen and pad for plant names!
- Packet of booklets, brochures, maps and cool **SAMPLES** from garden related companies
- **FARMSTEAD INN**...Amish style hotel in the heart of downtown Shipshewana!
- Bag breakfast, Friday and Continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning at the hotel
- Lunch provided on Friday and Sunday
- Fabulous family-style **THRESHER'S DINNER** on Friday
- Entry to all venues
- Tour and Tasting at Tabor Hill Winery
- All taxes and gratuities
- **SHOPPING** opportunities in venues and downtown Shipshewana!
- Garden related fun and **GAMES** on the bus led by Kathy Click...YIPPEE!
- Fabulous **PRIZES** 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 8 hours!!!

Cost:

All rooms are 2 doubles in a standard room.

\$340 PP (2 people in a room)

\$440 PP (1 person in a room)

\$350 PP (3 people in a room)

If you want to room with someone and you haven't found a roommate...note on reservation form and I will try to match you up with someone. Pay for double occupancy. If I cannot locate a suitable 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 or phone 248-394-1532.

The trip fills fast, limit is 44 people. Tell your friends and send your reservations quickly! Payment and complete reservation form are required to reserve. No credit cards. I cannot save rooms by phone. The cut off date for any cancellations is June 15, 2007, after that date there may be no refund; unless a substitute can be located.

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!

Hope to see you on the trip!

Sandie Parrott

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2008 INDIANA Garden Bus Trip RESERVATION FORM

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED!!!!!!

Full Name _____

Spouse or Roommate Name/s _____

Address _____

Address of roommate/s _____

Phone No: _____ Roommate Phone No/s: _____

Email (NEED for updates/changes) _____

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 _____ (\$340 each)

1 Single in a room _____ (\$440 each)

3 people sharing a room) _____ (\$350 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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