

Rotary Gardens Member \$295

Public \$345 Based on double room occupancy
Single room occupancy add \$125. No refunds for
cancellations after May 10; hotel will not refund
room fees. Registration after May 10 subject to
room availability.

Name _____

Address _____

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Member price (\$295) _____

Non-Member price (\$345) _____

Membership fee (start at \$35)
(see website for member levels) _____

Single occupancy (add \$125) _____

Total _____

(Name) _____

is also a participant on this trip; please room us
together.

Payment: Check enclosed _____

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Our hotel is the award winning **Crowne Plaza Bloomington** which recently went through a \$14 million renovation, featuring 42" LCD panel televisions, a brand new state of the art fitness center, complimentary wireless internet access, exquisite dining options, complimentary shuttle service to restaurants and local businesses and offices, as well as Mall of America.



SCHEDULE June 20-22

Friday, June 20

- 7:00 am Bus available at RBG parking lot
- 7:30 am Leave RBG
- 8:15 am Arrive Dutch Mill Park and Ride, Madison
- 8:30 am Leave Madison, head to Minneapolis
- Box lunch on bus with "rest" stop along way
- 1:30 pm Arrive at a Squire House Gardens, Afton, MN
- 3:00 pm Leave SHG, travel to Stillwater
- 3:30 pm Arrive, dinner and exploration on own
- 6:00 pm Board buses, head to Crowne Plaza hotel

Saturday June 21

- 9:00 am Board bus, travel to Baileys Nursery
- 9:30 am Arrive Baileys Nursery, St. Paul, MN
- 11:30 pm Lunch at Baileys Nursery
- 12:30 pm Leave Baileys Nursery, travel to Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska MN
- 1:00 pm Arrive MLA, Lunch on own
- 5:30 pm Leave MLA for Crowne Plaza hotel
- 6:00-6:30 pm Arrive hotel, dinner on own

Sunday June 22

- 8:30 am Board buses
- 9:15 am Arrive Funkie Gardens, Prescott, WI
- 10:45 am Leave Funkie Gardens—lunch on bus
- 1:30 pm Arrive Shades of Green, LaCrosse
- 3:00 pm Leave for Madison
- 5:30 pm Arrive Madison, disembark
- 6:00 pm Leave for Janesville
- 6:45 pm Arrive Janesville, disembark



ABOUT THE TOUR

This bus tour is for beginning and advanced gardeners alike. You will find camaraderie and friendship with other plant lovers. It includes a personal behind-the-scenes tours with horticulture staff at one of the world's premier arboreta and a personal tour at one of the country's largest wholesale nurseries not accessible to the general public, led by one of our nation's leading tree experts. Your tour leaders are horticultural experts who will be available to provide personal perspectives and information. There will be buying opportunities at no less than three specialty nurseries and a private tour of the growing nursery at Shades of Green.



YOUR TOUR GUIDES

You will have access to two plant experts guiding this tour, all with Masters degrees in horticulture and landscape architecture. They both lecture regionally and each has their own unique perspectives on horticultural topics. This is your opportunity to view and discuss plants and designs personally with experts as well as fellow gardeners.



ED LYON is executive director for Rotary Botanical Gardens but his roots are firmly established in education and horticulture. He teaches and has lectured nationally and shares experiences with his own gardening ventures. He writes professionally for both public and green industry.



MARK DWYER is director of horticulture at the gardens and has made his mark for his extensive knowledge of annual and tropical plants. The stunning and exuberant plantings at the gardens are testament to his creativity and expertise and sometimes overshadow his extensive knowledge of all perennial and woody plant materials.



BUS TOUR



Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Shades of Green

Funkie Gardens

Bailey's Nursery

Stillwater

Squire House Gardens



MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM

The **Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** features more than 1,000 acres of magnificent gardens, model landscapes, and natural areas—from woodlands and wetlands to prairie—with extensive collections of northern-hardy plants. Tour the Arboretum on 12.5 miles of garden paths and hiking trails. Walk the close gardens and hike the Three-Mile Drive to see more gardens and collections. The Arboretum had a recent multi-million dollar expansion and you will be astounded and amazed with the huge variety of specialty gardens and quality of plant materials and plantings. This site will be a source of inspiration, ideas and new plant ideas. We are planning a fairly long time at this site so you can thoroughly explore. Arboretum.umn.edu

BAILEY NURSERIES

Bailey Nurseries is a fourth-generation family-owned nursery serving customers throughout the U.S. and Canada. They are widely recognized as one of the United States' largest wholesale nurseries, with products distributed by more than 4500 independent garden centers, landscapers, growers and re-wholesalers. Bailey Nurseries offers a complete line of nursery stock that includes deciduous trees and shrubs, evergreens, fruits, perennials, annuals and roses. You will see through a special guided tour, their plants grown from seedlings and rooted cuttings to finished bareroot and container-grown stock. This is home to the popular 'Tiger Eyes' staghorn sumac and 'Endless Summer' hydrangea. The RBG French Formal Rose Garden now features Bailey roses. Baileynurseries.com

SHADES OF GREEN

From the owners: 'We are very happy to open the display gardens at **Shades of Green** to those who will be participating in the bus trip. We have mature hosta varieties, over 500 named varieties of hosta as well as unique shade companion plants, on display in designed beds as well as planted in a natural woodland setting. We also have growing beds to view, field grown plants growing in beds from which we dig for our sales. We will provide your group with a personalized

guided tour of the growing nursery. We will provide hand-outs and lists of sun tolerant hostas, fragrant flowering hostas, very large varieties and the many new miniature varieties as well as hosta growing tips information. We will also travel to our sales area one mile from where we have the display gardens and growing beds. We take pride in offering newer and rare varieties of hosta to the market and plants of very good size and quality, because hostas are our specialty. We think a stop at Shades of Green would be a memorable experience as we often hear from visitors, "You have to see it to believe it." The variety and volume of plants and the size of the gardens is impressive to those who visit. Shadesofgreenusa.com

SQUIRE HOUSE GARDENS

You'll feel like an invited guest more than a customer at this destination spot along the river in the heart of Afton. The owners live upstairs and their presence can be felt throughout the meandering first floor retail space as well as in the surrounding English gardens. Everyone on staff can say from experience why the garden tools sold here are better than what you'll find at other, larger stores. And beyond the obvious garden goods, the shop features an array of gifts - from leather bound journals and English teapots to hand towels and surprisingly affordable lamps. Outside, there are plants and garden services for sale. But there's no charge to pet the resident dogs, Bosco and Saskia, or simply linger by the reflection pool. Squirehousegardens.com

FUNKIE GARDENS



river. They have an in-town nursery located on three and one-half acres---ample room for a selling area, display gardens and propagation beds---all surrounding a pre-Civil War-era home. Spend some time walking our gardens, talking to experts and see the diversity and beauty of woodland plants ideally suited to our climate and gardens. Funkiegardens.com

STILLWATER

Nestled in the wooded hills in the beautiful St. Croix River Valley, Stillwater, Minnesota is a treasure that time forgot and is sited on one of America's protected Wild and Scenic Waterways. Located just 20 miles east of downtown St. Paul, this community boasts a quaint and relaxing walk down streets with beautiful architecture, many antique shops, unique shopping and great restaurants. Stillwater is historic small-town American shopping at it's finest. Individual storefront exteriors reflect their owner's taste and style, from declarations of "No antiques! No reproductions! No espresso!" to carved effigies of Norsk hikers. While Stillwater retains its reputation as an antiques destination, that designation has expanded to include other attractions.

A collection of diverse shops are found on Main Street in the Maple Island Building, a refurbished brick building on Main Street with "Maple Island Farm, Inc." inscribed across the top in the mortar. Take time to browse through Natural Balance, a Pilates studio; Maple Island True Value Hardware; Northern Vineyards Winery; Valley Booksellers; River Market Community Co-op for organic and natural foods; Body Logic for a massage; and the Yacht Brokers.

Looking for home furnishings? Stop by J.P. Laskin Co. for American functional pottery, glass and local opinion on the lift bridge controversy. Tamarack Gallery is the place for local and national original paintings and sculpture. R-Cottage on the Croix for cottage and cabin furniture. Round out your day with a visit to Enigm or Ala Bella (ask to see the Murano chandelier).

For an interesting look at old-school technology, visit Dave at the award-winning Antique Radio Company. They repair and sell restored radios in their Chestnut Street store. On Second Street you'll find the secret garden of wedding specialist Cindi Sinclair at Camrose Hill and River Rats clothing. Cindi offers garden-related classes at her farm as well as designing and floral work. She is often featured in home and wedding publications. Stillwater claims to be the "Town of Old Buildings and Beautiful Women." A quick glance down Main Street in historic downtown supports this idea. Half a dozen women's stores, from haute couture to active wear, offer a full gamut of garb. Stillwater's savvy wardrobe specialists will help you make the best decisions for your personal identity. Whether it's funky

fashions, daily women's wear, sport or casual wear, or charming children's clothes, they are easily found just off Main Street. Grand Games, Stillwater's most complete game store is joined by Fish and Ships, Nautical Gifts and Decor, in the St. Croix Exchange Building. Just outside downtown off 36, you'll discover Musicmaker's Kits which carries complete musical instrument kits. We "set you loose" to select a restaurant of your choice for the evening meal. Journey back in time to the era of Victorian finery and turn of the century charm. Thousands visit Stillwater & the St. Croix Valley each year to tour the historic downtown district where Minnesota was born, famous outlaws were imprisoned, and fortunes were made in lumber and milling.



Shades of Green

