

## *The Time for Buying Plants is Approaching* *2006 Nursery Tour and Plant Buying Opportunity*

Saturday, June 3; 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Ed Lyon and Mark Dwyer, tour captains, have set up a **FABULOUS** plant buying opportunity at 3 of their favorite nurseries (and yep, you get to pick their brains along the way – it'll help to keep Dwyer from sleeping in the back of the bus!! Each site will include perspective from the owners and staff – an inside view not often available! This trip is limited to 53 people and is extremely popular so register early; it **WILL** sell out. Discounts available for Rotary Gardens Friends-members, early bird registrants. *There will be both Madison and Janesville pick up and drop off points.*

**Song Sparrow Nursery, Avalon, WI** – Roy Klehm has developed one of the most outstanding mail order catalogs in the world and here is your opportunity to buy on-site; the nursery isn't open to walk-in retail. One of the most evident features you will find is the large container sizes filled to the brim with plant materials. Ed says he can divide Song Sparrow plants the very next year! We'll start with a visit to the peony fields; they will be in full bloom and then set you to shopping for plants you'll not find in most retail outlets! Song Sparrow has recently expanded their line beyond perennials to include the newest and latest in woody plant material as well. This is one of few places you'll find Itoh hybrid peonies, the highly sought cross of the herbaceous with the tree peony. You'll discover one of the most outstanding selections of clematis, hosta, shade plants, peonies...we are always in danger of filling the bus on the first stop! The staff at Song Sparrow are gracious and worth the trip as well! <http://www.songsparrow.com/>

**Northwind Perennial Farm, Springfield, WI** – Tucked into rolling pastures north of Lake Geneva, on a century old farm, lays Walworth County's very own field of dreams. The farmhouse, old dairy buildings and 10 acres of land are home to Northwind Perennial farm. Experience time gone by as you wander through the fields and flower gardens, some of the loveliest display gardens you will see. Requested every year we do a bus tour, Roy Diblik continues to expand this charmingly set nursery with outstanding perennials, native and ornamental. You'll spend as much time wandering the grounds gleaning inspiration as you select high quality plants and garden ornaments. Roy will share some of his delightful philosophy on plants and people. <http://www.northwindperennialfarm.com/>

**Ebert's Greenhouse Village, Ixonia, WI** – Ed and Mark love to create fantastical containers bursting with exotic annuals and tropicals. You'll find no better selection of the best and newest than at this large, state-of-the-art facility. Ebert's Greenhouse Village has a large selection of perennials, trees and shrubs, and gift shop/hardscaping items but what will really knock your socks off is the outstanding variety and quantity of seasonals. If you've ever visited the Dane County Farmers' Market and spied the booth with the enormous hanging baskets and huge, high quality colorful annuals, then you've been exposed to the wow factor you'll find at this large facility. <http://www.ebertsgreenhouse.com/>

This is a bus of serious plantaholics so we don't take precious time away from plant buying to eat! There will be snacks on the bus; Song Sparrow will have coffee and donuts. Bring a bag lunch; we'll eat lunch en route.

Madison pick-up and drop off at the Dutch Mill Park and Ride off Broadway near the Highway 51 exit on the Beltline. Bus leaves promptly at 7:00 am, drop off around 5:00 pm. Janesville pickup and drop off at Rotary Gardens. Bus leaves promptly at 8:30 am, drop off around 6:00 pm. See website for detailed schedule. Participants must ride the bus, no travel in individual vehicles. Bring a bag lunch; snacks and drinks included. Dress for weather, walking and shopping. NOTE: Buses leave PROMPTLY at scheduled times; no refunds for missing the bus.

**6:30 am** Bus arrives at Dutch Mile Park and Ride off Highway 51 and Beltline, Madison  
**7:00 am** Leave Madison  
**7:45 am** Arrive Rotary Gardens; Madison participants use rest rooms, access to Gardens  
**8:30 am** Leave Rotary Gardens  
**9:00 am** Arrive Song Sparrow Perennial Farm 13101 Rye Road, Avalon  
**11:00 am** Leave Song Sparrow Perennial Farm  
**11:45 am** Arrive Northwind Perennial Farm, 7047 Hospital Road, Burlington  
**1:15 pm** Leave Northwind Perennial Farm  
**2:15 pm** Arrive Ebert's Greenhouse Village, W1795 Fox Road, Ixonia  
**4:00 pm** Leave Ebert's Greenhouse Village  
**5:00 pm** Arrive Madison, disembark and unload plants  
**5:20 pm** Leave Madison  
**6:00 pm** Arrive Rotary Gardens, disembark and unload plants  
**6:30 pm** End

**Rotary Gardens Friend-member \$50 early bird / \$60 after May 14**

Public \$60 early bird / \$70 after May 14 Note: No refunds for cancellations after May 25.

PLEASE indicate which pick up/ drop off destination you will use:

Madison

Janesville

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Rotary Member? Yes, give me my discount!  No, I'll pay the public rate  I'm joining now!

*Proceeds benefit the operations and growth of Rotary Gardens, a non-profit organization with no outside funding.*

I am including \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a Rotary Garden Membership (see website [www.rotarygardens.org](http://www.rotarygardens.org) for member levels)

Payment: Check enclosed  Credit Card type \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to Rotary Gardens, attn. Kristy, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville, WI 53545. Website [www.rotarygardens.org](http://www.rotarygardens.org); phone (608)752-3885, Fax 3853**