

Gardens of the Philadelphia Region ~~ A Pacific Horticulture Tour

June 3-9, 2018

Escorted by Sue Goetz Tour Manager Cheryl Nichols

Join us as we visit some of the most outstanding gardens in the United States . Our tour includes estate gardens founded on fabulous wealth, a historic garden pre-dating American Independence, exceptional nurseries and delightful private gardens. Space is limited---sign up now, this tour is sure to sell out early.

Sunday June 3 Make your way to Philadelphia to the **Independence Park** our hotel for the next 6 nights. Our hotel is in the heart of the historic Old City steps from Philadelphia's downtown center within walking distance of popular landmarks, including the Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall, and Betsy Ross House. The property offers free WiFi and Full breakfast. Join Sue and Cheryl in the lobby for a glass of wine at 6:00pm followed by a welcome dinner and orientation so you can learn more about the exciting days ahead and meet the other guests *Reception, dinner*

Monday June 4 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we depart by private motorcoach for a visit to **Scott Arboretum**, spread over 110 acres at Swarthmore College. Founded by Arthur Hoyt Scott, whose vision was to further horticulture by visual demonstration. He believed that the dream can be best realized by the planting in a public place of such trees, shrubs, and flowers as can be used by people of average means living in the Philadelphia suburban area. Next we'll explore **Hedgeleigh Spring**, the garden of Charles Cresson, once featured in *Martha Stewart Living*. The garden was originally the creation of Cresson's grandfather. He built the house in 1911 and spent the rest of his life fashioning a garden from the open fields. Later Charles' father continued to maintain the garden just as his father had left it and passed along his love of the property to his son. Charles took over in 1979, after studying horticulture in the United States and in England and honing his skills in various gardens, including those maintained at Wisley by the Royal Horticultural Society. During his more than twenty-year tenure as steward, Cresson has transformed Hedgeleigh Spring into a consummate plantsman's garden, with more than two thousand species and varieties. June is normally peak season at Hedgeleigh for climbing roses.

We will enjoy a delicious lunch in the Garden Shed at **Terrain**. After lunch we'll have an orientation and time to shop and discover ideas for our home gardens in Terrain's fabulous nursery. There are departments featuring garden supplies, house and home, outdoor living, and garden related gifts.
Breakfast, Lunch



Tuesday June 5 After breakfast at the hotel, our day begins with a visit to **Winterthur**. Founded by Henry Francis du Pont, Winterthur (pronounced "winter-tour") is the premier museum of American decorative arts, reflecting both early America and the du Pont family's life here. Its 60-acre naturalistic garden is among the country's best, and its research library serves scholars from around the world. We'll have a guided tour of the gardens and house, followed by time to stroll the garden

and browse the gift shop.

In the afternoon we will visit a private garden and Bartram's Garden. Dating from 1728, this National Historic Landmark is the former home and garden of John Bartram, America's first botanist. He was endlessly curious and wanted to learn everything about the world around him. His explorations of wild American landscapes were deeply influential to Europeans who were hungry for any and all information about the New World. We'll tour the house and garden. We return to the hotel late afternoon, evening at leisure.

Breakfast, Lunch

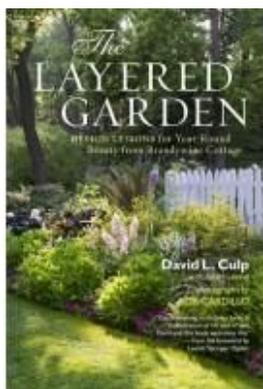
Wednesday June 6 Today we are in for a real treat when we visit Chanticleer, a Pleasure Garden. **Chanticleer** has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America. The garden is a study of textures and forms, where foliage trumps flowers, the gardeners lead the design, and even the drinking fountains are sculptural. It is a garden of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home. There are seven Horticulturists, each responsible for the design, planting, and maintenance of an area. The areas are continually evolving, each with its own feel, yet joined together as one complete unit.

We continue with an exclusive visit to Jenny Rose Carey's private garden, **Northview**.

Jenny, is director of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's garden and nursery, Meadowbrook Farm. She has spent almost 20 years refining a shade garden at her Victorian estate in Ambler, Pa. and is the author of the book *Glorious Shade*. Jenny believes the shade garden is the best part of the garden and when artfully planted and groomed, it is the most sheltered and cocooning place to be. The hallmark of the shade garden, she says, is its "intimacy," which with its sense of privacy, offers a serene environment away from the chaos of modern life. We will have lunch in Jenny's carriage house.



Our next stop is to **Brandywine Cottage**, David Culp's beloved 2-acre Pennsylvania garden where he mastered the design technique of layering — interplanting many different species in the same area so that as one plant passes its peak, another takes over. The result is a nonstop parade of color that begins with a tapestry of heirloom daffodils and hellebores in spring and ends with a jewel-like blend of Asian wildflowers at the onset of winter. David is the author of *The Layered Garden*. *Breakfast, Lunch*



Thursday June 7 We start our day with a stroll through **Meadowbrook Farm**. Lovingly



designed and created by J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. (1913-2003), Meadowbrook Farm remains his garden legacy. Sited on 25 acres to the north of Philadelphia, Meadowbrook allowed Liddon to hone his gift for garden design. He spent decades perfecting the gardens on the property, which have been featured in many books and magazines. Our next stop is **Hortulus Farm Garden & Nursery**. The gardens are composed of twenty separate, formal gardens, including pastoral walks, idyllic ponds and streams, intriguing follies, and dramatic vistas. The historic barns and out buildings at Hortulus Farm are home to a

colorfully diverse family of farm animals, including horses, sheep, chickens, ducks, swans, guinea fowl, and pheasants. We'll enjoy lunch and a guided tour then have time to browse the nursery. Time permitting, we'll make a stop at Linden Hill Gardens, a retail nursery specializing in rare, unusual and cutting-edge plants for collectors and connoisseurs. Linden Hill features terrific display gardens and is owned by garden designer Jerry Fritz.

Breakfast, Lunch

Friday June 8 The morning is free for exploring Philadelphia's historic sights or perhaps a quick visit to the Barnes Foundation. (Be sure and pre-purchase tickets) After lunch (on your own) we depart for the state of Delaware and **Mt. Cuba Center**. Located on nearly 600 acres, Mt. Cuba is dedicated to the study, conservation and appreciation of plants native to the Appalachian Piedmont Region through garden display, education, and research. Their woodland wildflower gardens are recognized as the region's finest. We'll have a guided tour before departing for one of the world's premier horticulture showcases, **Longwood Gardens**. The living legacy of Pierre S. du Pont, the gardens are sure to delight anyone who loves exquisite flowers, majestic trees, and opulent architecture. Here, amid 1,077 acres with 20 indoor and 20 outdoor gardens, you'll find beauty at every turn. Pierre du Pont built his first conservatory so he could have oranges in the winter. Although his experiment was not successful, it defines Longwood's horticultural spirit even today--to make the impossible possible. We'll have a private guided tour followed by ample time for independent touring then enjoy Longwood's famous summer dinner and then a performance of the "Illuminated, musical Fountains Show," a fitting end to our marvelous tour of the great gardens of the Philadelphia region. Return to the hotel late evening. (Note: Fountains show is weather permitting) *Breakfast, Dinner.*



Saturday June 9 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then independent departures to return home or perhaps continue touring in the northeast. We suggest flight departures be scheduled noon and later as we will not be returning to the hotel until late the night before

Breakfast.

Farewell!

**Tour Price: \$2288 per person based on double occupancy for members of Pacific Horticulture \$2388 for non-members
\$618 single supplement.**

Including:

- 6 nights accommodation at the **Independence Park Hotel**, Historic District
- Welcome reception, 2 dinners, 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches
- Transportation by private motorcoach
- Services of Pacific Horticulture tour escort and Sterling Tours manager
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Gifts to private garden owners
- \$250 donation to Pacific Horticulture Society
- Taxes and service charges

Not included:

- Airfare
- Tips to our driver, at your discretion
- Items and events not listed in itinerary.

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