

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County

19th Annual Garden Tour: Madison, WI

July 18-21, 2019



From top, left: Madison, Wisconsin, Raker-Roberta's Trial Gardens, Allen Centennial Gardens, Rotary Botanical Gardens, La Paloma Gardens, Anderson Japanese Gardens, Black Point Estate & Gardens, Olbrich Botanical Garden, Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve, Northwind Perennial Farm, University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum & Gardens

Reservations Now Open!

The Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, Inc. is pleased to invite you to join us on a **four-day, three-night** excursion to picturesque **Madison, Wisconsin, the City of Lakes, state capitol**, and home of the **University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison)**, one of the top public universities in the U.S. Madison is justifiably proud of its scenic location between two lakes, its lovely public gardens, and the famed Dane County Farmers Market which surrounds the state capitol building on Saturdays.

Our tour itinerary will take us through beautiful western Michigan toward Chicago and then northwest to the pristine lakes and peaceful farm country of the Badger State, stopping at several outstanding gardens and garden related venues along the way. We will travel by luxury motor coach from Pontiac, MI, to Madison, WI, leaving early Thursday morning and returning Sunday evening.

DATES: July 18-21, 2019 (4 days, 3 nights - Thursday through Sunday)
ESTIMATED COST: \$500-550 per person, double occupancy (upcharge for single occupancy)
DEPOSIT: \$150 per person

TOUR ITINERARY WILL INCLUDE:

- **Olbrich Botanical Gardens**, Madison, WI – Voted one of the top ten most inspiring gardens in North America by *Horticulture Magazine*, Olbrich Botanical Gardens include an indoor tropical conservatory and sixteen acres of outdoor display gardens, among which is the famed Thai Pavilion and Garden. The Bolz Conservatory is home to Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies - an annual event where free-flying butterflies emerge from chrysalises daily and fly around the Conservatory.
- **Allen Centennial Garden**, Madison, WI – Located on the 2.5 acres surrounding the historic agricultural Dean's Residence, this garden was designed to complement the home and its existing plantings, including a larch tree planted in 1899. It is a living laboratory and public botanical garden of the Horticulture Department at the UW-Madison.
- **University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum & Gardens**, Madison, WI – A diverse landscape and learning environment in an urban setting, the 1,200-acre arboretum includes woodlands, wetlands, ponds, restored prairies and savannas, and gardens. Among the gardens are the **Longenecker Horticultural Gardens**, the **Viburnum Garden**, and the **Wisconsin Native Plant Garden**, all designed and maintained to display plant diversity, illustrate gardening practices, educate and inspire.
- **Raker-Roberta's Trial Gardens**, Litchfield, MI – A major commercial wholesaler of custom-grown plugs and liners (young plants), Raker-Roberta's supplies more than 3,000 plant varieties to greenhouses and nurseries in the U.S. and internationally. They are also a leader in trialing in North America and continuously research and evaluate new and existing plant varieties in their outdoor Trial Gardens.
- **Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve**, Niles, MI - Fernwood is a place where people, plants, and nature come together, with gardens tucked into a landscape made up of both natural and cultivated areas. Interesting outdoor sculptures and two Railway Gardens are showcased in the garden while species of endangered Michigan plants and animals are protected in the nature preserve.
- **Anderson Japanese Garden**, Rockford, IL – A beautiful outdoor setting that inspires the mind and energizes the soul, this twelve-acre landscape of streams, waterfalls, winding pathways, and koi-filled ponds has been rated one of North America's highest quality Japanese gardens for more than a decade.
- **La Paloma Gardens**, Rockford, IL – This private garden began in 1985 with five roto-tilled rows carved out of a former horse paddock. The rich soil produced atomic vegetables that first year and the owners were "hooked" on gardening. Over the years that followed, a formal vegetable garden, a Swan Pond, a Koi house, an Italian courtyard and various other features were added to make these elegant gardens what they are today.
- **Black Point Estate & Gardens**, Lake Geneva, WI – An excellent example of Queen Ann architecture, this 20 room "cottage" was completed in 1888 as a summer lakeshore retreat by Chicago beer baron, Conrad Seipp. Overlooking beautiful Lake Geneva, its eight acres of grounds include formal estate gardens and a newly installed Wisconsin woodland garden.
- **Northwind Perennial Farm**, Burlington, WI – Located on an early 1900's farmstead, the Farm grows and sells regionally hardy perennials, offers landscape design services, and operates a unique garden shop filled with art, garden accents and home décor. The lush display gardens illustrate the cutting-edge plant knowledge of the owners.
- **Rotary Botanical Garden**, Janesville, WI – An award-winning botanical showcase on 20 acres in the heart of Janesville, The Gardens occupy the site of an abandoned sand and gravel quarry. Now, after an amazing clean up and design project sponsored by local Rotary Clubs, this non-profit treasure features over 24 different garden styles and 4,000 varieties of plants.
- **Evening Free Time:** Enjoy local shops and restaurants, explore the local area – Madison's State Street Pedestrian Mall or West Towne Mall – or, just put your feet up and relax at the hotel.

And there is still more to be added to this exciting itinerary!

TOUR COSTS INCLUDE:

- Three nights hotel: one night in Rockford, IL, and two nights in Madison, WI. Breakfast included daily.
- Friday Breakfast-To-Go, snacks and water on the bus, and other meals as determined.
- Transportation by luxury motor coach with reclining seats, DVD monitors, and restroom.
- Entrance fees to all gardens and venues.
- All gratuities except for meals you purchase on your own.
- Many places to shop for plants, books, or garden art.
- Convenient Name Tag pouch for carrying your itinerary and small supplies into the gardens.
- On board movies, fun games and prizes.
- Useful products and reading material in your Welcome Bags.
- MSUE Master Gardener Continuing Education hours (number to be determined).
- Opportunities to meet, learn from, and share ideas with gardeners in other states.
- A fun time with fellow garden lovers and friends, old and new.
- Amiable tour guide, Margaret Dolan, and an awesome Trips and Tours Team!!!

Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your space by sending in your Deposit Form and check for \$150 without delay.

Madison, WI 2019 - DEPOSIT FORM

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE:

Please fill out the form below completely and send it with your check for **\$150** to the address listed.

Make checks payable to: **Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, INC. (MGSOC, INC).**

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Important: For double occupancy, please submit deposit checks for both people at the same time. If one roommate waits too long to send in a deposit, the trip may already be filled.

Single Occupancy _____ Double Occupancy _____

Your Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:

Do you need a roommate? _____ If you already have a roommate, please complete the section below:

Roommate's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE** _____

QUESTIONS? Contact Margaret Dolan at 248-770-0524/dolan.margaret100@gmail.com

