

Gardens of Western New England Tour Monday-Tuesday July 16-17, 2018

Historic gardens, a top retail garden store and perennial nursery, a botanical garden, a presentation by an expert horticulturist and an evening dinner—Shaker style—are some of the reasons you'll want to consider this unique overnight tour. It is sponsored by Dr. Leonard Perry's *Green Mountain Horticulture: Tours*, in collaboration with *the King's Garden of Fort Ticonderoga*.

Hosting the tour, and providing expert commentary and answers to your questions, will be Dr. **Leonard Perry**, Horticulture Professor Emeritus at the University of Vermont who is familiar to many through his writings and appearances on *Across the Fence*, as well as Perry's Perennials website (perrysperennials.info). Joining him will be **Charlie Nardozi**, a nationally known horticulturist, author, gardening consultant, and garden coach (gardeningwithcharlie.com) known to many locally from his weekly radio program and appearances on WCAX. Rounding out your experts will be plant diagnostic technician and fruit crops researcher **Sarah Kingsley-Richards** from the University of Vermont, who will be familiar to those who have gone on our tours before. **Stuart Lilie**, Vice-President of Public History and Operations at Fort Ticonderoga will be along to share his wealth of knowledge.



Day one (Monday) will begin at the Horticulture Research Center in So. Burlington, with our first stop at the at Fort Ticonderoga, NY (www.fortticonderoga.org/visit/kings-garden) for coffee and rest stop, and pick up of any joining us there. We'll then proceed south to **Hildene** in Manchester, Vermont—the historic home and property of Robert Todd Lincoln (www.hildene.org). Over lunch there we'll have a presentation by Hildene horticulturist Andrea Luchini on the gardens of Hildene, their history, some of the plants, and their efforts to help pollinators. Afterwards you can tour the house, the gardens, or their historic Pullman car.

From Hildene we'll continue south to the **Hancock Shaker Village** (hancockshakervillage.org) near Lenox, MA, founded in the late 1780's. The Shakers were some of our country's early agriculturists, horticulturists, herbalists, and the first to package seeds. In addition to their historic buildings, we'll have a guided tour of their medicinal and herb gardens, plus their heirloom vegetable and flower gardens. We'll finish the afternoon with a social time over **cider and cheese reception** at this Village, prior to our 4-course **Shaker Supper and Song**. This bountiful four-course Shaker-inspired supper buffet begins with the singing of a Shaker grace and closes with music that illuminates Shaker beliefs and spirituality. A few minutes away will be our hotel, the newly

renovated **Hampton Inn in Lenox**.



Day Two (Tuesday) begins with a hot breakfast at the Hampton Inn, before checking out and heading a few



minutes away to the **Berkshire Botanical Garden** in Stockbridge (berkshirebotanical.org). The display gardens over 15 acres are both functional and ornamental, and are among the oldest in the region. We'll have a guided tour of these, along with some time to wander on your own and to check out the gift shop. From there we'll return a few minutes back up the road to Lenox and **The Mount**—the home in the early 1900's of famous American writer and designer Edith Wharton (www.edithwharton.org). On a guided tour we'll learn how every aspect of this 113-acre estate—including its gardens, architecture, and interior design—evokes the spirit of its creator. We'll enjoy a group lunch on the terrace, overlooking the formal, European-style gardens.



After lunch we'll return to Vermont and Manchester, with time to shop at **Equinox Valley Nursery**



(www.equinoxvalleynursery.com). This family-owned nursery, garden center, and landscape company has been growing since 1979. The Preuss family spans three generations of talented horticulture professionals, and their nursery has an extensive selection of perennials and unusual plants, and their gift shop contains local and unique garden-related items.

Our final stop on the way back north will be at the **King's Garden** at Fort Ticonderoga, where we'll learn the history and some key plants on a tour with

Stuart Lilie. While the vegetable garden is evocative of the military gardens of the 18th century, the beautiful walled garden of perennials and annuals dates from famous designer Marian Coffin in the 1920s (www.fortticonderoga.org/visit/kings-garden). Those then returning to South Burlington will have a light box meal en route.



Included in the price are all admissions and guided tours, snacks and refreshments throughout the tour, lodging, ALL meals, and driver gratuity. We'll travel in a Premier luxury coach, with videos periodically on various gardens locally and abroad, lesser known and some more famous. Of course you'll have the chance to network with and get to know other gardeners, and to learn much and have your questions answered by your expert tour hosts. **Sign up soon** to make sure you get one of the limited spaces. If you have any special needs (food, seating and accessibility, or other), please let me know at least one week prior to the tour. Do let me know, too, if you have any questions: 802-318-8453, leonard.perry@uvm.edu

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Due by May 16, 2018-- Register sooner and save \$\$! See below; space is limited.
Please complete a separate form for each person

Name _____ Name for nametag, if different _____

Mail Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____ email _____

Room Bed Preference (if available): King 2 Queens
(This is a non-smoking hotel. Also there is no smoking on the motorcoach.)

Roommate's Name _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone number _____

Departing from: ___ UVM Hort Farm ___ King's Garden (Ft. Ticonderoga) ___ Hildene (Manchester)

Payment (prices per person, please make checks payable to "Green Mountain Horticulture")

Mid-winter Special rate, until March 20	\$559	_____	(per person, double occupancy)
Spring Registration rate Mar. 21-May 16	\$589	_____	(per person, double occupancy)
Single room supplement	\$100	_____	(Covers additional hotel costs)
Total	\$	_____	

Refund Policy: Cancellation before May 16, 2018-- complete refund less a \$30 processing fee
Cancellation on or after May 16 but before July 2-- 40% refund; Cancellation on or after July 2-- no refund
Requests for cancellation must be received in writing.

In the event that we must cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers or other reason, you will get a full refund. Otherwise, note the refund policy. If you desire or need a roommate for double occupancy, ask us and if we know of someone looking for the same we can let you know. Ultimately, though, this will be your responsibility. While travel insurance is mainly used for trips abroad or involving flights and cruise ships, you may want to look into this if you want to be covered in case you need to cancel, due to medical or similar reasons. There are many firms you can use and find online (www.insuremytrip.com/products/providers), with the cost often about 10% the tour cost for multiday trips.

Mail Registration Forms by May 16 (early registration date of March 20) to:
Green Mountain Horticulture Tours, PO Box 735, Milton VT 05468

Confirmation receipt, itinerary, and directions to departure sites will be mailed prior to the tour. For questions on registration and payment or other, contact tour host Dr. Leonard Perry (leonard.perry@uvm.edu, 802-318-8453).

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