Philadelphia Flower Show Tour  
Tuesday-Friday March 6-9, 2018

You won’t want to miss our first ever tour to the world’s oldest and largest indoor flower show, plus sampling tastes and sights of Philadelphia, and of course the world famous Longwood Gardens. You’ll learn about the latest and best new flowers over a group dinner. And there will be plenty of garden-related shopping. This tour is sponsored by Dr. Leonard Perry’s Green Mountain Horticulture: Tours, in collaboration with Green Works: the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association.

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 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.

Day one (Tuesday) will begin at the Horticulture Research Center in So. Burlington, with optional pick-ups at the Park and Rides in Vergennes and Fair Haven. We’ll have an hour for lunch, walking and shopping at the Crossgates Mall in Albany, before heading south to our hotel in Valley Forge/Oaks, Pennsylvania (the Hilton Garden Inn). You’ll have a chance to rest up at the hotel before our “learning over dinner” buffet meal (included) there that evening. We’ll have a presentation by Penn State University Extension Educator Sinclair Adam on the top new flowers for 2018. Sinclair was well-received by his presentation to our group tour in 2017, and is eminently qualified on this topic as he manages one of the largest flower trials in the country.

Day two (Wednesday) begins, after our hot breakfast at the hotel (included), with a visit to the famous Reading Terminal Market in central Philadelphia (www.readingterminalmarket.org). Most any kind of food, related cooking goods and cookbooks, Amish specialities, and restaurants can be found at this historic market. Making our visit special will be a culinary tour and sampling of the market, with time after to shop and lunch on your own.
After lunch we’ll walk across the street to the Pennsylvania Convention Center and the **Philadelphia Flower Show** (theflowershow.com), where you’ll have the entire afternoon there to view the MANY exhibits, shop the vendors, hear the presentations, or just relax and have tea or coffee. The theme this year is “Wonders of Water”, showcasing the “interplay of horticulture and water,” with the focus on this important topic worldwide. Expect to see exhibits dealing with stormwater, creative rain barrels and rain gardens, fountains, ponds, and other water features. “America's leading floral and garden designer will create tropical jungles, temperate forests, native woodlands and arid landscapes, showcasing the astounding plants that thrive in each environment, from exquisite orchids and flowering vines to luminescent desert blooms.”

“Started in 1829 by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the Show introduces the newest plant varieties, garden and design concepts, and organic and sustainable practices. In addition to the major garden displays, the Flower Show hosts world-renowned competitions in horticulture and artistic floral arranging, gardening presentations and demonstrations, special events, and a mammoth indoor Marketplace… The Philadelphia Flower Show has been honored as the best event in the world by the International Festivals & Events Association.” After an early dinner on your own at the show, we’ll head back to our hotel.

**Day three** (Thursday), after our breakfast once again at the hotel, we’ll head to **Longwood Gardens**—one of the most famous, known, and visited public gardens in the world (longwoodgardens.org). This former estate of Pierre DuPont of 1,077 acres has over two dozen major outdoor gardens. Even though not the time of year to see the famous fountain displays which were recently renovated, we can see the museum of the former fountains and their engineering marvels. This time of year we’ll focus on the 21 garden spaces in the indoor greenhouses and conservatories, which host beautiful displays of thousands of different plants from all over the world. Also on view is the museum of Longwood’s organ—the second largest in the country. You can lunch on your own in Longwood’s extensive buffet-style restaurant, and shop in their large gift shop.

After lunch we’ll head back to Philadelphia, where we’ll have a **guided city tour** on our bus of features in the historic area, as well as other sites in the city such as the Ben Franklin Parkway, Comcast Center, LOVE Park, City Hall, Penn’s Landing, Chinatown, the Franklin Institute, and more.
Another special treat, then, on our tour will be an **optional return to The Flower Show**. With so much to see, you may want to revisit areas of personal interest, finish some garden-related shopping, or just enjoy this indoor floral paradise once more. Crowds thin out later in the afternoon as well. If you choose this, you can have an early dinner again there on your own prior to our pick up. However, if you saw enough the first day, another option will be to just return to our hotel. There, you can rest and relax and dine in at the hotel, or eat locally (several choices are within walking distance, or you can venture further with the free hotel shuttle).

**Day four** (Friday) we leave after our hotel hot breakfast for the return trip north. Our lunch (included) will be at the flagship store of **Adam’s Fairacre Farm** in Poughkeepsie, New York (adamsfarms.com/locations/poughkeepsie). This is the largest super farm market in the Hudson Valley. After lunch and our overview by Sue and Mark Adams, with a preview in their greenhouses of some new flowers for this year, you’ll have the chance to shop for many food items, plants, and garden gifts. After dropping off any who left cars at the Park and Rides, we’ll have a light snack meal on the bus on the way back to South Burlington.

**Included in the price** are all admissions and guided tours, snacks and refreshments throughout the tour, lodging, many meals (all breakfasts at the hotel, a lunch, a group dinner), and driver gratuity. We’ll travel in a Premier luxury coach, with videos periodically on various gardens locally and abroad, lesser known and more famous such as Longwood, and the 2017 Philadelphia Flower Show. 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 and a tour which is sure to be popular. 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, also, if you have any questions: 802-318-8453, leonard.perry@uvm.edu. **These details and registration form also are online**: pss.uvm.edu/PPP/PAtour18an2.pdf

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Philadelphia Flower Show Tour Registration  
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**Due by January 30, 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 Park and Ride: ___ Vergennes ___ Fair Haven

**Payment** (prices per person, please make checks payable to “Green Mountain Horticulture”)

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**Refund Policy:**  
Cancellation on or before January 30, 2018-- complete refund less a $30 processing fee  
Cancellation after January 30, but before February 20-- 25% refund; Cancellation on or after Feb.20-- no refund  
Requests for cancellation must be received in writing (with confirmation of receipt if by email).

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. In the case of a late winter storm, unless roads to our destination are closed, the tour will run. 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 offering such online, with the cost often about 10% the tour cost for multiday trips. (www.insuremytrip.com/products/providers)

Mail Registration Forms by January 30 (early registration date of Nov. 30) 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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