



Montreal Botanic Gardens Tour Tuesday, September 18, 2012



You will not want to miss this day tour to one of the world's top garden attractions, the Montreal Botanic Gardens, *and* a chance to see their famous Chinese lantern display. Leaving the Horticulture Research Center in So. Burlington (behind Heritage Ford off Rte. 7 south) at 8am, returning around 7pm, we'll travel in a Premier luxury coach. This tour is sponsored by Green Works, the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association, with collaboration from the Kings Garden at Fort Ticonderoga and UVM Extension.

Refreshments will be served going and coming, and the videos on the bus will give you an overview of these gardens-- the second largest in the world-- and show you the development of them on the way up, and showcase other gardens including ones from England on the way back. The tour price includes admission to the greenhouse conservatories and gardens. Lunch may be purchased at the gardens, or you may bring your own. Keep in mind the mileage alone (figured at the federal rate) if you drove would be more than the total price of this tour, would entail dealing with Montreal traffic, and wouldn't even include parking and gardens admission, as well as the chance to meet and learn from others with garden interests--all part of this tour.

This tour is timed to coincide with the Chinese lantern display. This display of hundreds of hand-made silk lanterns is of course stunning at night, but is even more colorful and easily seen in daylight. The theme this year is "The Heavenly Banquet." In addition to the lanterns strung along walks, each year the main display represents a new theme and new lanterns, some floating in the pond, some over 10 feet high. This display is found throughout the largest Chinese garden outside China (done in the style of the Ming Dynasty), where you'll also find the largest Penjin (Chinese bonsai) collection in North America. Nearby you'll find the modernistic Japanese garden, tea room and bonsai collection; and many specialty gardens such as rock garden, perennials, roses, design ideas, trees and shrubs. The 11 greenhouses have changing seasonal displays, and extensive collections of plants such as orchids, begonias (newly renovated), ferns and cacti.

Any family or friends interested in joining you? Send in your registration NOW in order to guarantee seats on this relaxing, comfortable and educational tour which usually sells out early.

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Montreal Gardens Tour Registration--September 18, 2012

Address _____

_____ phone _____

email _____

Attendee names: _____

Required for border crossing will be one of the following: U.S. passport, passport card, or Enhanced Drivers License. If you need to obtain one of these, please allow at least 4 to 6 weeks

Enclosed is my check (payable to "VNLA") for ___ persons at \$65 per person (\$59 per person for Green Works members and Vermont Master Gardeners), for a total of \$_____. Tour cost includes luxury motor coach, refreshments throughout the trip, and admission. Confirmation and further details will be provided prior to the trip.

Return registrations by August 30 to: Leonard Perry, Dept Plant and Soil Science--UVM, Burlington, VT 05405.

Questions? leonard.perry@uvm.edu *To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the above by July 30, so we may assist you. University of Vermont Extension, and U.S. Department of Agriculture, cooperating, offer education and employment to everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or familial status.*