

Annapolis Horticulture Society Shenandoah Adventure Spring Trip Is Now Open to Nonmembers

Friday April 13 – Saturday April 14, 2012

Our spring 2012 trip will combine gardens, history and education, with travel to the estate country of Middleburg, Virginia, and the Shenandoah Valley of Winchester.

After departing Annapolis on Friday morning, our first stop will be the gardens of Oak Hill Farm in Aldie, Virginia, President James Monroe's 1,200-acre ancestral estate, now the residence of Gayle and Tom DeLashmutt. You can read about Oak Hill at www.virginialiving.com/articles/hallowed-ground/

Next it's on to the Glen Burnie Gardens and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, where we'll enjoy a lunch buffet followed by a guided tour of the six-acre gardens. Our visit will include enough time for strolling the gardens on our own and exploring the museum.

www.shenandoahmuseum.org/index.php

After spending the night in Winchester, on Saturday morning we'll take a short bus ride to the campus of Shenandoah University for the full-day conference, "Tomorrow's Landscapes: More Birds, Butterflies and Bees for Your Garden." Speakers are:

- Dr. Douglas Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home*
- Vincent Simeone, shrub and tree expert and manager of Planting Fields Arboretum on Long Island
- Jeff Lowenfels, garden columnist and author of *Teaming with Microbes*
- Jim McCormac, birding and wildlife authority and author of *Wild Ohio*
- Janet Davis, owner of a native perennials nursery in Rappahanock County
- Stephen Orr, author of *Tomorrow's Garden* and garden editor of *Martha Stewart Living* magazine

These experts will provide valuable advice on ways to increase birds and butterflies in our yards with plant choices suited to mid-Atlantic climate and soils, and encourage responsible stewardship of our shared spaces through the reduction of lawn areas and pesticide use, and the increased use of native plants. Select books, tools and native plants will be available for purchase.

www.tomorrowslandscapes.org (click on speaker photos for bios)

Following the conference we'll return directly to Annapolis, arriving at approximately 7:30 pm. The return trip includes a box meal.

Per-person trip cost is \$230 double occupancy, \$270 single occupancy.

Please note: If you pay to go on the trip and then must cancel, there are no refunds unless someone pays to take your place.

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