

Master Gardeners Plan Bus Trip to Northeast Wisconsin

The Sheboygan County Master Gardener Volunteers welcome garden enthusiasts to join us Friday, June 6 for a group bus trip to Brown County. This year's trip will take us to Mayflower Greenhouse and the Green Bay Botanical Garden in Green Bay, and Thistledown Greenhouse in Bonduel, WI.

Mayflower Greenhouse was established in 1979 by Jan Vos. Of European descent, Vos brings zestful creativity to the charm of old Europe with his many unique and wonderful containers and plant collections. At the core of Mayflower Greenhouse is Vos' appreciation of unique plants and his love of container gardening. Vos travels around the world to discover the finest pots, accessories and antiques for home gardens.

The mission of the Green Bay Botanical Garden is to celebrate the enduring partnership between plants and people. The gardens consist of over 47 acres of beautiful gardens and natural areas. Open all year, Green Bay Botanical Garden's display gardens capture the beauty of Northeastern Wisconsin's four distinct and wonderful seasons. Outstanding garden architecture sets the stage for an all-star performance by plants— perennials, roses, trees, shrubs, annuals, and more — specifically chosen for their ability to thrive in the upper mid-west.

The third and final stop is at Thistledown Greenhouse of Bonduel owned by John and Lori Nero. Thistledown offers an eclectic selection of new, rare and unusual annuals and perennials. John and Lori are plant collectors and feel very passionate about what they do. Their collections include miniatures for rock/Faerie/railroad gardens or small spaces. They also have one of the most extensive collection of colorful succulents in NE Wisconsin, as well as a mixed bag of topiary and bonsai material, herbs and various other unusual plants. With well over 9,000 square feet of growing space, you can be assured of a large plant selection for every kind of plant lover!

Total cost of the daylong trip is \$40.00 per person for Master Gardeners / \$50.00 per person for Non-Master Gardeners and includes motor coach transportation, a guided tour of the Green Bay Botanical Garden and a box lunch with beverage sure to tantalize the taste buds provided by Not By Bread Alone.

Busses will depart from the new UW-Extension office located at 5 University Drive, on the UW-Sheboygan Campus at 7:00 a.m. and from the Plymouth High School Parking lot at 7:20 a.m. on Friday, June 6. Return to Sheboygan County is expected to be about 7:00p.m. Registrations forms are available on-line at: <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu> or for more information contact Ronda at the UW-Extension office at 920-459-5904. Space is limited and full payment is due at time of registration.

The Sheboygan County Master Gardener Volunteers are individuals who have an interest in horticulture, have taken Master Gardener training offered by the UW-Extension and share their time and knowledge with others. It is the acquisition of knowledge, the skill of gardening and the giving back to the community that distinguishes UW-Extension Master Gardeners from other gardeners.

For more information or to become involved with the Sheboygan County Master Gardener program, contact the UW-Extension office at 920-459-5904 or Email birscrab@co.sheboygan.wi.us .