

BLACK SWAMP HOSTA AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

2018 BUS TOUR - SATURDAY – JUNE 30th



We will be traveling to several gardens in the Grand Rapids, MI area, have a boxed lunch at a city park, and enjoy a garden center buying stop on Saturday, June 30th. The bus will be **leaving the parking lot of Toledo Botanical Garden at 5434 W. Bancroft Street (between Reynolds Road and Holland-Sylvania Road) SHARPLY at 7 AM.** The gates will be open by 6:40 A.M. so plan to be there **no later** than 6:45 AM. so we can get the bus loaded and be ready to roll **sharply at 7 AM.**

Looks like we have a full day of unique gardens to see! First we'll be touring Ginny Pearce's garden-she was our guest speaker at the March meeting, then on to Bob and Brenda Sinke's garden, and enjoy a box lunch over the noon hour at Creekside Park. A buying stop will be at Wilma Klamer's K-Gardens Nursery that has a large selection of Hostas and other perennials for sale, and the final stop will be at Don and Pam Rawson's Garden. Don was our guest speaker at our February meeting. We plan to be back in Toledo about 7 PM. See second sheet for more descriptive information about each of our garden stops.

Lunch choices are shown below. Choose one for each person.

_____ **Ham and Swiss**

Smoked, lean ham raised without antibiotics, Swiss, lettuce, vine-ripened tomatoes, red onions, pure mayo, spicy brown mustard, salt and pepper on Whole Grain. Served with chips, pickle & a cookie.

_____ **Turkey**

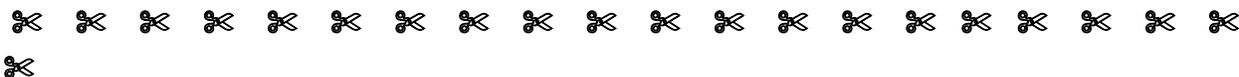
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_____ **Tuna Salad**

Our special tuna salad recipe, lettuce, vine-ripened tomatoes and red onions with salt and pepper on Whole Grain. Served with chips, pickle & a cookie.

Please send registration form along with your check and lunch sandwich choice today! Cost of the trip is \$45 each for members, and \$50 each for non-members. **Seats are available on a first come-first served basis with a paid reservation. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, June 13th.** Upon receipt of your paid reservation, Charlene will give you a call to confirm that she has received your reservation. If you send in your reservation and check and do not hear from Charlene within a few days, give her a call (419-874-8964). **Please send your registration along with your check payable to "BSHDS" to Charlene Patz, Registrar, 114 Carolin Court, Perrysburg, OH 43551.** If something comes up and you will not be able to make the trip, please let Charlene know so if we have a waiting list, the next person can be contacted to fill all the seats on the bus. Any questions about the trip, give Charlene a call.

SORRY, NO REFUNDS!!!



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YES, I/WE WANT TO GO! HERE IS MY CHECK FOR _____

NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES, PLEASE PROVIDE:

FAMILY CONTACT _____

PHONE NO. _____



Garden of Ginny Pearce

Ginny moved her family and former garden from the Detroit area to a new home in Grand Rapids 24 years ago. While living on Gate-tree, her gardens have expanded as her hosta collecting continued and daylily hybridizing developed. She has a mix of sun and shade on a typical cul-de-sac subdivision lot. The front yard is dominated by a large sunny perennial bed. Toward the back of the property, the shade gardens transition to the naturalistic woodland setting of the adjoining property. The plantings at the front, back, and sides of the house are where most of the 200+ labeled hosta varieties and companion shade plants are grown so be sure to do a complete circle of the home to see them all.



Garden of Bob and Brenda Sinke

In 1991, the Sinkes discovered they could successfully grow Hosta on their property. Beginning very small with a few plants in the back yard, it soon became an obsession. Bob is a collector so it wasn't long

before there were lots of different plants in expanding garden areas. They also did some research into clubs that could give them information and joined several at the local, state, and national levels. Currently, the Sinkes grow over 1000 different cultivars of Hosta. Brenda is responsible for much of the design with input from their mentor Allison Tgiros. In particular, Brenda has added a wide assortment of daylilies, Lilium, Hellebores, and Tricyrtis to the gardens. Bob has collected ferns and other companion plants. Despite the work to keep it up, they enjoy their garden very much and hope you will also.



Garden of Don and Pam Rawson

Situated on 4 country acres just north of Grand Rapids, the Rawson garden features an assortment of perennials, bulbs, and wildflowers. In spring, the driveway is bordered on both sides with 20,000 daffodils. By summer, a visit is treated with 350 hosta cultivars, a display of tall bearded irises, lilies, daylilies, and an assortment of other companion plants.

The gardens are distinctly accentuated by the many rocks and boulders which the Rawsons have hauled in from other local and out-of-state sites, some weighing over 15,000# and 9 ft. across. It is no surprise that visitors to the garden often find themselves studying rock specimens rather than looking at plants. A sidewalk that winds between the boulders provides access to some of the flowerbeds and eventually leads to a woodchip trail along the lake which the property overlooks.

Buying stop will be K-Gardens

KGardens is family-owned and operated by Wilma Klamer in Byron Center, MI. since 1981. With 16 acres of land at their disposal, the Klamers decided to venture into the agricultural industry by growing a vast variety of fruits and vegetables as well as specializing in perennials, daylilies, and hostas. We employ high school and college students to assist in planting, nurturing, and harvesting the crops. These products and floral are brought to Holland Farmers Market on Wednesday and Saturday.

We grow and nurture a few hundred varieties of quality hostas, amazing annuals that beautify your yard, wonderful perennials to bring a touch of color, remarkable daylilies sparkling in the sun, and last, but not least, magnificently cut flowers to bring a smile for someone special.

Their website is <https://kgardens.com>

Lunch is a box lunch at Creekside Park in Grand Rapids. Be sure to select your sandwich choice on the registration form.

