

Horticulture Field Day, 2011

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The Horticulture Committee of the Garden Club of Virginia invites you to the 2011 Horticulture Field Day in Middleburg's breathtakingly beautiful countryside on Wednesday and Thursday, May 18th and 19th.

On Wednesday participants will convene midday at Oatlands Historic House and Gardens for box lunches and tours of the gardens. The group will split up to visit an additional three properties during the afternoon. Oak Hill, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas DeLashmutt, was built by James Monroe between 1820 and 1823. The design of the house can be traced to Thomas Jefferson and James Hoban, designer of the White House. There are spectacular formal gardens, walkways and a rose garden. Glenstone Gardens, owned by Dr. and Mrs. F. Turner Reuter, has been maintained and developed through many generations of their family. Visitors will stroll through garden rooms, each with its own spirit, beginning in the major parterre. Significant features include an elevated view of the White Garden, a 400-year old tulip poplar and distinctive sculpture pieces found throughout the grounds. Seven Springs Farm, built in 1790, was purchased in 1975 by the current owners, Mr. and Mrs. Childs F. Burden. The garden features rooms of mixed borders, herbs, shrubbery and perennials.

On Thursday morning four more gardens will be open. Pond House Garden, the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Janes, includes lovely rural landscaping and a large pond. A stroll through the pine woods takes you to the home of her mother, Mrs. Polly Rowley. The dramatic house and deck are nestled over a woodland stream and naturalistically planted landscape. Poke Gardens is the home of Dana Westring and Trevor Potter. Highlights of the grounds are a thriving vegetable garden, perennial beds and a striking outdoor amphitheater. Highland Spring Farm, owned by Mr. and Mrs. James Hackman, has one of the most extensive collections of horticultural specimens in the area. The English-style garden rooms display a romantic mix of color and texture and there is a large and dramatic water feature. Box lunches will be provided.

Registration and payment for Horticulture Field Day will be online. Accommodations will be listed when the event is posted. Attendees will be provided with a list of restaurants and shops upon check-in at their hotels and will be on their own for dinner on Wednesday evening. ❁



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