

## *Marvelous Maryland*

May 7 - 9, 2012



Take a trip with us to the beautiful Chesapeake Bay region of Maryland. We will be based in the historic waterfront town of Annapolis where charming historic architecture, fine regional fare and shopping are to be found in abundance. We will be visiting a wide array of gardens, plantation estates and a classic conservatory.

### ***Trip Itinerary:***

**Monday May 7:** Depart WCC Valhalla Campus in our luxury Gunther coach for lunchtime arrival at Ladew Topiary Gardens in Monkton, Maryland. After lunch, we will tour the unique country house with its famous oval library. Outside, 22 acres of lavish gardens with whimsical topiary features including a fox hunt and a gigantic Buddha, await. We will then travel on to the capital, Annapolis, to check into the Marriott Annapolis Waterfront located in harbor center. The group will reunite for dinner at Dock Street Bar & Grill in the harbor. Afterwards, we'll have the opportunity to shop, wander the town center/harbor, and return to the hotel at our leisure. (L, D)

**Tuesday May 8:** After a full American breakfast at the hotel, we drive to Historic London Town & Gardens on the Chesapeake's South River. We will take a guided tour of the colonial structures and the 8 acre Woodland Garden and Ornamental Gardens. After lunch on site, we'll return to Annapolis to visit the Georgian home and gardens of William Paca (MD signer of the Declaration of Independence and Governor). The group will be guided through the house, then wander the gardens at our leisure. Returning to the harbor, it's "all aboard" for a 40 minute cruise with views of the harbor and the US Naval Academy. After a break at the hotel, we'll have our farewell dinner at historic Middleton Tavern on the harbor. (B, L, D)

**Wednesday May 9:** Following breakfast, check-out and loading the coach, we will begin our journey north, making stops in Baltimore. First we will tour Cylburn Arboretum and gardens around the historic Cylburn Mansion. We then make our final stop at the Rawlings Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Druid Hill for lunch and a guided tour. We return to WCC, Valhalla Campus by 6:00pm. (B, L)

*\*Itinerary subject to change.*

**Tour Includes:** Chartered private motor coach throughout, originating in Valhalla, NY; 2 nights' first class accommodations; 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners; all entrance fees. Meals do not include alcoholic beverages.

**TOUR COST:** \$1,150.00 (NPC Member) Double Occupancy \$1,200.00 (Non-Members) Double Occupancy  
**Single Room Supplement:** \$300.00 (NPC Membership information below.)

**Reservations & Cancellation:** A deposit of \$500 per participant must be submitted upon registration by Friday, January 13, 2012 to hold a space. All payments should be submitted and payable to **The NPC**. The remaining balance will be due Friday, March 23, 2012. Participants will receive an invoice notification two weeks prior to payment due date with all payment information, and an in-depth itinerary by April 25 from Academic Expeditions. Cancellation details can be obtained from Acad. Expeditions.

**Reservation Deadline:** Friday, January 13, 2012

**Information:** Nancy Inzinna at *The Native Plant Center* **Phone: (914) 606-7715.**

Be sure to visit [www.nativeplantcenter.org](http://www.nativeplantcenter.org) for a virtual tour of this exciting trip.

Academic Expeditions, Inc. **Phone: (888)214-5772 E-Mail: krendzia@academicexpeditions.com**

**THIS TOUR INVOLVES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WALKING AND EXERCISE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE PHONE (888) 214-5772 TOLL FREE.**

**The Native Plant Center at WCC**  
**75 Grasslands Road**  
**Valhalla, NY 10595**



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**Reservation Form:** Return to: The Native Plant Center at WCC, 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY 10595  
Include your deposit (\$500.00 per person) payable to: **The Native Plant Center** (Credit cards accepted: Visa, MC & Discover)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I/We are members of *The Native Plant Center* at WCC

\_\_\_ I wish to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I wish to share a room; please assign a roommate

\_\_\_ I wish to have a single room

\_\_\_ I wish to purchase an Individual *NPC* Membership for \$45 (Membership **must be paid with trip deposit** to receive Member Tour Cost).

\_\_\_ I wish to purchase a Household *NPC* Membership for \$80 (This Membership level is to receive **2** Maryland Tour discounts).