

# IPPS International Tour & Annual Conference 2010

**September 16 – 28, 2010**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Warwick, Rhode Island

**Eastern Region 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** September 29 – October 2, 2010

## **International Tour**

Tour participants can arrive in Philadelphia on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> and still join the long tour

### **Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Long Tour Arrival Option Day 1 - Arrive at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)

Hotel: Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown, Philadelphia

Meals: Group Dinner

### **Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Long Tour Arrival Option Day 2 – Arrive Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)

**Mt. Cuba Center** - An extensive woodland wildflower garden. Dedicated to the study, conservation and appreciation of plants native to the Appalachian Piedmont Region.

[www.mtcubacenter.org](http://www.mtcubacenter.org)

**Longwood Gardens** - The world's premier horticultural showplace. Take a behind-the-scenes look at Longwood's world-class horticulture department and find out what it takes to plan, craft and maintain their spectacular gardens and displays. [www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org)

**North Creek Nursery** - One of the leading perennial plug and liner production nurseries in the U.S.

[www.northcreeknurseries.com](http://www.northcreeknurseries.com)

Hotel: Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown, Philadelphia

Meals: Breakfast - on your own

Lunch - group lunch at Longwood Gardens

Dinner - group dinner at North Creek Nursery

## **Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Long Tour Arrival Option Day 3 – Arrive Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)

**Historic Philadelphia** – Walking tour of Historic Philadelphia including Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, and Society Hill.

[www.theconstitutional.com/tour](http://www.theconstitutional.com/tour)

**Chanticleer Gardens** - A Pleasure Garden. “The Greatest of the Great Gardens in the Philadelphia area”.

[www.chanticleergarden.org](http://www.chanticleergarden.org)

Hotel: Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown, Philadelphia

Meals: Breakfast – on your own

Lunch – on your own

Dinner – group dinner

## **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Leisurely departure from Philadelphia, travel south to the horticulturally and historically rich area of southern New Jersey.

**Wheaton Arts** - Leading resource of American craft with an emphasis on the medium of glass, a stronghold in New Jersey's cultural history. A unique opportunity to see local artisans demonstrate the art of glass blowing.

[www.wheatonvillage.org](http://www.wheatonvillage.org)

Balic Winery – Tour and Tasting at one of New Jersey’s leading wineries.

[www.balicwinery.com](http://www.balicwinery.com)

Hotel: Wingate by Wyndham, Vineland, New Jersey

Meals: Breakfast – on your own

Lunch – group lunch at Wheaton Arts

Dinner – group dinner

## **Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Lucas Greenhouses** – A quality grower of annuals, mums and poinsettia using a state of the art production facility.

2009 Greenhouse Grower of the Year.

[www.lucasgreenhouses.com](http://www.lucasgreenhouses.com)

**Centerton Nursery** – A progressive container production nursery. A family owned business well known for its unique branding and marketing. Claim to have the largest overwintering structures in the world.

[www.centertonnursery.com](http://www.centertonnursery.com)

**Overdevest Nursery** – A very progressive and modern family owned container production nursery. Many new introductions along with great marketing.

[www.overdevestnurseries.com](http://www.overdevestnurseries.com)

**Blue Sterling Nursery** - Very interesting container production nursery, interesting mix of unique plants especially conifers. Owned by regular IPPS International Tour participants Jim & Barb Smith.

[www.bluesterling.com](http://www.bluesterling.com)

Optional non-nursery tour:

**Historic town of Cape May**

**Hereford Inlet Lighthouse** [www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=388](http://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=388)

**Cape May Lighthouse** [www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=389](http://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=389)

**East Point Lighthouse** [www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=372](http://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=372)

Hotel: Wingate by Wyndham, Vineland, New Jersey

Meals: Breakfast - hotel breakfast included

Lunch – group lunch at Centerton Nursery

Dinner – group dinner at Blue Sterling Nursery

## **Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Pine Island Cranberry Co.** - Cranberry production occurs in only a few states in the U.S.A. This is a unique opportunity to learn how cranberries are produced and harvested. This will be the first week of the new harvesting season.

**Pinelands Nursery** - Native and wetland plant nursery

[www.pinelandsnursery.com](http://www.pinelandsnursery.com)

**Four Seasons Nursery and Landscape Co.** - Container nursery and landscape design/build company

**Grounds for Sculpture** - New Jersey sculpture garden displays works by American and international sculptors in a variety of styles and media.

[www.groundsforsculpture.org](http://www.groundsforsculpture.org)

Hotel: Wyndham Princeton Forrestal Hotel, Princeton, New Jersey

Meals: Breakfast - hotel breakfast included

Lunch – group lunch at Pinelands Nursery

Dinner – group dinner

## **Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Short Tour arrival: Newark International Airport, Newark, New Jersey (EWR)**

**Princeton University campus** – An optional walking tour to view the extensive plantings on campus

**Drumthwacket** - Historic official residence of the Governor of New Jersey

[www.drumthwacket.org](http://www.drumthwacket.org)

**Pleasant Run Nursery** – Container production nursery producing a wide range of hard- to-find plants

[www.pleasantrunnursery.com](http://www.pleasantrunnursery.com)

**Kube Pac Greenhouses** – A leading producer of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs and houseplants.

[www.kubepac.com](http://www.kubepac.com)

Hotel: Marriot Courtyard Jersey City/Newport, Jersey City, New Jersey (9 miles from Newark International Airport, taxi and subway transportation available to hotel)

Meals: Breakfast: hotel breakfast included

Lunch – group lunch at Pleasant Run Nursery

Dinner – group dinner

## **Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **International Board Meeting (8 – 11 am)**

Morning tour for non-board members.

#### **Liberty State Park** – Historic Gateway to America

Liberty State Park is a green oasis in the middle of metropolitan northern New Jersey. With the Manhattan skyline, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island as a spectacular backdrop, Liberty State Park is one of the state's most dramatic parks.

[www.libertystatepark.org](http://www.libertystatepark.org)

**Liberty Science Center** - Explore three themed floors of exhibits: Environment, Health, and Invention featuring dozens of exciting hands-on exhibits.

[www.lsc.org](http://www.lsc.org)

Afternoon Tour

#### **Guided tour of Central Park, New York City**

Central Park is the first public park built in America. A competition for the design was held in 1858. The winners were Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux.

Central Park's 843 acres include 136 acres of woodlands, 250 acres of lawns, and 150 acres of water.

[www.centralparknyc.org](http://www.centralparknyc.org)

#### **Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City**

An inspiring New York City institution

[www.metmuseum.org](http://www.metmuseum.org)

Dinner & Evening entertainment in New York City

Hotel: Marriott Courtyard Jersey City/Newport, Jersey City, New Jersey

Meals: Breakfast – included for Board members; others on your own

Lunch - group lunch

Dinner - group dinner in NYC

## Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

### Spend the Day in “The Big Apple”

#### **Battery Park City Parks**

The Battery Park City Parks Conservancy operates 36 acres of open space on the southern tip of Manhattan. Planning for the redevelopment of the Hudson River shoreline started in the 60's. By 1976, the 92 acre reclaimed site on which Battery Park City rests was completed. Residential construction started in 1980. This area was badly affected following the September 11<sup>th</sup> collapse of the World Trade Center towers in 2001.

[www.bpcparks.org](http://www.bpcparks.org)

#### **New York City High Line Park**

The High Line is a 1.45-mile (2.33 km) New York City park built on a section of the former elevated freight railroad along the lower west side of Manhattan. A unique park with a unique growing environment has become a favorite for residents of this part of Manhattan.

[www.thehighline.org](http://www.thehighline.org)

**Bronx Zoo** – Amazing horticulture, great animals

[www.bronxzoo.org](http://www.bronxzoo.org)

Hotel: Yankee Inn, Lennox, Massachusetts

Meals: Breakfast - on your own

Lunch - on your own

Dinner - Group dinner en route to hotel

## Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

The next two days will be spent in the beautiful countryside of the Berkshires.

### **International Board Meeting (8 – 11 am)**

Optional morning tour for non-board members.

**Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary** – Walk the trails to see the wildlife or hike to the top of the mountain for the view. [www.massaudubon.org/Nature\\_Connection/Sanctuaries/Pleasant\\_Valley/](http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Pleasant_Valley/)

Group afternoon tours

**Norman Rockwell Museum** – The Home of American Illustration.

Norman Rockwell Museum houses the world's largest and most significant collection of original Rockwell art. A visit to the Museum is an uplifting experience. Founded in 1969, the Museum is dedicated to the enjoyment and study of the work of America's favorite artist. The Museum's changing Norman Rockwell exhibitions present an illustrated chronicle of American life and showcase our nation's ideals of kindness, tolerance, democracy, and freedom, as interpreted through the artist's spirit, wisdom, and gentle humor.

[www.nrm.org](http://www.nrm.org)

**Naumkeag** – With its gracious house, magnificent gardens, and panoramic views, Naumkeag is a quintessential country estate of the Gilded Age. [www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/berkshires/naumkeag.html](http://www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/berkshires/naumkeag.html)

**Windy Hill Farm Nursery** – Bedding plants, flowers, fruit, and nursery stock production. Pick your own fruit. Sample freshly made apple cider.

Hotel: Yankee Inn, Lenox, Massachusetts

Meals: Breakfast – hotel breakfast included

Lunch – group lunch at Norman Rockwell Museum

Dinner – group dinner at Windy Hill Nursery

## **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Hillside Nursery** - Hillside Nursery began in 1990 in the hills of western Massachusetts, out of a love for and a fascination with woodland wildflowers and a specialization of *Cypripedium* orchids.

[www.hillsidenursery.biz](http://www.hillsidenursery.biz)

**Bridge of Flowers** -Every year visitors from around the world stroll across the Bridge of Flowers and enjoy the beauty of this unusual garden - the only one of its kind in the world.

[www.bridgeofflowersmass.org](http://www.bridgeofflowersmass.org)

**Nourse Farms** – Fruit, vegetable, flower and nursery stock production. Pick your own fruit. Family fun on 400 acres.

[www.noursefarms.com](http://www.noursefarms.com)

**Yankee Candle** – America’s best loved candle store (Optional visit for shoppers and non nursery folks)

[www.yankeecandle.com](http://www.yankeecandle.com)

**Pioneer Gardens** – A leading grower of perennial plants

[www.pioneergardens.com](http://www.pioneergardens.com)

Hotel: Hotel Northampton, Northampton, Massachusetts

Meals: Breakfast - hotel breakfast included

Lunch – group lunch at Bridge of Flowers

Dinner – group dinner

## **Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Historic Old Sturbridge Village** – The largest outdoor history museum in the Northeast. Journey through time to a rural New England town of the 1830’s where authentically costumed staff carry out daily activities of this early 19<sup>th</sup> century community. The visit will include a tour with a costumed guide.

[www.osv.org](http://www.osv.org)

**Dr. Sidney Waxman Dwarf Conifer Collection** – A unique collection of conifers collected by former IPPS member the late Sidney Waxman. Check this website for a brief introduction to Sid Waxman plant materials.

<http://welcometoourworld.info/208535/237382.html>

**Prides Corner Farm** – Prides Corner serves the retail nursery, rewholesaler, and landscaper with the most diverse selection of hardy containerized material of any wholesaler in the Northeast. Senior manager Mike Emmons, is the current president of IPPS Eastern Region. The visit includes a tour of the nursery as well as the nursery's 3 acre arboretum

[www.pridescorner.com](http://www.pridescorner.com)

Hotel: Crowne Plaza, Warwick, Rhode Island

Meals: Breakfast – on your own

Lunch – on your own at Sturbridge Village

Dinner – group dinner at Prides Corner Farm

## **Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **International Board Meeting 8am – 5pm**

Hotel: Crowne Plaza, Warwick, Rhode Island

Meals: Breakfast – on your own

Lunch – board members lunch at hotel

Dinner – group dinner with IPPS Eastern Region Board members

## **60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI**

### **Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Eastern Region Annual Conference Pre-Tour

### **Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Eastern Region Annual Conference

### **Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Eastern Region Annual Conference

### **Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Eastern Region Annual Conference

The conference ends at noon.

## **Returning Home**

### **Airports**

Providence/Warwick T.F. Green International airport (PVD) is 2 miles from the conference hotel. Southwest Airlines and other major airlines can take you back to Philadelphia airport for those who wish to fly home via Philadelphia.

Boston's Logan International airport (BOS) is about 60 miles from the conference hotel and can be reached by bus or rental car.

**If you have any question regarding the tour or need advice on any form of transportation please email either Jim Johnson [jjohnson@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:jjohnson@njaes.rutgers.edu) or Alan Jones [ajones@manorview.com](mailto:ajones@manorview.com)**