Gardens of Pennsylvania Trip  
March 21-23, 2014

Pi Alpha Xi, the national Honor Society for Horticulture at Cornell University, has organized a weekend trip to Longwood Gardens, Winterthur Garden Museum, and Chanticleer Gardens in southeast Pennsylvania for the weekend of March 21-23. This guided excursion is an educational and entertaining way to visit these premier gardens with others who enjoy horticulture. This very affordable package trip includes hotel accommodations for two nights, bus transportation to/from Ithaca, breakfasts, guided tours, and admission to the gardens.

The bus will leave Cornell University on Friday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. (locations to be announced). That night, participants will stay at the Staybridge Suites in Glen Mills in the Brandywine Valley of southeast Pennsylvania. All rooms at the Staybridge have fully equipped kitchens, HD TV, free high-speed, and wired & wireless internet access; a fitness room is available. This first-class hotel is in close walking distance to a variety of restaurants and shopping options.

Saturday, March 22, will focus entirely on the premier display garden, Longwood Gardens, located in Kennett Square, PA (www.longwoodgardens.org). These gardens offer spectacular greenhouses filled with unique plants, intricate fountain systems, meticulous outdoor gardens, and architectural grandeur. In the morning, the group will receive a behind-the-scenes tour of the production greenhouses and facilities led by the staff. There will be ample free time to walk the gardens and visit the conservatories after lunch. That evening, you will enjoy dinner on your own at one of several local restaurants.

Sunday, March 23, will begin with a trip to Winterthur Gardens (www.winterthur.org). Winterthur is set amidst a 1,000-acre preserve of rolling meadows and woodlands designed by collector and horticulturist Henry Francis du Pont (1880–1969). At that time of year, the March Bank will take center stage; the gardens will be in the midst of the change from the "yellow phase" to the "blue phase" with blue glory-of-the-snow and squills extending from Azalea Woods through the March Bank and down into the Glade. There are also early miniature daffodils, white crocus, and yellow cornelian-cherry dogwoods in full bloom. The Winterhazel Walk has witch hazels, colorful hellebores, and fragrant pink and white viburnums.

Later on Sunday, a visit Chanticleer Gardens will follow (www.chanticleergarden.org). These gardens do not officially open for the season until April, but a tour will be given by Cornell graduate, Erin McKeon, who received her M.S. from the Professional Gardeners Program at Cornell Plantations last year. The Chanticleer Foundation owns 47 acres, but the main path is just under a mile in length. The garden is a study of textures and forms, where foliage trumps flowers. It is a garden of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home. The bus will return to Ithaca in late afternoon.

This package trip includes the cost of first class hotel accommodations for two nights, roundtrip coach bus transportation from Ithaca to Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, breakfasts, experienced tour guides, and admission to the gardens. The cost of the trip depends on the type of room you choose to occupy (see reservation form below).

**Space is limited** Register by Thursday, March 6, 2014 to reserve a seat on this trip. Payment can be made by check and given to Carol Grove in room 134A of Plant Science Building. Make checks payable to Pi Alpha Xi. If you have any questions about details of the trip, contact Dr. Mark Bridgen, Advisor to PAX, at mpb27@cornell.edu or at 631-727-3595.
RESERVATION FORM
for the Pi Alpha Xi
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Pre-registration and pre-payment is required because space is limited.
Registrations should be received by the end of Thursday, March 6, 2014

Name: ______________________________________________________________________

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

E-mail address: __________________________ Telephone __________________________

Name(s) of Emergency Contact: _______________________________________________

Emergency Contact Telephone number(s): _________________________________________

Choose your room option:

All rooms have fully equipped kitchens, HD TV, free high-speed, and wired & wireless internet access; a fitness room is available.
If you need roommate(s), they can be assigned to you.
The prices below includes hotel accommodations for two nights, bus transportation to/from Ithaca, breakfasts, guided tours, and admission to the gardens.

Queen Bed Studio Suite: 1 Queen-sized bed with a pull-out sofa

Sleeping 4 people: $135/person _______  List your roommate’s names:* 1. ________________
Sleeping 3 people: $150/person _______
Sleeping 2 people: $190/person _______

King Bed Suite: 1 King-sized bed with a pull-out sofa

Sleeping 4 people: $145/person _______
Sleeping 3 people: $165/person _______
Sleeping 2 people: $210/person _______

2 Double Bed Suite: 2 double beds with pull-out sleeper

Sleeping 6 people: $125/person _______
Sleeping 5 people: $135/person _______
Sleeping 4 people: $150/person _______

*Roommates can be assigned to your room upon request.

Amount enclosed: __________________________

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