

# The Gardens of Iowa

August 28–30, 2009

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Rotary Botanical Gardens invites you to join us for our annual bus trip to the finest gardens of the region. For 2009, we'll cross the mighty Mississippi River and tour some of the great gardens in Iowa—you'll quickly see they can grow more than corn in that state!

Our itinerary will bring us to several of the major botanical centers in eastern and central Iowa, including the Quad City Botanical Gardens, Des Moines Botanical Center, Iowa State University's Reiman Gardens, and the Cedar Valley Arboretum. Each garden offers a unique experience for you to enjoy.

Overnight accommodations will be at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Des Moines. The downtown area offers a variety of entertainment opportunities, especially along the Court Avenue area. Evenings will be free for you to explore on your own. The Saturday morning downtown farmer's market is a not-to-miss event for the early birds. This multi-block market is walking-distance from our hotel; enjoy your morning coffee as you stroll through the vendors of this large market.

No bus trip is complete without shopping. The Flying Frog Farms and The Garden Barn in nearby Indianola offer a variety of plants and garden related items that can make lovely souvenirs of this trip.

The annual bus trip is a great opportunity to travel at a reduced cost, share an experience with family, meet new friends, and see some great gardens you may have never known about. We hope you can join us.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We have made every effort to keep the expenses associated with this trip minimal, and still offer you a fun and unique experience. **We are strictly enforcing a 40 person minimum for this trip.** Please register early and encourage others to do so, as well. The registration deadline will be June 15, 2009.

## Itinerary

### Friday

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6:00am Depart Dutch Mill park and ride (Madison), sharp!

7:00am Depart RBG, sharp!

9:45am Arrive at Quad City Botanical Gardens

Visit the Quad City Botanical Gardens

(Lunch and Chocolate Tour included)

1:00pm Leave for Des Moines

4:00pm Arrive at Mariott, Des Moines

Evening and dinner on your own

<http://www.seedesmoines.com/>



## Saturday

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7:00am Des Moines Downtown Farm Market (on your own)  
<http://www.desmoinesfarmersmarket.com/About.aspx>

9:30am Leave for Des Moines Botanical Center  
<http://www.botanicalcenter.com/>

10:00am Arrive at Des Moines Botanical Center  
Visit Des Moines Botanical Center

11:30am Leave for Flying Frog Farms, Indianola (lunch on bus)  
<http://www.flyingfrogfarms.com/>

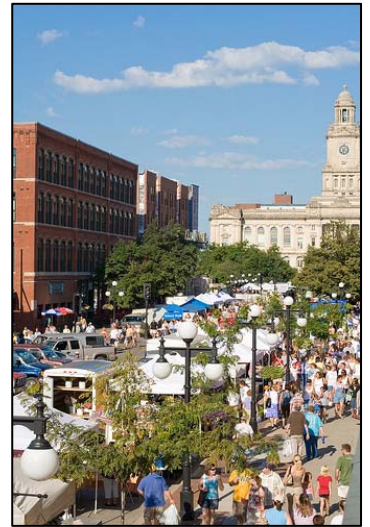
Visit Flying Frog Farms

2:30pm Leave for the Garden Barn, Indianola

Visit the Garden Barn  
<http://www.thegardenbarn.com/>

4:00pm Return to hotel, Des Moines

Evening and dinner on your own  
<http://www.seedesmoines.com/>



## Sunday

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8:00am Leave for Reiman Gardens, Ames  
<http://www.reimangardens.iastate.edu/>

9:00am Arrive at Reiman Gardens  
Visit Reiman Gardens

12:00pm Leave for Cedar Valley Arboretum, Waterloo (lunch on bus)  
<http://cedarvalleyarboretum.org/>

2:00pm Arrive Cedar Valley Arboretum  
Visit Cedar Valley Arboretum

4:00pm Leave for Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville

7:00pm Arrive at Rotary Botanical Gardens

8:00pm Arrive Dutch Mill park and ride (Madison)



# Registration

Registration includes access to all gardens, tours, lunch and snacks while on bus, hotel room, travel costs, etc. Dinners will be on your own.

Please check your option:

Single Occupancy Room, Friend of the Gardens

\$435 per person.

Single Occupancy Room, General Public

\$480 per person.

Double Occupancy Room, Friend of the Gardens

\$310 per person.

Double Occupancy Room, General Public

\$345 per person.

**Registrations received after June 1, 2009, add \$50 per person.**

## Contact Information:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

RBG Friend? Y or N Per Person Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Partner / roommate name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

RBG Friend? Y or N Per Person Price: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Bus Boarding

6am, Dutch Mill park and ride, Madison

7am, Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville

## Payment Information:

Check (enclosed)

Visa

Master Card

Please make checks payable to:

**Rotary Botanical Gardens**

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Vin: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*All cancellations must be received in writing.*

*No refunds for cancellations after June 15, 2009.*

Please return completed registration to: Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville, WI 53545

**DEADLINE June 15, 2009**