

A great adventure for the society...

'A THYME FOR SPRING' ...A Secret Garden Tour

Your group is in for the 'thyme' of their life! When it is 'thyme' to welcome spring, there is no better way then to discover the secret garden's of the Stateline area, as well as see some world famous gardens in the Beloit, WI and Rockford, IL Region!

DAY ONE...

- First it is 'thyme' to visit gardens from around the world at the international **ROTARY GARDENS**, a 15-acre botanical garden. Rotary Gardens is dedicated to international peace and friendship signified by the 20-foot sculpture at the garden entrance and showcases a variety of internationally themed and specialty gardens. Tulips, tulips, & more tulips welcome spring in all its glory! You may choose a guided tour, or if you prefer to have your group go at their own-pace, a self-guided tour is also available. After exploring the 'world' gardens, make sure to leave 'thyme' to browse the wonderful gift shop located in the new visitor's center.
- Next it is 'thyme' for lunch in the beautiful **POETRY GARDEN**, located on the campus of Beloit College (the oldest college in continuous service in the state of Wisconsin). Designed by world-famous public artist Siah Armajani, the garden features specially designed benches and tables among beautiful flowers. In the spring there are hundreds of flowering tulips lining the paths of this 14,000 sq. ft garden. You and your group will be able to relax and renew your souls. A wonderful 'potted' lunch, complete with a seed packet, will greet your guests. If you wish, you may have someone on your group read their favorite poetry while everyone enjoys their lunch, ask everyone to bring a copy of their favorite saying to share, or we can arrange to have a special speaker for your group.
- After lunch, your journey through 'thyme' will make you will feel as if you traveled over the ocean as you wander through this world-renowned Japanese Garden. Featured on 'Victory Gardens' and several other gardening programs, **ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS** were rated by the *Roth Journal of Japanese Gardens* as "one of the most authentic Japanese gardens outside of Japan" and the #1 Japanese Garden in the Country. This twelve-acre garden includes two gardens, a pond strolling garden and a contemporary Garden of Reflection. Waterfalls, ponds, stone lanterns, coin basins and examples of Japanese carpentry are some of the many treasures awaiting you. Benches are located throughout the garden for rest and quiet reflection. A garden gift shop with treasures from around the globe is also available to browse before your journey is complete.
- Next enjoy some shopping at Crimson Ridge. A wonderful Fun place to shop that holds many secrets and surprises.



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Delectable
Hot
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- It's time to head to your Beloit hotel and relax and get ready for a great dinner at one of Wisconsin Oldest Supper Clubs. Enjoy the relaxation of the Butterfly Club famous for their Prime Rib and the Famous Wisconsin Fish Fry.

DAY TWO

- Rise and Shine and enjoy a hot continental breakfast and great friendship
- You can now choose from two options:
 1. Enjoy a theatrical Adventure like no other at The Fireside. The Fireside attracts some of the nation's most talented young performers, directors from Broadway, national tours and top theatres around the country. Your visit will Be an unforgettable theatrical adventure filled with Imagination, inspiration, and that special brand of Fireside magic

Or
 2. Welcome Aboard for your next adventure. Beautiful states, mansions and natural scenery that can only be viewed from the lake....Lake Geneva. Since the 1870's Lake Geneva has been known for its clear water and Historic mansions. Many of the homes were built by the Era's great industrialists. The U.S. Mailboat has been Featured in the People magazine, Wall Street Journal And just recently the CBS Sunday Morning show. Carrying on the tradition since 1873 it is the only marine Mail delivery of its type in the country. The mailperson Leaps off the bow of the boat onto the pier, places The mail into the box, grabs outgoing mail, and jumps Back aboard. The only hitch is the boat never stops!

It's your choice which great adventure you choose. When you leave for home you will be taking wonderful memories of a day spent with your fellow "red hatters"

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