

Historic Garden Week in Virginia Returns to Newport News May 1

Newport News, VA, Feb. 1, 2019 – Bring your groups to Newport News to discover Virginia’s flowering heritage during the Garden Club of Virginia’s 86th Historic Garden Week. Selected in past years by the American Bus Association as one of its *Top 100 Events*, Historic Garden Week is an 8-day statewide event being held April 27 through May 4.

The Newport News tour, hosted by The Huntington Garden Club and The Hampton Roads Garden Club, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 1 in the mid-century neighborhoods along the city’s stretch of the James River. Guests will be invited to tour four private homes from distinct neighborhoods, as well as the courtyard garden at The Mariners’ Museum.

One of the homes on the tour is nestled in the northeast corner of the 550-acre Mariners’ Museum Park and its 165-acre Lake Maury. Several museum presidents and their families have lived in this house, including the current one since 2016.

Garden Tour tickets include admission to The Mariners’ Museum, where talks will be given in the Huntington Room on a regional water recycling initiative at 11:30 a.m.; on the history of The Mariners’ Museum at 1 p.m.; and on the non-living elements of landscaping (called hardscaping), such as a brick patio or a stone wall, at 2 p.m.

The Mariners’ Museum will offer complimentary refreshments from 2 to 4 p.m. in its South Courtyard garden. Additionally, an optional “Flowers After Hours” wine-and-cheese reception will be held as part of the tour, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Huntington Room and the South Courtyard garden of The Mariners’ Museum.

Funds from Historic Garden Week tours benefit the restoration of important public historic gardens and grounds throughout the state, such as the Governor’s Mansion, as well as a research fellowship program for graduate students in landscape architecture.

To plan a group tour to Newport News during Historic Garden Week, contact Barb Kleiss, Group Marketing Manager, at 757-926-1442, toll-free at 888-493-7386, or by email at bkleiss@nnva.gov.

Unable to attend this year? Historic Garden Week will return to Newport News in 2020 and will feature several historic Mennonite properties. Mark your calendars for April 22, 2020, today!

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