American Horticultural Society
2022 President’s Council Trip

GREATER WASHINGTON D.C.
METROPOLITAN AREA

April 25–29, 2022

An exclusive benefit for AHS President’s Council (PC) members, our 2022 trip offers an exceptional spring getaway to the Greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area. PC members are invited to join us for exclusive tours of gardens and prominent sites of botanical and historical significance. The Washington metropolitan area, also known as the National Capital Region, centers on Washington, D.C., the nation’s capital, and includes all of the District of Columbia and parts of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia.

On the Potomac River within eyesight of Washington, D.C., Alexandria, Virginia, is nationally recognized for its rich history and beautifully preserved 18th- and 19th-century architecture. Alexandria hums with a cosmopolitan feel and a walkable lifestyle—a welcoming escape next to our nation’s capital. A well-appointed fabulous week awaits with our stay at Hotel Indigo® Old Town Alexandria. Nestled on the shores of one of the busiest ports in early America, Hotel Indigo features colonial treasures and historic waterfront architecture. Old Town Alexandria, a nationally designated historic district founded in 1749, is home to over 200 independent restaurants and boutiques, surrounded by museums, and new happens, making it the perfect home base for this exciting tour of the Greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area.

Itinerary Highlights

Monday, April 25 (D)
• Individual arrivals at Hotel Indigo Old Town Alexandria. Meet in hotel lobby to board a coach for departure to historic River Farm, headquarters of the American Horticultural Society.
• Reception and welcome dinner at River Farm, hosted by several AHS Board members along with Guest Horticulturist Keith Tomlinson. Enjoy a presentation about the rich history of River Farm and surrounding area along the Potomac River.

Tuesday, April 26 (B, L)
• Breakfast at Hotel Indigo, al fresco on the patio, weather permitting.
• We begin our trip by visiting Great Falls National Park. Keith Tomlinson will provide a tour of this extraordinary landmark, where the Potomac River builds up speed and force as it falls over a series of steep, jagged rocks and flows through the narrow Mather Gorge. Surrounded by a wealth of diverse native flora, the Patowmack Canal offers a glimpse into the early history of our country.
• Next we’ll explore Virginia’s rolling Piedmont in Vienna, just outside Washington, D.C. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is a public garden for aesthetics, education, conservation and community service. Keith Tomlinson will lead a behind-the-scenes tour of this important garden.
• We will enjoy lunch at an area restaurant.
• After lunch we are off for a private tour of Green Spring Gardens. Renowned landscape architect Beatrix Farrand designed the gardens around Green Spring’s historic house.

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• We’ll enjoy a private garden visit and refreshments with the owner of a remarkable home situated on the banks of the Potomac in the Wellington neighborhood in the Mount Vernon section of Alexandria.
• We will return to Hotel Indigo and you will have the evening to yourself to explore historic Old Town.

**Wednesday, April 27 (B, L, D)**
• Breakfast at Hotel Indigo, al fresco on the patio, weather permitting.
• This morning, we’re off for a wonderful day and evening in the District, aka Washington, D.C. We will be treated to an exclusive private morning tour with the head gardener at Dumbarton Oaks, one of the finest gardens in America designed by Beatrix Farrand.
• We’ll take a private tour of the Hillwood Estate and Gardens, the original home and gardens of Marjorie Merriweather Post, a noted 20th-century heiress, philanthropist, and businesswoman. We’ll enjoy lunch at the Hillwood Estate and Gardens Café.
• Private tour of the gardens surrounding the U.S. Capitol with the director of the Capitol grounds. The Capitol Grounds were originally designed by Frederick Law Olmsted.
• Private tour of the U.S. National Arboretum with the director of the National Arboretum. Amazing plant collections and gardens await at this 440-acre jewel.
• Tonight we’ll enjoy a wonderful dinner and fine spirits at D.C.’s exclusive Cosmos Club. Founded in 1878, this private social club for women and men distinguished in science, literature, the arts, a learned profession or public service, is noted for its camaraderie and atmosphere of warmth, dignity, and elegance.
• We will take a scenic drive to view Washington’s monuments and then return to Hotel Indigo.

**Thursday, April 28 (B, L, D)**
• Breakfast at Hotel Indigo, al fresco on the patio, weather permitting.
• Today we spend our morning on a private visit and tour at Glenstone in Potomac, Maryland, hosted by Glenstone’s Chief Sustainability Officer and AHS Great American Gardener B.Y. Morrison Communication Award recipient Paul Tukey. Glenstone seamlessly integrates nature, art and architecture in a serene and contemplative environment.
• We’ll head back to Virginia for lunch at George Washington’s Mount Vernon Inn.
• After lunch, we’ll have time to visit the gift shop before our private tour of George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate gardens and the Distillery and Gristmill, hosted by G.W. Mount Vernon Estate Director of Horticulture and AHS Great American Gardener Professional Award recipient J. Dean Norton.
• Time for a refresh as we head back to Hotel Indigo and prepare for excellent food and drinks at Landini Brothers in historic Old Town.
• We’ll meet in the hotel lobby for a nice three-block walk to Landini’s.

**Friday, April 29 (B)**
• Breakfast at Hotel Indigo, al fresco on the patio, weather permitting.
• Individual departures.

Extend your experience and enjoy all that Old Town Alexandria has to offer. We have a limited number of rooms both before and after the tour available for participants at the special group rate. See PC trip reservation form for details.