



Come away!

June 18-21, 2024
Tuesday to Friday

- ❖ Tour, learn and shop at the fabulous 28th Newport Flower Show.
- ❖ Visit private and public gardens in Newport, Portsmouth and Little Compton, including the famous Blue Garden.
- ❖ Absorb the flavor of this long-favored summer resort along the cliff walk bordering Newport's opulent mansions, and a harbor cruise passing America's Cup yachts.
- ❖ Enjoy seaside accommodations and the company of fellow GCW members.



The Garden Club Of Wilmington

Join us for gardens, history and the sea!

Tuesday, June 18

Morning: Depart Wilmington*
Afternoon: Arrive Newport
Late Afternoon
& Evening: Harbor cruise and Dinner

Wednesday, June 19

Morning: The Green Animal Topiary Garden
Afternoon: Private gardens in Little Compton including, Sakonnet Gardens
Evening: Cocktails and Dinner

Thursday, June 20

Morning: Storied mansions and gardens
The Blue Garden
Afternoon: Private Gardens in Newport
Evening: Cocktails and dinner at Harbour Court, Newport base of New York Yacht Club

Friday, June 21

Morning: The Newport Flower Show "At Home" & Lunch
Afternoon: Departure or extended stay

Note: *Members make their own travel arrangements to and from Newport. Coaches provided for all touring

Itinerary as of 1/25/2024, Subject to change



The Newport Flower Show at Rosecliff

featuring floral design, horticulture, landscape displays and unique shops

At Home is the theme of New England's premier flower show in 2024—celebrating its 28th year. *At Home* will be a celebration of the beauty that flowers and plants bring to the spaces we call home. Whether you're a flower enthusiast, a gardening hobbyist or someone seeking inspiration for home decor, this show promises a feast for the senses and a unique perspective on the intersection of nature and your home, indoors and out. Floral design, botanical arts and horticulture exhibits are staged in the beautiful Rosecliff mansion while creative landscape exhibits and special shops await on the grounds.



The Blue Garden

A classic Italianate garden with the strikingly unusual palette of only blues and purples with a touch of white... that was what Frederick Law Olmsted created in 1913 for the wealthy railroad baron Arthur Curtiss James and his wife Harriet. This secret garden was lauded from the moment of its celebrated opening until its gradual demise after the 1930's. Seemingly lost forever, this unique garden room was rescued by a dedicated and philanthropic preservationist, Dorrance 'Dodo' Hamilton. We will have a guided tour of this extraordinary space.



Private and Public Gardens

With entrée from our members and sister GCA Clubs, we will explore secret gardens in Newport, Portsmouth and Little Compton including the Blue Garden and The Green Animal Topiary Garden.



Tour Arrangements

**A tour for members of GCW.
Your spouse or a friend are welcome.**

Tour Fee: \$1,300 includes:

- All activities included in the itinerary
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, non-alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities, taxes, host gifts and charitable contributions
- Coach transportation in Newport

Not included, group pricing arranged:

- Hotel: block booking rates arranged.
Travelers make reservation directly, see box to the right.
- Transportation to and from Newport
- Alcoholic beverages on individual chits

Clothing:

- Comfortable touring clothes and shoes.
- Casual dinner as well as festive resort attire
- Jacket required for one dinner.

Note: Daily itineraries are long; rain or shine; significant walking and shuttling.

Transportation

To & From Newport: by your own arrangements. Determine your transportation—if you will drive, if you would like to carpool with another member, or fly. Arrange your airport transfers.

In Newport:

Parking at the Hotel included in “Resort Fee.” We will be transported by private coach to our activities.

To Confirm Your Participation

*Please follow these steps to confirm your participation. Space is limited.
Reservations accepted in the order received.*

- 1. By March 1:** confirm your interest by sending a check for \$300 made out to GCW and trip forms to Nancy Reese.
- 2. ASAP:** Make your hotel reservation. See below for details. (We will supply the list of travelers if you would like to share a room.)
- 3. By April 24:** Send balance of \$1,000 for trip activity fees to Club Treasurer.

Newport Harbor Hotel

Room Rate:

Tuesday, Wednesday; \$259 per night

Thursday: \$309

Plus, \$20/night “Resort Fee”

We will share the list of travelers if you would like to share a room.

For Reservations:

- Call Toll Free: **1-800-955-2558**
or **401-847-9000**
- Group Code: GCOW170
- or On-line: www.newporthotel.com
- Group rate holds until April 19, 2024
- Cancellations at least 72 hrs. prior to arrival





GARDEN CLUB OF WILMINGTON
VISITING GARDENS COMMITTEE

Tour Reservation
NEWPORT
June 18 – 21, 2024

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of Spouse or Friend: _____

Please Note: Spouse or Friend must co-sign the Terms and Conditions page.

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Space is limited. Please confirm in the order of these steps:

- 1. By March 1, 2024 Send 2 trip forms and deposit of \$300 to Nancy Reese**
Check to be made out to Garden Club of Wilmington.
- 2. ASAP:** Make your hotel reservations (See page 4 of trip brochure, Tour Arrangements, "What's Included." Note: Hotel arrangements are separate, see brochure.
- 3. By April 24, 2024:** Mail a check for \$1,000 made out to the Garden Club of Wilmington to Club Treasurer, GCW, PO Box 3855, Greenville, DE 19807
This covers activities as listed in itinerary, pg. 4
(This check may be included with your forms mailed earlier, if you wish.)

Reservations will be held in the order the trip forms and activity fee deposits are received and hotel reservations are made.

Descriptions of the gardens, houses and other activities will be forwarded to you in advance of the trip.

GCW Trip to Newport, June 18-21, 2024

TERMS & CONDITIONS

**All participants must read and sign this form (keep a copy for your records)
For spouses and friends traveling together, both signatures are required.**

The undersigned clearly understands that The Garden Club of Wilmington (GCW) as sponsor of the tour is in no way responsible and can assume no liability of any nature whatsoever for this tour and any acts, omissions or negligence by the GCW or companies and persons with which the GCW may contract. The undersigned has carefully read the list of activities, requirements and conditions as listed in the accompanying itinerary and registration materials for the tour and is aware that the trip and its activities involve the risk of personal injury and damage or loss of property. In consideration of the benefits to be derived from participation in the tour, the undersigned voluntarily accepts all risk of personal injury and property damage or loss arising from participation in the tour and hereby agrees that he/she and his/her dependents, heirs, executors and assigns do hereby release and hold harmless the GCW from any and all claims, including claims of illness, bodily injury, death or property damage or loss, however caused, arising from or related to this trip. The undersigned has read carefully this agreement and will abide by the conditions set by the GCW as described in the accompanying information and registration materials and in the Terms and Conditions of this and other sections as stated herein or elsewhere published.

The GCW and its cooperating agents make every effort to select reliable suppliers and contractors to provide ground transportation, and hotel, guide and other travel related services, but we do not assume responsibility, directly or indirectly, for any loss, damage, accident, expense, delay or injury to property or person in connection with such services. Each traveler agrees not to hold the GCW, its officers and members liable for any loss or injury, expense, or damage which results directly or indirectly from any act or omission of any person or firm which is to or does not provide goods or services in connection with the tour or any available option. The GCW and their cooperating agents shall not be liable for circumstances arising as a result of: Acts of God, weather, detention; annoyance; delays and expenses arising from quarantine; strikes, theft, pilferage; war, force majeure; military, political or terrorist action; civil disturbances; government restrictions; failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled; discrepancies or changes in transit over which they have no control.

On executing the final payment, the traveler agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth above.

I/We the undersigned, have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions for this program, especially noting the policy on cancellation. I have not received nor relied on any oral or written representation of the GCW as a basis for executing this release.

Member Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Guest Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____