

OHA Convention & AGM July 12-14, 2024

4 Bus Tours - 1:00 - 4:30 pm

Friday Bus Tours (# 1 - # 4) and
repeated on Saturday (# 5 - # 8)

Bus tours are \$45 per person/per trip (HST included)

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Friday #1 & Saturday #5 Bus Tour Green Legacy Tree Nursery and Aspen Grove Gardens



The Green Legacy Programme strengthens our community's view towards the value of trees in the environment. This nursery began in 2004 and by 2022, they had surpassed its goal of supplying over 3 million trees in and around Wellington County. They operate all year and provide volunteer opportunities for students and companies to collect, sow local seeds, transplant seedlings and plant trees in the community.

Come check out their four greenhouses, a shade area, a cool-storage unit, and the renovated 1860s stone farmhouse - all while learning about this locally grown tree programme.



Aspen Grove Gardens, the property of Robert Pavlis – author, gardener, blogger, chemist. These 6 acres of gardens have been on numerous Garden Tours over the years and have many different areas to explore. There are over 3000 varieties of plants. You will enjoy these amazing gardens.

Pavlis's books and Stretocarpus plants will be for sale at the house.



Friday #2 & Saturday #6 Bus Tour

University of Guelph's Trial Gardens and University of Guelph Arboretum



Trial gardens

These trial gardens are used to evaluate new plant introductions from breeders and to specifically see how well those introductions grow and perform in the geographic and climatic region represented by a particular trial garden. The University of Guelph has been conducting ornamental trials on annuals and perennials since 2001 to see plant performance under southwestern Ontario conditions.

The perennials in the trial are trialed for at least 3 growing seasons to truly evaluate winter survival. *Photos courtesy of Rodger J. Tschanz,*

University of Guelph



Arboretum:

Established in 1970, the University of Guelph's Arboretum aims to conserve biodiversity and connect students and residents of Guelph and beyond through teaching, research and community outreach. Within the 400 acres adjacent to the campus are several gardens, plant collections, walking trails, natural woodlands, wetlands and meadows. The Arboretum acts as a 'living laboratory' for university courses as well as offering workshops for the general public. An Arboretum staff member will give a tour and then you will be allowed to roam the gardens. *Photos courtesy of Arboretum website*



Friday #3 & Saturday #7 Bus Tour

Guelph Floral Clock, Guelph Enabling Gardens & Woodlawn Cemetery



Guelph Floral Clock - Courtesy of Guelph Horticultural Society member

Guelph Floral Clock & Enabling Gardens:

The bus will drop off at Riverside Park. This is the home of the Guelph Enabling Gardens which began in 1999 to support those with physical and cognitive challenges. A volunteer will give you a short history of these gardens.

You will then be directed to the Guelph Floral Clock – a 28' diameter filled with up to six thousand plants and replanted each year. This year's theme is "We are All Treaty People" Many surrounding gardens accompany this amazing floral clock.



Enabling Gardens - Courtesy of City of Guelph Website

Woodlawn Cemetery:

We will then cross the road to Woodlawn Cemetery – 80 acres of some of the oldest trees in Guelph with walking trails. A tour to point out some of the magnificent trees of this park will be given and then you may wander until time to catch the bus to return to the hotel.

Woodlawn Cemetery - Courtesy of Woodlawn Cemetery Website



Friday #4 & Saturday #8 Bus Tour Historical Blooms



McCrae House

A tour of the gardens at the McCrae House, home to Guelph's well-known WW 1 poet, John McCrae, will illustrate the flowers in a late-nineteenth century garden. John McCrae is known for his famous poem - *In Flanders Fields the Poppies Grow* written in the war trenches of Ypres in 1915.

John McCrae House – Photo John McCrae website



John McCrae statue - Photo City of Guelph website

Basilica of our Lady Immaculate

A visit to the statue of John McCrae at the Basilica of our Lady Immaculate will follow – giving a grand view of the City of Guelph.



Basilica of our Lady Immaculate - (photo from Basilica website)



Private Garden –photo from Maggie Sale

Cottage Garden

A visit to a charming cottage garden in an older part of Guelph will showcase a large variety of plants. This informal style of garden changes every few weeks during the season.



Guelph Wellington Hospice (photo from Hospice website)

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Our tour will end at the 10-year-old pollinator garden maintained by volunteers from Pollination Guelph and Hospice Wellington.