

A Day in the Big D - Saturday, September 23, 2017

Come join us while we go back in time to discover some of Detroit's hidden gems. Stops will include the following locations, but there could be a surprise stop if time allows. You do not have to be a Master Gardener to attend but you will earn Education Hours if you are. Remember, we have only 55 tickets to sell and half of those were sold at our June General Meeting. So don't delay, come join us for a really fun educational day!!

Historic Elmwood Cemetery – It is the oldest continuously operating, non-denominational cemetery in Michigan. The cemetery was established in 1846 and incorporated in 1849 as a non-profit corporation by an act of the Michigan Legislature. In 2016 Elmwood became Detroit's first certified Arboretum, with 91 species and over 1,450 trees. Elmwood Cemetery has been recognized as a significant site for the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. The National Park Service has recognized Elmwood for making a significant contribution to the understanding of the Underground Railroad in American History and issued Elmwood a Certificate of Appreciation. Foundation Executive Director, Joan Capuano, along with an Arborist from the Greening of Detroit, will give us a tour that will couple their history tour with information about the majestic trees on the property.

Indian Village –It is a residential neighborhood in the heart of Detroit, and represents a unique combination of the city's social and architectural history. The Village was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. Two of the members of their Woman's Garden Club have graciously agreed to open their gardens, (as well as their Community Garden) for us to visit.

Roma Café - The building is vintage, and 1888 is as close as we can estimate its construction date. The Marazza family served the Eastern Market vendors as a boarding house for farmers, with a warm meal included. Mrs. Marazza's reputation as a fine cook spread quickly throughout the Eastern Market area. At the urging of her fans, she expanded service and opened the restaurant in February of 1890. Here, we will have a wonderful lunch and soak up the history and atmosphere.

Belle Isle – Lori Feret, a local historian and lecturer, will join us to discover the rich history and natural beauty of Belle Isle Park. It is a Detroit gem and is Michigan's 102nd State Park. It includes three lakes, 150 acres of wooded area and spectacular views of the Detroit and Windsor skyline. The 987-acre island park has many features and exhibits. We will be visiting three of them on our stop.

Tickets are \$60.00 which includes luxury coach, continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, water, entrance fees, tips and donations to each of the non-profits we will be visiting. Our Bus departs PROMPTLY at 7:30 AM on Saturday, September 23, 2017, from the MSU Extension Office: 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. North Office Building #26 East Pontiac, MI 48341.

For additional information, contact Linda Yolkiewicz at lby@att.net or 248-376-4560. Tickets are non-refundable but are transferable. Ticket may be purchased at our July General Meeting, online at www.mgsoc.org or by contacting Linda.