

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County

# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Trip: Finger Lakes, NY

## July 12-15, 2018



Top: Finger Lakes overview, Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion, vineyard on the lake; Middle: Taughanock Falls, Cornell Botanic Garden, Ithaca Farmers Market; Bottom: Chautauqua House & Garden Tour, Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Wayne Myers' Gardens, Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Garden

## Reservations Now Open!

**The Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, Inc.** is pleased to invite you to join us on a **four-day, three-night** excursion to the **Finger Lakes Region of New York State**. Named for its long, finger-shaped lakes running north to south, the Finger Lakes Region is renowned for its natural scenic beauty of sparkling lakes, deep gorges, dramatic waterfalls, rolling vineyards, small-town charm, and of course, incredible gardens. We will travel by luxury motor coach from Pontiac, MI through Ohio and Pennsylvania towards Buffalo, NY and on to Ithaca, NY, leaving early Thursday morning and returning Sunday evening.

**DATES:** July 12-15, 2018  
(4 days, 3 nights - Thursday through Sunday)

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$515-540 per person, double occupancy  
(upcharge for one person in a room)

**DEPOSIT:** \$150 per person

## OUR STOPS INCLUDE:

- **2018 House and Garden Tour, Chautauqua, NY** – Sponsored by the *Chautauqua Bird, Tree, and Garden Club* you will tour exceptional homes and interesting private and public gardens within the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution, a non-profit education center and summer resort in beautiful southwestern New York. Master gardener talks will be scheduled throughout the day on the various rain gardens, eco-friendly practices, information on the tree canopy and other interesting facts about the institution landscaping and gardens. The 100-year-old **Arboretum** will also be open.
- **Eagle Bay Gardens, Sheridan, NY** - Explore various theme gardens (desert, tropical island, hydrangea, daylily, waterfall, conifer, etc.), a collection of Japanese maples and rare ornamental trees, and thousands of hostas, many developed by our host. Plus, enjoy a talk on new and better options for ornamental trees in a home landscape. Plant material will be available for purchase.
- **Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, Buffalo, NY** – This Victorian glass house, created from the vision of Frederick Law Olmsted and based upon the Crystal Palace in England, opened in 1900 and is now a national historic site which includes indoor and outdoor gardens and special exhibits.
- **Sonnenberg, Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park, Canandaigua, NY** – Created over 120 years ago, this 50-acre estate features nine elegantly restored gardens, a Lord & Burnham greenhouse complex and a handsome 1887 Victorian mansion. Also included within the grounds is the **Finger Lakes Wine Center** for optional wine tasting.
- **Taughannock Falls State Park Overlook** – A stunning view of the 215-foot vertical waterfall at the end of a wide and wooded  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile gorge. The Visitor's Center Includes exhibits on native plants, water conservation, and park geology.
- **Cornell Botanic Gardens, at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY** - Tucked into the Northeast corner of Cornell's campus, the 35-acre site around the **Nevin Welcome Center** features 12 specialty gardens, including: ornamental and practical herbs, heritage vegetables, rhododendrons, perennials, ornamental grasses, a bioswale garden, groundcovers, conifers, containers and more. Our visit also includes a guided tour and talk at the **Climate Change Garden** a guided bus tour of the beautiful 150-acre **F.R. Newman Arboretum** with its collections of maples, oaks, crabapples, conifers, dogwoods, urban trees, nut trees, etc. Gardens here include a flowering shrub collection, streamside gardens, and overlooks providing breathtaking views of the rolling terrain.
- **Ithaca Farmers Market, Ithaca, NY** - An owner-operated cooperative market with over 160 members, who grow or produce their wares within 30 miles of the pavilion. There is something for everyone -- hot prepared foods for those in need of a meal, a full spread of vegetables, fruit, pastured meat, bakeries, and exceptionally crafted artisanal gifts.
- **Wayne Myers' Gardens** – Spencer, NY – Located on the owner's 36-acre property with its house dating from 1845, these amazing gardens boast an impressive display of more than 600 varieties of perennials and tons upon tons of loose laid stonework, laid by Mr. Myers himself. This one-of-a-kind property also includes a working water wheel and feed mill, a blacksmith shop, a woodworking shop, a covered bridge (all built by the owner), a marked brick collection, scrap steel sculptures, and a fossil collection. This private garden is truly a labor of love.
- **Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) at Presque Isle State Park** – TREC is an educational and research center dedicated to teaching visitors about the unique 3,200 acres of Presque Isle, a peninsula extending into Lake Erie in Pennsylvania, and the many different forms of life found there. It contributes to conservation efforts and promotes environmental awareness through interactive exhibits, a glass-enclosed tower, and more than 800 species of plants. Master gardeners maintain a variety of native plant gardens, with a special focus on invasives.
- **Evening Free Time:** Enjoy local shops and restaurants, explore the local area – The Commons, Ithaca's pedestrian mall – or, just put your feet up and relax at the hotel.
- **AND, THERE IS STILL MORE TO BE ADDED TO THIS EXCITING ITINERARY!**

**COSTS INCLUDE:**

- Three nights hotel: one night in the Buffalo suburb of Williamsville, NY and two nights in Ithaca, NY. Hot breakfast included daily.
- Friday A-la-carte Breakfast-To-Go, bus snacks and other meals as determined.
- Transportation by luxury motor coach with reclining seats, DVD monitors, and restroom.
- Entrance fees to all gardens and venues.
- All gratuities except for meals you purchase on your own.
- Many places to shop for plants, books, or garden art.
- Convenient Name Tag pouch for carrying your itinerary and small supplies into the gardens.
- On board movies, fun games and WONDERFUL prizes provided by many garden suppliers.
- Surprise products and reading material in your goodie bags.
- Master Gardener (Oakland County) Education hours.
- Opportunities to meet and share ideas with Master Gardeners from Erie and Tomkins Counties in New York
- A Fun time with fellow garden lovers, and friends, old and new.
- Amiable tour guide, Margaret Dolan, and an awesome Trips and Tours Team!!!

**Space is limited, so be sure to send in your Deposit Form and check for \$150 without delay.**

# Finger Lakes, NY 2018 - DEPOSIT FORM

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**TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE:**

Please fill out the form below completely and mail it along with your check for **\$150** to:

**Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, Inc. (MGSOC, Inc.)**  
**398 Cross Creek Boulevard**  
**Rochester Hills, MI 48306**

***Make checks payable to Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, INC. (MGSOC, INC)***

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**CHECK ONE:**

Single Occupancy \_\_\_\_\_ Double Occupancy \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:**

Do you need a roommate? \_\_\_\_\_ If you already have a roommate, please complete the section below:

Roommate's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS? Contact Margaret Dolan at 248-770-0524/dolan.margaret100@gmail.com**

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