

Garden Group Newsletter

Fall 2008



Available Fall Tours

- Harvest Festival
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- Garden Tour
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Motorcoach Appreciation Week

The Chicago Botanic Garden is very thankful to our motorcoach customers. That is why September 13-19, 2008 marks the first Motorcoach Appreciation Week at the Garden. Book a group tour for any date from Saturday, Sept. 13th, through Friday Sept. 19th, and in addition to the usual 10% discount coupons to the Garden Shop and free parking, your group will receive the following:

- Four (4) free tram ride passes to be used at any point during the next year
- \$1 discount per person
- Tour comp. for the bus driver
- Food and tour comp. for the tour operator and tour operators will also receive a special gift upon arrival

Garden tourism partners participating include Cuneo Museum and Gardens, Long Grove Confectionary Company and the Ragdale Foundation. (Groups must be using a motorcoach service the day of visit.)

Harvest Festival

Book a group tour during the Harvest Festival, a free public event held in October. Visit the marketplace in the Fruit & Vegetable Garden selling items such as fresh bread, honey, baked goods, jams and jellies, taffy apples and more. Enjoy activities such as “guess the weight of the pumpkin” and leaf rubbings. Chef demonstrations will also be held.

Roadside Flower Sale

This free public event is hosted by the Garden volunteers and features a display and sale of natural, handmade plant and floral arrangements. This one-of-a-kind event showcases ideas on how to decorate indoors and make gifts from the Garden’s specially collected dried flowers, pods and grasses. More than 400 flower arrangements, wreaths, potpourris, candles and stationery are available for purchase.

Walk in the Woods

Lead your group to the McDonald woods for a self guided fall walk. Located on the East side of the Garden, the 100-acre woods display colorful leaves through out the autumn months.

Last Call for Trams!

Don’t forget, the weekend of October 25th and 26th, 2008 marks end of the tram season. Trolley tours will become available for the winter months at time and feature a winter script. Trolley tours are not open to the public, only groups, and must be reserved in advance.

Need more information? Call us at 847.835.6949 or email us at tours@chicagobotanic.org.