Join us on an exciting spring trip to the many splendid gardens and historic estates of New England, a repeat of a highly successful tour in 2004. During our tour we’ll base ourselves in a comfortable hotel in the suburbs of Boston and concentrate on the surrounding region, visiting beautiful gardens, historic mansions, and sprawling estates in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire.

A visit to Boston itself and Cambridge won’t be forgotten: we’ll tour the Freedom Trail downtown, steeped in our nation’s history, and we’ll visit the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum of Art and marvel at the famous Glass Flowers at the Harvard Museum of Natural History. There’s so much to see, we’ll have a busy time on a very rewarding trip!
Itinerary

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
We take a morning flight from Minneapolis to Boston and meet our coach driver. We drive to 172-acre Mount Auburn Cemetery, America’s first cemetery conceived as a garden. Founded in 1831 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the artful placement of stately trees and ornamentals amidst the final resting places of famous Americans create a landscape of elegant beauty.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 5
Today we head south to Rhode Island. We visit Blithewold Mansion and Gardens, built in 1908 in the style of a 17th-century English country manor. The 33-acre grounds contain a rock garden, water garden, and numerous exotic trees. Next we tour charming Green Animals, with 80 yew and boxwood topiaries in whimsical animal and bird shapes. There’s some free time to wander along the cobblestone streets of the historic seaport of Newport, now a popular tourist destination. We finish the afternoon with a tour of Cornelius Vanderbilt’s 70-room mansion The Breakers, the most opulent of the summer “cottages” that the nation’s wealthiest industrialists and railroad barons built in Newport in the 1800s.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6
We visit the Lyman Estate in Waltham, one of the finest examples in the U.S. of a country mansion in the English manner, built in 1793 by a wealthy Boston merchant and horticulturist. The property contains some of the oldest greenhouses on the East Coast and 37 acres of woodlands and fields in an 18th-century English naturalistic design. We also visit the elegantly symmetrical Codman House in Lincoln, sited on a knoll in a parklike setting next to an Italianate garden. Further west we have lunch at Longfellow’s Wayside Inn, one of the nation’s oldest inns, where the poet spent his summers in the mid-1800s. Afterwards we tour 45-acre Garden in the Woods, the Northeast’s largest wildflower collection in a lovely woodland setting, owned by the New England Wild Flower Society.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 7
At Harvard University, we see the Museum of Natural History’s fabulous teaching collection of glass flowers, representing more than 840 plant species. Then we get a tour of the historic Freedom Trail in downtown Boston, with some free time at Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market. We end with a visit to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, a jewel of an art institution in the style of a 15th-century Venetian palace, built to house the Gardners’ collection of old master paintings. Of special note is the Italianate garden in the building’s covered courtyard.

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MONDAY, JUNE 8
We head north and stop at Sedgwick Gardens, 114 acres of fields, woods, wetlands, and lavish formal gardens with over 400 species of flowering plants, many of them rare. Next we enter New Hampshire and visit Fuller Gardens, two beautiful acres filled with flowers, a conservatory, and a Japanese garden. We drive along the scenic New Hampshire coast and finish our tour by driving to Manchester, New Hampshire for a late afternoon flight home.

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Member price: $1,895 including airfare
WHAT’S INCLUDED
• Economy airfare from Minneapolis to Boston, returning from Manchester, NH.
• Motorcoach transportation.
• All entrance fees, guide fees, driver and meal gratuities.
• Hotel accommodations (double occupancy), including local taxes. Single rooms require a supplementary charge of $210.
• Services and garden commentary by Peter J. Olin, Director Emeritus of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, and services of the tour escort, Floor Kooyman of Flying Dutchman Tours.
• 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 box lunch and 3 dinners.
• A pre-trip orientation meeting at the Arboretum.
• A $200 contribution to the Arboretum.

TOUR PRICE
Total price is $1,895 per person for members of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (nonmembers: $1,995), for double occupancy. To qualify for the member price, each traveler must be an Arboretum member. Single room supplement is $210. This supplement is waived for single travelers requesting to share with a roommate of the same gender, even if no roommate is found. A deposit of $300 is due at time of booking. Final payment is due Friday, April 24, 2009.

LAND-ONLY TOUR PRICE
If you wish to make your own travel arrangements you may pay a land-only tour price of $1,545 (nonmembers $1,645). You will then be responsible for meeting the group flight at the Boston Logan airport. No refunds for missing the group’s arrival.

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED
• Meals not specified in the itinerary.
• Luggage handling and airline luggage fees.
• Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages and phone calls.
• Medical and tour cancellation travel insurance (highly recommended to avoid trip cancellation penalties). This insurance can be purchased online at: http://www.travelguard.com/ or by calling Travel Guard International at 1-800-826-4919 or any other travel insurer of your choice. Note: to cover pre-existing conditions this insurance must be purchased within 21 days of signing up for the tour.

CANCELLATIONS
All cancellations must be in writing. Full refund for cancellations received by April 3, 2009. Cancellations received April 4–April 24: $150 cancellation fee. Cancellations received April 25–May 13: $850 fee. No refund for cancellations after Wednesday, May 13, 2009. If the Arboretum cancels the tour prior to departure, a full refund of the trip fee will be made to registered participants. No refund for unused sightseeing or other tour functions.
Faneuil Hall, Boston

Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge

Blithewold

Glass Flowers, Peabody Museum

Garden in the Woods

Long Hill

Bristol, Rhode Island

Concord, Mass
Reservations Form - New England Tour

I (we) have read and hereby accept and consent to all the terms and conditions as set forth in the "Gardens and Estates of New England" brochure.

Please print your full first name, middle initial, and last name as it appears on your driver's license or other government-issued photo ID (required by the airline).

Name (1): __________________________________________ Signature (1): _____________________________________

Name (2): __________________________________________ Signature (2): _____________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: _____________________________________ E-mail: ________________________________________

Phone: (____)_____________ Arboretum membership number(s): ___________________________________________

Mail with $300 deposit per person (check payable to Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, or charge to Visa/Mastercard #____________________________, expiration ____/____, name on card____________________). Send to:

Garden Travel Tours, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318–9613

PLEASE NOTE

Minimum group size: 15 participants. Maximum group size: 30 participants, depending on hotel and air availability. Changes to the itinerary are sometimes unavoidable. Hotels of equivalent quality may be substituted. As with any garden and natural history tour, some places can be reached only on foot. Gardens and other sights on the itinerary may have uneven grounds and care must be taken to avoid falls. The amount of walking is moderate, but for maximum enjoyment at least some walking is necessary.

LIMITATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

This tour is organized jointly by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Flying Dutchman Tours. In all matters related to organizing and conducting the tour, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Flying Dutchman Tours, and/or their agents, act only in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of the travel services such as the hotels, restaurants, all transportation, sightseeing, and other tour activities. The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Flying Dutchman Tours maintain no control over the personnel, equipment, or operators of these travel service suppliers and cannot assume responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any injury, damage, or loss occasioned by any act of omission during the tour.

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TO SIGN UP, MAIL THE RESERVATION FORM TO THE ARBORETUM WITH A DEPOSIT OF $300 PER PERSON

New England Tour, June 4-8

(check one):

$1,895 including airfare (nonmembers $1,995) Note: to qualify for the member price, each participant must be a member of the Arboretum.

$1,545 without airfare (nonmembers $1,645) (single room supplement: $210)

Single applicants, check one room option:

☐ I want a single room and will pay the single supplement

☐ Roommate requested

☐ My roommate will be: __________________________

All rooms are non-smoking.

Any food allergies? ____________________________