

Hi to all past participants, and hopefully some new comers!

We have had some great times together the last couple years, and I am hoping that you can join me again this year! As I have had numerous requests from you, we are once again going to take the SHA Bus Tour to Saskatoon! As there are so many places to see and things to do I have decided that it will extend over a three day period. It will be on Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please join me on this wonderful weekend getaway!

The following is the proposed itinerary -subject to change:

Friday, July 17th, 2015

- 12:00-1:00 pm -Meet/ Sign in at Queens House Retreat & Renewal Center (Saskatoon)
- 1:00 pm-Load bus and leave
- 1:20 pm - Arrive at University of Saskatchewan. Here we will tour the Greenhouses, Field Test Plots, Orchards, and Patterson Gardens (Arborarium)
- 5:00 pm - Leave the U of S
- 5:30 pm- Take in "Taste of Saskatchewan"- note: you will be able to choose whatever you wish to purchase from a wide assortment of vendors (30) and take in the wonderful festival atmosphere with music and entertainment.
- 8:30 pm-pick-up and head to the hotel
- 9:00 pm- arrive at Queen's House and relax\socialize till bed time

Saturday, July 18th,2015

- 8:00 am-Breakfast
- 9:00 am-Load bus and travel to local Horticultural Society Yards
- 10:30 am-Leave to tour "Ecobain" a micro green grower
- 11:30 am- Travel to Meewasan Trails and do a walk on the river trails. "Meewasan" means beautiful in Cree. It is an oasis of exceptional beauty in the midst of the Saskatchewan prairie.
- 12:30 pm-picnic lunch within the valley
- 1:30 pm-Load bus and travel to another local society garden
- 2:30 pm- travel down valley road to "Tierra Del Sol" (Spanish for land of the sun). This family owned business specializes in cut flowers for market sales, and can boast that they are Saskatchewan's first on farm distillery (Black Fox Spirits). We will tour and taste test :)
- 4:00 pm- travel to Saskatoon Berry Barn. Situated on the scenic banks of the Saskatchewan River, the berry barn staff will give us a tour of their operation.
- 5:30 pm- Supper

- 7:00 pm- Travel back to Saskatoon for some socializing, gift exchange, and some surprise activity...

#### **Sunday July 19th, 2015**

- 8:00 am -Breakfast
- 9:00 am- Load Bus
- 9:30 am -Tour local society garden
- 10:00am- travel to Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo. Meet with the "Friends of the Forestry Farm" and get a brief history of the facility as well as a tour of the well maintained grounds and zoo area.
- 12:00 pm -Picnic Lunch
- 12:45 pm-load bus and travel to Grandora, sk
- 1:15 pm- Arrive at Grandora Aquatics. This place is well known for its water plant production. Here we will tour their greenhouse, production and display ponds. We will also be privileged to be given demonstrations on techniques for propagating water lilies and other types of water plants.
- 4:15 pm- travel back to Saskatoon and Queen's House.
- 5:00 pm- Home time! Hope you all had a great trip!!!

Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Center has some rooms available for overnight stay on Thursday if you are coming from afar and do not want an early morning drive. This is an additional fee of \$50.00 for this and includes breakfast Friday morning. As you can see, we are starting early afternoon on Friday to give most a chance to travel in the morning.

We would like those who are attending this tour to join us in fellowship (and fun...remember this is a "get away") at Queens house at night, but if you chose to return home instead we have an alternate price for this.

The cost of this three day "fun raising" tour is \$325.00 including food (most meals and snacks), accommodation, admissions and gifts for gardens we tour. If it is your wish to not stay overnight the cost would be \$225.00. If you would like to join me on this tour or have any questions please e-mail me at [denisemlazgar@hotmail.com](mailto:denisemlazgar@hotmail.com) or call/text 306-331-9181.

Thanks for your participation as we explore this great province and help with this fund raising project,

SHA Bus Tour Committee,

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