

IPPS-ER 2011: Louisville, KY

Conference Tours Highlight Outstanding Plant Collections

For those with a penchant for plants, this year's two days of afternoon conference tours will offer plenty to enjoy! And the short bus rides will provide ample time to linger over the plants.

Thursday's afternoon will begin with a short (2 miles) drive to **Cave Hill Cemetery**. A splendid example of the 19th century park-cemetery movement, Cave Hill's 160 acres contain a tremendous diversity of tree species. National and state champions live alongside a constantly growing and changing collection of unusual species. The 150+ year old Ginkgo is worth the trip by itself.



Following tours of Cave Hill, the group will load the busses for the 20-minute drive to **Yew Dell Botanical Gardens** in Crestwood, KY. The former home, farm and nursery of the late nurseryman and plantsman Theodore Klein (introducer of *Cercis canadensis* 'Silver Cloud') was opened to the public in 2006 as a botanical garden focusing on new plants and plant evaluations. Following tours of the gardens and collections, the group will enjoy an evening on the grounds for a bbq and bluegrass band – Kentucky Style!

Friday afternoon will bring visits to a Louisville garden center and wholesale greenhouse grower followed by tours of the grounds around one of Louisville's outstanding historic homes.

Started some 65 years ago as a cut-flower grower, over recent years, current owners Jim and Mary Wallitsch have transformed the **Wallitsch Garden Center** into a wholesale grower of herbaceous crops and a full service retail garden center. With major infrastructure investments in the last several years, Wallitsch is the Louisville area's largest garden center.



Whitehall House and Gardens has been a labor of love for the last 15 years. Local plantsman and Whitehall board member Mike Hayman has filled the grounds with an astounding collection of trees and shrubs and most recently with a substantial fern collection. With ongoing work from a large group of volunteers and a tiny staff, the grounds have been transformed into a showplace.

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