



CONFERENCE TOURS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2012

IPPS Eastern Region Conference

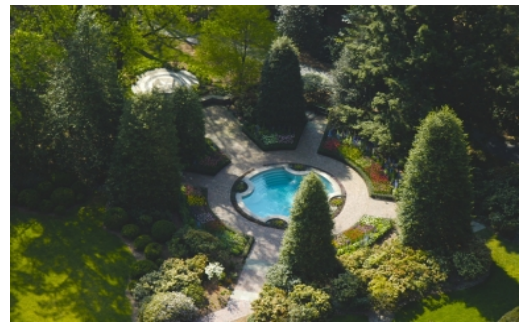
A choice of full day conference tours is available on Friday, October 12th. Both tour options will depart from the Holiday Inn Express at 1110 Baltimore Pike in Glen Mills, PA. Breakfast is not included in the tour but is included in your room rate if you are staying at the Holiday Inn Express.

The **Nursery Tour** starts bright and early (7:30am) and will visit Mt. Cuba Center, W.D. Wells and Sons Water Crest Farms Nursery, The Conard Pyle Company and Ivy Acres. The **DuPont Legacy Tour** leaves an hour later at 8:30am and will visit Nemours Mansion and Gardens, Hagley Museum and Gardens and Mt. Cuba Center. Both tours will meet at the end of the day at North Creek Nurseries for a nursery tour and Ice Cream Social.

NURSERY TOUR:

- **Mt. Cuba Center:** Mt. Cuba Center is a non-profit horticultural institution in northern Delaware located on nearly 600 acres. They are dedicated to the study, conservation, and appreciation of plants native to the Appalachian Piedmont Region through garden display, education, and research. Of particular interest will be their newly renovated trial gardens. They are currently evaluating *Heuchera* and *Coreopsis* so there will plenty of discussions taking place surrounding this new trial area.

<http://www.mtcubacenter.org/>



- **Water Crest Farms Nursery:** Founded in 1974, W.D. Wells and Associates is one of the last Design/Build PA landscaping contractors in the region that also operates their own nursery, Water Crest Farm. They produce a diverse line of high quality nursery stock for sale to the wholesale trade. In 2010 they opened a re-wholesale yard to help satisfy the demand from the regional landscape trade.

<http://www.wdwells.com>



- **The Conard Pyle Company:** Founded in 1897 as a retail mail order firm specializing in roses, The Conard-Pyle Co. has evolved from a wholesale container nursery to a leading genetics company involved directly in breeding roses (Knock Out Roses®, Star Roses®), perennials and woody plants, and introducing plants from other breeders around the world. We will be touring their newly completed 3 acre open roof gutter connect range as well as their extensive trial gardens. Lunch will be served in the Star pavilion which adjoins the trial area. <http://www.conard-pyle.com>



- **Ivy Acres:** Ivy Acres, headquartered on Long Island, NY, is one of the major suppliers of bedding plants in the northeast. They recently acquired the lease of the old Conard Pyle facility in Jennersville, PA to produce roses, perennials and groundcovers. We will learn about their PA operation and have a brief tour of their production facility.



- **North Creek Nurseries:** As a wholesale propagation nursery, North Creek specializes in growing starter plants or plugs of perennials, ornamental grasses, ferns, vines and shrubs with an emphasis on Eastern US native plants. North Creek strives to promote sustainable outdoor environments. While there you will have a chance to tour their extensive trial gardens and community vegetable garden project. Also of interest will be a recently constructed wetland, rain gardens and meadow. <http://www.northcreeknurseries.com/>



DUPONT LEGACY TOUR (registration limited to 53 people)

- **Nemours Mansion and Gardens:** Nemours is the spectacular 300-acre country estate of the late industrialist and philanthropist Alfred I. duPont. The gardens at Nemours are the finest example in North America of a formal French garden. We will enjoy a brief tour of a portion of the late-18th-century French style mansion and then tour the gardens. This garden is newly renovated in 2008 and offers a rare glimpse into the gardens and lifestyle of the duPont family. It is situated next to the nationally renowned A.I. duPont children's hospital founded by Mr. duPont. <http://www.nemoursmansion.org/>



- **Hagley Museum and Gardens:** Located on 235 acres along the banks of the Brandywine River in Wilmington, Delaware, Hagley is the site of the gunpowder works founded by E. I. du Pont in 1802. This example of early American industry includes restored mills, a workers' community, and the ancestral home and gardens of the duPont family. Some of the regions oldest champion trees reside here, including a 350 year old Osage Orange (*Maclura pomifera*) with a 23 foot circumference! <http://www.hagley.lib.de.us/>



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After the tours, you will have dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants near the hotel. Be sure not to linger too long over dinner as you will want to return to the Holiday Inn Express for a lively and fun evening social event. We will have not only our silent and live plant auctions Friday evening but also an engaging event in the hotel's auditorium - plans still under wraps! We'll be able to enjoy dessert, coffee and drinks while moving among the events.