

# COHASSET GARDEN CLUB 2020

## Visiting Gardens Schedule

### Friday, May 1st

Small group tour of Art in Bloom and optional dinner at MFA



### Other Dates

Other events will be announced on the website and at meetings  
We will endeavor to do small trips to events in and around the  
greater Boston area.

## **GCA Visiting Gardens Program**

As a GCA member, the Cohasset Garden Club has the privilege of participating in the GCA's visiting garden program. Through this program, CGC members may visit other member clubs' gardens when they travel throughout the U.S.

### **Procedures for Visiting GCA Member Gardens**

- At least four weeks prior to taking a trip, a club member should telephone her Club Visiting Gardens Chair for the name, address, telephone number and email address of her Visiting Gardens Zone Representative.
- The Zone Representative will give the club member the name of the Visiting Gardens Chair in the city that she will be visiting.
- The club member then contacts the respective Club Chair and gives the dates of her visit. If there will be other people with the member (there may be up to three non-GCA guests allowed and no more than nine people in the total group), she should tell the Club Chair at this time. Any larger group is up to the discretion of the Club Chair.
- The Club Chair will set up a garden tour and arrange to contact the visiting member when she arrives.
- Visitors need to be mindful of expecting to see GCA members' gardens during the holidays, special local events, or local garden club fundraisers. The local club(s) may not be able to accommodate guests during these times.
- When planning a visit to a country in which GCA has a Courtesy Club, requests to visit gardens should be made at least four weeks ahead by contacting the Courtesy Club member found on the GCA website under Directory.
- Even though the Garden Club of Charleston is not a GCA club, there is a person to contact. Please contact the Visiting Gardens Committee Liaison at the GCA Headquarters for this information.
- The GCA Visiting Gardens Committee does not authorize using any Visiting Gardens privileges for professional purposes, i.e., for professional photography or for articles to be professionally published.

- GCA club trips (more than 10 people in a group at one time) are to be a Club-to-Club communication, starting with the Club President, no less than six months prior to the anticipated visit. It is appropriate that the visiting Club make a nice donation to either the Club being visited or one of its projects in appreciation. This type of trip does not fall under the aegis of the GCA Visiting Gardens Committee or its respective Club Chairs.

## GCA Visiting Gardens Interest Lists

The Visiting Gardens Committee of the GCA organizes a number of trips every year to locations worldwide deemed to be of interest to GCA club members.

### *What Everyone Needs to Know about Visiting Gardens Trips:*

In the interest of fairness to every member of the GCA, the Visiting Gardens committee has established “Interest Lists.” Every member has an equal opportunity to sign on for all Visiting Gardens trips.

### *What is an Interest List?*

Trips are announced well in advance in several ways: by your club VG Chair and/or your Club newsletter; on the GCA website; in the GCA Bulletin; and in the GCA eNews. The information will include the destination and dates but no details about price or itinerary. At that point you will have the opportunity to sign up on the Interest List. There is absolutely no obligation, but when the itinerary is ready, everyone on the Interest List will receive the itinerary by email on the same day at least one week before the information is posted on the GCA website and sent to Club VG Chairmen.

### *Contact Information:*

If you are interested in a trip, please locate the trip’s description on the Visiting Gardens Committee landing page on the GCA website at <https://www.gcamerica.org/members/visiting-gardens>. Within the trip’s description, you will find a link to an Interest List sign-up form for that specific trip. Complete the form and submit. Immediately you will be notified of your successful submission. If you would like to sign up for multiple Interest Lists you will need to access and submit an Interest List form for each trip. Please note that this new procedure replaces using [gcainterestlists@gmail.com](mailto:gcainterestlists@gmail.com) for interest list sign-ups.

*How does it work?*

Visiting Gardens trips often sell out very quickly. When you receive the final itinerary, it is advisable to send your application and deposit immediately (the same day). Reservations will be processed in the order of postmark. (Fed Ex and Express Mail are accepted but not necessary.) No reservations are taken by fax or phone. If the trip is already filled, you may be placed on the waiting list. There is usually some attrition so you may still have an opportunity to go. Waiting List order is also determined by postmark.

*Questions about the above should be directed to:*

GCA Visiting Gardens Vice Chair for Trip Interest Lists:  
gcainterestlists@gmail.com

