



GARDEN TOUR—OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Organized by Polk County Master Gardeners*

Open to the Public

We're excited to be back on the road in 2022 and look forward to reconnecting with past travelers and meeting new friends. Hope you can join us for a fun and full day in Omaha.

Meet at the Polk County Extension Office located at 1625 Adventureland Drive in Altoona. There are plenty of places to park your car for the day. We will begin loading the bus at 6:00 a.m. Departure time is 6:30 a.m. We plan to return to the Extension office by 6:30 p.m. Final trip instructions will be emailed two weeks prior to departure.

We will visit 2 or 3 private gardens on the **Munroe-Meyer Guild's Annual Garden Walk**. A portion of your registration fee will be donated to the Guild. Funds generated through the Guild are used to help fund programs and support innovative projects and training at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) Munroe-Meyer Institute that might otherwise go unfulfilled. The institute provides interdisciplinary services for persons with disabilities and complex health needs.

City Sprouts is a not for profit organization. Their mission: To use urban agriculture as a platform to develop equitable food systems, provide educational opportunities, and build community. We'll tour their main location to learn how they are making a difference in Omaha.

➡ *We anticipate Master Gardeners will earn up to 1 education hour for this portion of the tour.*

You'll have a couple of hours to wander through **Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center**. A box lunch (included in your registration fee) will be there for you to enjoy during your visit. If you wish to see the grounds via a tram ride, you can purchase a tram ticket when we arrive at the gardens for an additional \$10 per person.

Mulhall's is our plant-shopping destination. This full-service garden center has been in Omaha for more than 60 years. They have a large selection of house plants in addition to annuals, perennials and about anything you can think of that belong in a garden center.

Tour Safety: With regard to wearing masks, we will be following the most recent CDC guidelines as well as guidelines from Iowa State University (ISU) Extension. As of February 2022, ISU Extension is encouraging people to wear masks indoors/on the bus. *Please be prepared to comply with mask-wearing expectations of individual businesses and gardens that may differ from ISU Extension while on the trip.* Guidelines could change at any time; we will provide an update to everyone who has registered for the trip two weeks prior to departure and again if necessary.

How to register:

- To reserve your seat on the tour, mail a completed registration form to the address below with a check for **\$90 made out to Polk County Aq Extension**.
- We must have payment to hold your reservation. Checks will be cashed when received.
- Registration price includes bus travel, lunch, snacks, and admission to all gardens.
- **No refunds will be issued unless your seat can be filled or if the trip is canceled. If cancelation is necessary you will be notified no later than 30 days prior to the trip.**

JUNE 2022 POLK COUNTY MASTER GARDENER BUS TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Cell phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Emergency contact name & phone _____

*This should be someone who is not on the trip.***Select one sandwich choice for lunch.**

____ Turkey

____ Ham

____ Roast Beef

____ Vegetarian

Mail form to the address below with a **\$90 check made out to Polk County Aq Extension**

Charlene Butz • 7114 Washington Avenue • Windsor Heights, Iowa 50324

Questions? Call Charlene at 515-202-5178 (mobile) or email her at: cnb819@aol.com

Your bus trip hosts are volunteers of the Polk County Master Gardener tour committee: Laurie and Neil Barrick, Charlene Butz, Jennifer Darling, Susan Ging, Kathy Gocke, & Carolyn Magnani.

*For information about Polk County Master Gardeners (PCMG), visit extension.iastate.edu and search for master gardeners.