



The
**Federated Garden Clubs
of Connecticut, Inc.**

2019 TOUR

EXPLORE THE BEAUTY OF ARKANSAS:

LITTLE ROCK & BENTONVILLE

MAY 6-11, 2019



Come along with FGCCT as we explore the beauty and art of northwest Arkansas. Our journey is timed to coincide with pleasant springtime weather as we explore two areas of Arkansas that are filled with gardens and art---Little Rock and Bentonville. Little Rock is the capitol and home of garden and lifestyle experts P. Allen Smith and Chris Olsen, where we will enjoy a personal experience at the home of each. Top that off with a visit to the Capitol Rose Garden and the Clinton Presidential Library, we will have a good look at the highlights of Little Rock. Next stop is Bentonville---the home of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton. There's more to Bentonville than small town charm! It's the home of the iconic Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and one of the best hotels in America--- 21C Museum Hotel, our home for two nights. We will see the historic Peel Mansion Museum & Gardens and take a side trip to the Ozark Botanical Gardens. You will also enjoy additional visits to Compton Gardens and a private garden tour.

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Monday, May 6: Our journey begins when we meet at Bradley Airport for our flight to Little Rock, Arkansas! We'll check in at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels Little Rock for the next three nights. A Welcome Dinner awaits us! D

Tuesday, May 7: This morning we will visit the Clinton Presidential Library and Museum. The



Clinton Library chronicles American history at the turn of the 21st century with interactive exhibits, including full-scale replicas of the Oval Office and Cabinet Room. Then off for a guided city tour of Little Rock which will include a stop at Arkansas State Capitol Rose Garden.

This evening we've been invited for a home and garden tour at the home of Chris H.

Olsen. Chris, a Hartford native, is nationally recognized as a home and garden guru, designer, author, TV personality and public speaker, known for his infusion of color and creativity in all his projects including his property, The Edgemont House. Our visit will include hors d'oeuvres, dinner & book signing with Chris. BB D



Wednesday, May 8: Today we're off to P. Allen Smith's home and garden at Moss Mountain Farm.



The farm sits on top of a ridge overlooking the Arkansas River Valley. We will have a guided tour of Allen's home and his Terraced Garden. We will break for an included lunch in the Barn. Then stop by the unique gift shop where Allen will be available to meet us and autograph books (pending his availability). Return to hotel for an evening on your own to enjoy restaurants and exploring Little Rock. BB L

Thursday, May 9: Depart Little Rock and head to Bentonville, the home of Wal-Mart founder, Sam Walton. We will have a lunch stop before arriving at our home for two nights—the unforgettable 21C Museum Hotel. The 21C is a boutique hotel and contemporary art museum offering exceptional service and modern amenities and ranked as one of the top 15 hotels in the Continental U.S.



After check-in we are off for an evening at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Crystal Bridges was designed by architect Moshe Safdie to be both a complement and a counterpoint to the surrounding landscape. Safdie allows the landscape to embrace the building and makes the spring water an integral part of the design. Two ponds were created with a series of weirs that manage the inflow from Town Branch Creak & Crystal Spring. This natural spring, along with the striking glass and copper bridges that span the ponds provided Crystal Bridges with its name. We will begin our visit with a tour of the trail with the Director of Trails and Grounds followed by dinner at the museum along with a guided tour. After dinner, take a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright House known as the Bachman-Wilson House, an example of Wright's classic Usonian architecture. Return to hotel. BB, D

Friday, May 10: This morning we will enjoy a visit to the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks for a tour which feature 12 themed gardens where four seasons of native flora and fauna thrive. Then we are off for a guided tour of the 1975 Peel Mansion & Heritage Garden. This Civil War Era Italianate mansion was built by Samuel West Peel as a home for his wife to raise their nine children. We will enjoy lunch at the mansion. Enjoy a visit to a private garden—TBA followed by a tour of Compton Gardens guided by a Master Gardener. Compton Gardens is a 6.5-acre public park that has been developed into a native woodland garden that contains a native plant collection.



Enjoy wine & cheese in the garden before returning to the hotel for a night on your own to explore Bentonville. BB, L

Saturday, May 11: Today ends our visit to Arkansas! We depart Bentonville for the Little Rock Airport for our return flight to Hartford with fabulous memories of our trip. BB

TOUR LIMITED TO 30 PASSENGERS!

COST: \$2529 PP TWIN --- \$2979 PP SINGLE

INCLUDES: Flights from Hartford/Bradley, Deluxe Motorcoach in Arkansas, 5 nights hotel, tax, baggage handling, 5 buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, sightseeing per itinerary, gratuities for included activities, \$100 pp donation to The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc., FRIENDSHIP TOURS escort, discount parking coupons for BDL parking.

PRACTICALITIES

MORE INFORMATION: KATHY LINDROTH, TOURS COORDINATOR, TOURS@CTGARDENCLUBS.ORG OR 860-677-4807

TO MAKE A RESERVATION: CALL BARBARA at FRIENDSHIP TOURS: 860-243-1630

DEPOSIT: \$500 per person with reservation to secure your spot

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FINAL PAYMENT: JANUARY 10, 2019

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels after deposit is made and before 1/10/19 a fee of \$400 pp; Jan 11-Feb 28, 2019 a fee of \$1500 pp; no refunds after Feb. 28, 2019

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