Brewster Garden Club's

Hudson Valley Getaway

Wednesday, September 25 – Friday, September 27

<u>Wednesday, September 25</u> - We'll depart Patriot Square in S. Dennis at 7:00 AM and make a rest stop in Connecticut before arriving at the **New York Botanical Garden** around noon. You'll have time for lunch (on own) at one of the cafés and you can use the **Garden Tram** to get around the garden, stepping off to explore at any areas of interest. Garden highlights include the 1890s-vintage **Haupt Conservatory**, designed by Lord & Burnham, the **Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden**, an **alpine rock garden**, an **Herb Garden**, and a 37-acre **conifer**



collection. The conservatory houses numerous tropical plants and flowers, cacti and other desert plants, and rainforest vegetation. The exhibit "Wonderland: Curious Nature" transforms the 250-acre garden with the sights, settings, and scents of the classic story of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. We'll stay at the Quality Inn & Suites in Fishkill, NY. Dinner is on own at your leisure at the 84 Diner located next to the hotel.

Thursday, September 26 - Enjoy an expanded continental breakfast at the hotel, then depart for our full day in the Hudson Valley with our **local guide** who will tell us about the history and people that lived in the Hudson Valley. We'll explore the



Roosevelt saga on our visit to the homes of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. We'll take a **self-guided tour of Springwood**, FDR's boyhood home, and our guide will take us on a **tour of the grounds** of **Val-kill**, Eleanor Roosevelt's cozy home. You'll have an opportunity to experience the relaxed atmosphere of the home where Franklin & Eleanor entertained friends, the press, and official state visitors. We'll

explore the exhibits at **the FDR Museum & Library** which tell the story of the
Roosevelt presidency from the depths of

the Great Depression through the New Deal and World War II. A **full plated lunch is included at Coppola's Italian Restaurant** that includes your choice of Veal Parmigiana, Chicken Marsala, or Crabmeat Stuffed Sole. We'll take a **guided tour the Vanderbilt Mansion**, built expressly for the aristocratic lifestyle for a family whose name is the very definition of wealth and privilege. Then, we'll visit the



esteemed **Culinary Institute of America** (CIA), where we will meet with some of the students to enjoy **a unique tasting exercise** and to learn what it takes to become a chef. A delicious **full dinner at CIA** is included at one of their student-staffed restaurants. (B,L,D)

<u>Friday, September 27</u> - Enjoy a continental breakfast at the hotel and depart for a tour of **Kykuit**, home to four generations of the Rockefeller family, beginning with the philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, founder of Standard Oil. We'll take a shuttle to the estate to **tour the 40-room home & gardens** and enjoy the panoramic views. Your walking tour will include the main floor of the house, art galleries, Inner Gardens, golf room, and Coach Barn. We'll enjoy an included **catered box lunch** before we return to the Cape. We'll return to Dennis at approximately 6:00 PM. (B,L)



<u>Package Includes:</u> Two night's accommodation at the Quality Inn & Suites, Fishkill, baggage handling, two expanded continental breakfasts, full plated lunch at Coppola's Italian Restaurant, Tasting Experience and dinner at the Culinary Institute of America, box lunch at Kykuit. Full day guide service, and admissions to the NY Botanical Garden, FDR Museum & Library, Springwood, Val-Kill, Vanderbilt Mansion, and Kykuit.

\$ 1,039 double occupancy, \$ 1,179 single occupancy

This trip requires a minimum of 25 people to run.

A \$ 75 per person deposit is required to reserve, and the balance is due by August 15 Please make checks payable to **Funtastic Getaways**.

Full refund for cancellations up to 45 days prior to the trip, no refund 44 days or less prior to the trip

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