SEPTEMBER 7-10, 2022
INDIAN SUMMER IN THE FINGER LAKES

Join Friendship Tours and the Federated Garden Clubs of Ct. for a full three night tour of the beautiful Finger Lakes region. We spend our three nights at The Gould in Seneca Falls, home of the women's civil rights movement and inspiration for *It's a Wonderful Life.* From Seneca Falls we will branch out to visit all the prime sights of the Finger Lakes experiencing gardens, a castle, wineries, local cuisine along with your congenial group! Have some fun this September in the Finger Lakes!

$1512 Twin

$1758 Single

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

Beekman Farm

Sonnenberg Gardens

Corning Museum of Glass

Belhurst Castle

MacKenzie Childs

And

Lots of Wine to Taste!

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Call or email with any questions.

Daily Itinerary

Wednesday, September 7 Day 1:

After we depart from our CT. pick up points, we begin our Finger Lakes adventure with a stop to see the famous Beekman Farm. If you have watched 'The Fabulous Beekman Boys' as they learned to become farmers and launch their lifestyle brand, Beekman 1802, you will see where it all began. We will see the house (outside only), flower garden, vegetable garden, pond and barn built by William Beekman in 1802. Enjoy a boxed lunch at the farm and a tour. Then off the 1802 Mercantile for a quick shopping spree!

Off to our hotel for the next 3 nights, The Gould Hotel Seneca Falls. This hotel is blend of historic charm and modern convenience. Built in 1920 on the site of a former hotel that burned down, this modern boutique hotel has become a large part of the quaint village of Seneca Falls.

We will have a Welcome Wine and Cheese Reception upon arrival where we will get to sample two glasses of local wines and enjoy local cheeses, followed by a delicious dinner at the hotel. LD

Thursday, September 8 Day 2:

Our morning begins with a hot breakfast at the hotel before we our fun Finger Lakes Day.

Depart for McKenzie Child, home of the famous pottery. As you enter the winding brick driveway, you'll know you are arriving at a very special place. The dairy barn houses the production studio— where today, handmade, hand decorated majolica pottery, furniture, and home furnishings are crafted by talented artisans. We will tour the sprawling gardens and the unique farmhouse furnished with MacKenzie-Child - each room is a design inspiration! Of course, there is some time to browse the shop before heading out.

Next stop is the Belhurst Castle and Winery whose history goes back to the land originally being the site of a Seneca Indian Village and home to the Iroquois to being owned by Harrison Otis of Otis Elevator to the grand 'castle' it is today.

We will have a wine tasting of 5 preselected wines prior to lunch and then time to stroll the beautiful grounds.

The Finger Lakes are famous for the wineries and wine from the area. Let's do some wine tasting!

First will be the Lakeshore Winery, a family owned and operated winery that is one of the oldest on Cayuga Lake. The winery is located on a farm dating back to 1825. All wines are produced and bottled on site, using only Finger Lakes grapes. After our presentation & tasting, we then head for Knapp Winery & Vineyard. Knapp was the first winery in the Finger Lakes Appellation to plant and vinify the grape variety Cabernet Franc. They will also have a nice presentation and tasting. Continue onto the Muranda Cheese Company for a cheese tasting and drink. Muranda Cheese was a result of the Muranda Holsteins founded in 1991 and the prize winning Holstein, Muranda. She broke the world record for milk production, about 8600 gallons of milk! The barn is now the dairy for making the famous cheese.

We end our fabulous day with a late dinner at Parkers, a local favorite! B, L, D

Friday, September 9 Day 3

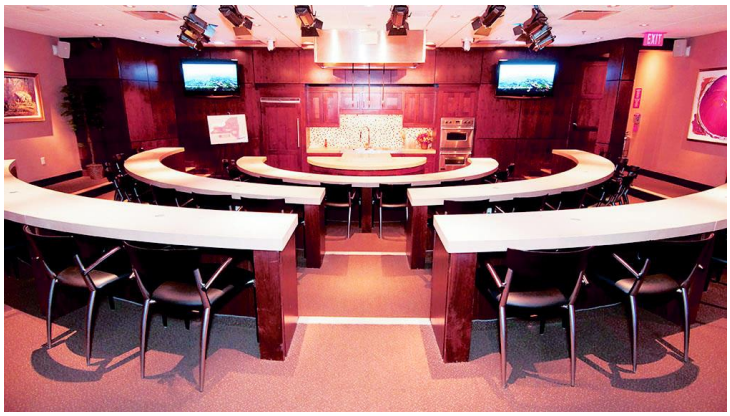
After breakfast, we are off to the Granger Homestead & Gardens.

Travel back in history and learn about Gideon Granger, the longest serving Postmaster General of the United States. Tour the Granger mansion, Victorian gardens, largest horse-drawn carriage collection in Western NY and five outbuildings on our 12 acre beautifully maintained property. Hear stories and anecdotes about the four generations of the family and long history of the homestead and museum as we tour the house and gardens.

Head to the world famous Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion in Canandaigua. Sonnenberg Gardens is a New York State Historic Park where a late nineteenth century Victorian Estate with a Queen Anne-style mansion and nine formal gardens of the world is being preserved. This 50-acre estate is one of just two public gardens in the NYS Parks system. Sonnenberg is known for its distinctive period architecture, statuary, formal gardens, fountains, and unique garden structures. We will begin with lunch on own in the café then a tour of the gardens and finish with a wine tasting at their winery.

We return to hotel to freshen up and off for our cooking demo/dinner at the New York Kitchen.

Located in the heart of the Finger Lakes, New York Kitchen is a collaboration of several industry giants with a shared passion and mission to create a gateway for people around the world to experience New York's incredible agriculture and viticulture industries. Since inception the goal has remained the same: to guide guests on a journey centered on exploring New York's remarkable agriculture, craft beverage, and culinary arts. We get to experience this firsthand!



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Saturday, September 10 Day 4

Breakfast greets our last day. We will check out and depart for the Corning Museum of Glass. The museum is dedicated to the art, history, and science of glass. It was founded in 1951 by Corning Glass Works and currently has a collection of more than 50,000 glass objects, some over 3,500 years old. Enjoy a tour and a look at a Hot Glass Demo to see how glass is made Lunch on own before we head to out last stop.

We are off to the private garden of Wayne Myers. Wayne's gardens are a wonderland of gorgeous plantings, unique hardscaping, and interesting historical features. Six acres of rolling lawn and perennial beds contain more than 550 different varieties nestled between fieldstone walls and outbuildings. Features include a covered bridge, a working water wheel on a post-and-beam-constructed feed mill, a blacksmith shop, and a glass sponge fossil rock enclosed in a unique display case. Other unusual features include a thirty-foot-diameter stone sundial and a potting-shed garden. Wayne also constructs sculptures, found throughout the gardens, from discarded farm machinery parts. Over the last two years he has added a few new buildings and goodies...

We depart for home with memories of the Finger Lakes gardens and a 'wish list' for wines from the area. B

TOUR LIMITED TO 25 PASSENGERS

COST $1512 PP TWIN $1758 PP SINGLE

Non Members plus $50 (except for spouse)
price based on 25 passengers

INCLUDES: Deluxe Motor coach transportation, 3 nights hotel, tax, baggage handling, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, 4 wine tasting, sightseeing per itinerary, Friendship Tours escort, all gratuities and $100 pp donation to The Federated Garden Clubs of CT.

Itinerary Subject to Change

PRACTICALITIES:
More information: Kathy Lindroth, Tours Coordinator, Tours@ctgardenclubs.org or 860.836.3407

This is an active tour. If you have questions about the activity level and your ability to do this tour, before signing up please call Kathy Lindroth, Tours Coordinator, 860.836.3407.

ALL PASSENGERS MUST BE VACCINATED TO PARTICIPATE ON THIS TOUR

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

DEPOSIT: $300 per person with reservation to secure your spot

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FINAL PAYMENT: June 24, 2022

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels from deposit to June 24, 2022, fee of $100.00pp; June 25, 2022, to August 5, 2022, fee of $1000.00 pp; no refunds if canceled on August 5, 2022 or later unless a substitute is provided. The $100 donation is non-refundable and in addition to any previously listed penalty.

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