

## **Grand Valley Daylily Society Bus Trip Saturday, August 3, 2019**

You are invited to join the Grand Valley Daylily Society's bus trip for a fun day of garden tours.

At 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, the Great Lakes Motorcoach will depart the Flowerland parking lot located at 3801 Alpine Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, MI. The Flowerland management requests that people boarding the bus leave their vehicles in the part of the lot closest to Alpine Ave. A second pickup point is scheduled for 9:20 a.m. at the Cascade Meijer store, 5531 28<sup>th</sup> St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI. The bus will be in the MDOT Park and Ride lot in the southeast corner of the Meijer lot which is near Kraft St. You can park in the Meijer or the MDOT lot. Enter the Meijer lot off 28<sup>th</sup> St., pass by the Meijer gas station and turn right to the parking lot corner furthest from the store and the highway. Approximate return time is 6-6:30 p.m.

Between 11:00 -11:30 a.m. we will arrive at Sandra Dunn's family owned **Along the Fence Daylilies** in Dansville where we will have lunch and enjoy looking at her many daylilies. There are over 1600 varieties of daylilies available for purchase in the display field and another 800 in other beds around the farm. If you choose to make a purchase, your selections will be dug to load on the bus and take with you. She has a Michigan hybridizer bed that is especially interesting and features many of Al Goldner's hybrids. Bring your camera as Sandra runs a weekly photo contest throughout the summer on their Facebook page and your photo may have a chance to win a gift certificate to the farm.

Lunch will be served at Along the Fence Daylilies and is included in the registration fee. Hamburgers, brats, a veggie burger, two sides and a beverage are on the menu with dessert served at the next stop. If you have special dietary needs please email Sandra Dunn at [alongthefencedaylilies@gmail.com](mailto:alongthefencedaylilies@gmail.com).

At 2:30 p.m. we will depart for Nancy Cooper's garden close to Gregory, MI. Since there is no turn around for the bus there, it will go to a nearby park and ride where we will be taken by car to Nancy's garden. Nancy's gardens, leading down to a lake, include 800 varieties of daylilies, 300 different hostas, 80 ornamental grasses and a great variety of other perennials. Dessert will be served in the garden and you will have the opportunity to relax and view her beautiful gardens and resident birds.

Shortly before 4 p.m. cars will begin to return people to the bus and the bus will depart at 4:15 p.m. for Grand Rapids, arriving at the Meijer Cascade parking lot at approximately 6:15 p.m. and at the Flowerland parking lot at approximately 6:30 p.m.

The registration fee is \$23 for GVDS members and \$33 for non-members. Lunch is included in the price. Payment is due at the time of registration and can be given to Treasurer Bruce Wickmann either in cash or check. Checks must be made out to Grand Valley Daylily Society. This can be done at the next club meeting on June 6, or mailed to Bruce Wickmann at 4430 62<sup>nd</sup> St., Holland, MI 49423. Reservations must be received by July 15 to reserve your seat on the bus and so we know how many lunches need to be prepared. The registration form is on the Grand Valley Daylily Society website for you to print and complete. To answer questions or for more information, please contact Claire Sheridan at [modelt14@gmail.com](mailto:modelt14@gmail.com).

We hope to see you on this exciting tour!