



ON THE ROAD with Friends of Wellesley College Botanic Gardens

SAMPLING GARDENS OF THE BERKSHIRES

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

7:30 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

We begin our day visiting **Black Barn Farm Topiary** in Richmond, MA, Matt Larkin & Elaine Grant's home and



topiary/garden design company. We will see several garden features including their allée of 'Donald Wyman' crabapple trees, a rustic pergola built of black locust posts, and lots of whimsical topiaries sculpted from specimen yew (taxus), boxwood (buxus), beech (fagus) and hornbeam (carpinus).



Our next stop will be the **Berkshire Botanical Gardens** in Stockbridge, MA. This 15-acre "jewel of the Berkshires" includes an old-fashioned mixed border garden, pond and rock gardens, a historic herb garden, an arboretum, and a collection of seasonal display gardens. We will enjoy a gourmet box lunch either indoors or outdoors, depending on weather.



Our final stop will be **Naumkeag**, a Trustees of Reservations property, also in Stockbridge. Constructed in 1886-7, Naumkeag is the former country estate of Joseph Choate, a NY City attorney and American ambassador to England from 1899 to 1905. Daughter, Mabel Choate, inherited Naumkeag in 1929, and worked with landscape architect Fletcher Steele to create the gardens over the next 30 years. Our tour will include the house and gardens.

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Includes transportation, garden entrances, gourmet box lunch, & snacks

Pre-registration required. Make checks payable to WCBG Friends.

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Plan to join us as we daytrip from the College to see the beauty of the Berkshires!