



The Newport Flower Show

A Floral Fair

Friday, June 20

7:15 am – Please park and meet the bus at the State Street parking lot located across from the Springfield Main Library.

7:30 am sharp – Departure for Newport with one rest stop en route.

10:30 am – Estimated arrival at The Elms. Enjoy a self-guided tour with audio of the summer retreat of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Julius Berwind, prominent figures from Philadelphia and New York who amassed their wealth in the Pennsylvania coal industry. In 1898, they commissioned Philadelphia architect Horace Trumbauer to design a residence inspired by the mid-18th century French chateau d'Asnieres near Paris. Completed in 1901 at a cost of about \$1.4 million, The Elms was adorned by interiors and furnishings crafted by Allard and Sons of Paris, which showcased the Berwinds' extensive collection of Renaissance ceramics, 18th century French and Venetian paintings, and Chinese jades. Today, the Elms houses an outstanding collection of paintings, statuary and tapestries, and its landscape features formal gardens, terraces, pavilions and fountains.

Following our tour of the Elms, enjoy a 3-course group lunch at **La Forge Restaurant**. Choose from the following main menu: Baked Cod, Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad, or Chicken Parmesan.

1:00 pm – The Newport Flower Show - Immerse yourself in the fragrances of abundant summer blooms of *Floral Fair* in the elegance of Newport's Rosecliff mansion. This annual event celebrates the beauty of floral design amidst the grandeur of one of Newport's most iconic Gilded Age estates. Explore exquisite displays in the salon, ballroom and dining room. On the terrace, admire the horticultural entries before stepping out to the oceanside back lawn to explore beautiful garden displays. There will be free time to browse the Flower Show Marketplace offering a variety of floral and plant options, as well as home decor items for purchase.

Inspired by the Grand Trianon, the garden retreat of French kings at Versailles, Rosecliff was designed by architect Stanford White in 1902 for Theresa Fair Oelrichs, a silver heiress from Nevada. Her father, James Graham Fair, was one of the four partners in the Comstock Lode, a significant silver discovery in the United States. Theresa's marriage to Hermann Oelrichs, the American agent for the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamship line, further elevated her social status.

3:00 pm – Depart with an estimated return by 5:30 pm. **What to bring:** Water and snacks for the bus; water is provided on the return. Dress in layers as temperatures vary; bring sun protection.

Cost: \$159, Members; \$180, nonmembers; includes tours, lunch, bus travel and driver gratuity.

Cancellation Policy: No refunds are issued for cancellations fewer than 2 weeks prior to June 20, unless you find a replacement. A \$15 fee is deducted for all cancellations received 2 weeks prior to June 20. Call 413-314-6482 if you need additional information.