



# The Newport Flower Show

## The Pearls of Newport

Friday, June 19, 2026

**7:00 am** – Please park and meet the bus at the South lot located across from the Springfield Main Library.

**7:15 am sharp** – Departure for Newport with one rest stop en route.

**10:30 am** – *The Pearls of Newport* flower show is a celebration of floral excellence wrapped in coastal beauty and timeless style amidst the grandeur of Rosecliff Mansion, one of Newport's most iconic Gilded Age estates. Enjoy the stunning floral designs, botanical arts and horticulture displays that reflect Newport's rich heritage and refined charm.

Drawing inspiration from the Gilded Age, when fashionable Newport women adorned themselves with pearls as symbols of sophistication and status, the show weaves historic elegance with fresh, contemporary creativity. The theme also reflects Newport's enduring connection to the sea. There will be free time to explore a selection of floral and plant offerings, as well as distinctive home décor and garden-inspired treasures available for purchase on the grounds of Rosecliff.

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.

**1:00 pm** - Following the flower show, we'll enjoy a two-course lunch at the newly restored Carriage House on the grounds of The Elms mansion overlooking the historic Elms gardens. There will be free time to tour the formal gardens, terraces, pavilions and fountains on our own. Add a self-guided tour with audio of the Elms Mansion interior, the summer retreat of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Julius Berwind, for an additional \$16.

The Berwinds commissioned Philadelphia architect Horace Trumbauer to design a residence inspired by the mid-18th century French chateau *d'Asnieres* near Paris at a cost of \$1.4 million in 1901. The Elms was adorned with 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.

**3:15 pm** – **Meet the bus and depart** with an estimated return by 5:30-6 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.