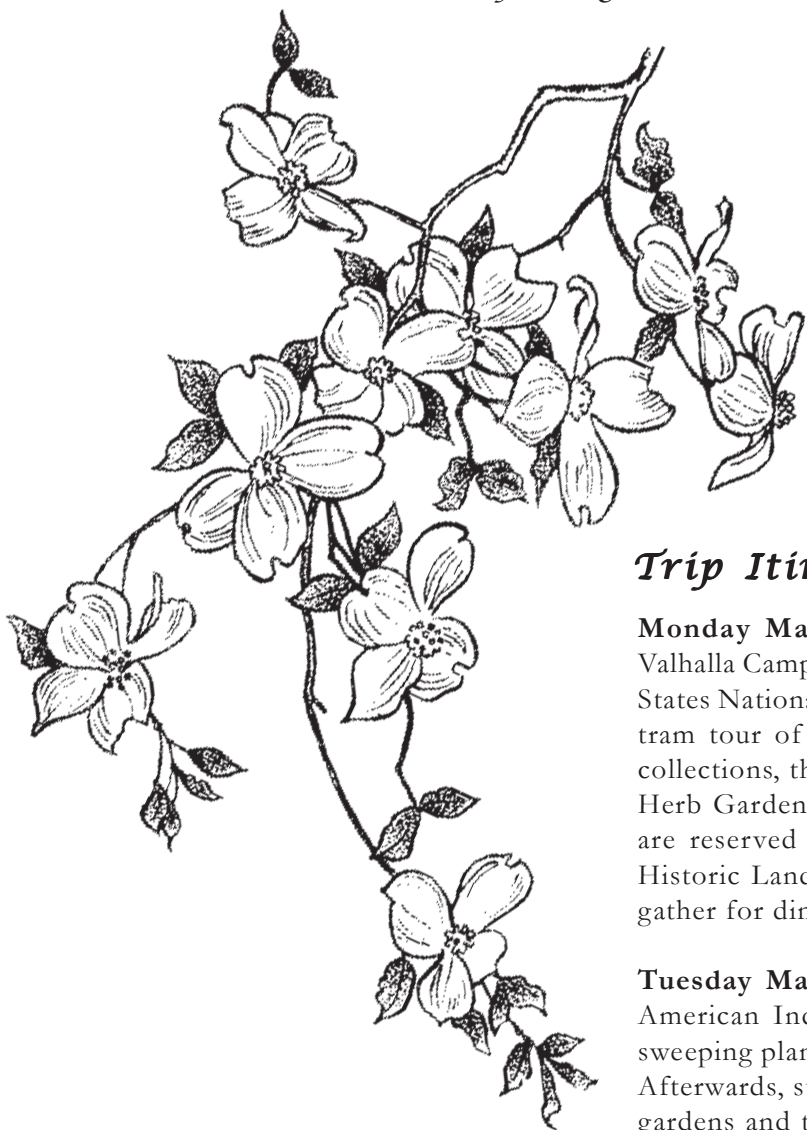


## *Capture the Capital*

May 3 - 6, 2010

Join us on an exciting springtime botanical foray led by The Native Plant Center's Director Darrin Duling. Darrin is a professional landscape designer and botanist whose credentials include The Royal Horticultural Society, The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden, American Orchid Society and The New York Botanical Garden. Plant and garden lovers won't want to miss out on this unique experience!



### ***Trip Itinerary:***

**Monday May 3:** Depart from Westchester Community College Valhalla Campus on a luxury coach for lunchtime arrival at The United States National Arboretum. We will enjoy a delicious lunch and guided tram tour of the 446-acre arboretum featuring eye-popping azalea collections, the Fern Valley eastern native plant garden, the National Herb Garden, and the National Capital Columns. Accommodations are reserved at The Hotel Monaco, a boutique hotel located in a Historic Landmark building near the National Mall. Our group will gather for dinner at the charming Old Ebbitt Grill. (L, D)

**Tuesday May 4:** Tour and lunch at the National Museum of the American Indian. Handsome curvilinear architecture is set within sweeping plantings of indigenous plants from all over the Americas. Afterwards, stroll to the US Botanic Garden to explore lush outdoor gardens and the exotic tropical collections in the conservatory. The evening holds a special, optional, treat for theatre lovers: we will attend a performance of "The Little Shop of Horrors" at the historic Ford's Theater. Those wishing to opt out of this evening event may use this time to explore the Capital on their own. (B, L & optional D)

**Wednesday May 5:** Spend the first part of our day at Hillwood, the former estate of Post cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post. We will be taken on a private tour of the gardens which feature sumptuous collections of azaleas and orchids. A delectable lunch will be served at the Hillwood Museum Café. The afternoon finds us at Dumbarton Oaks, the masterpiece of garden designer Beatrix Farrand, world-renowned for its lavishly ornamented outdoor garden rooms. Dinner on your own. (B, L)

**Thursday May 6:** Our group departs Washington for a morning tour and lunch at Mt. Cuba Center in Delaware, home to one of the finest woodland gardens in the country with enticing collections of trilliums and native orchids. Afterwards we will journey back to Valhalla for an early evening arrival. (B,L)

*\*Itinerary subject to change.*

**Tour Includes:** Chartered private motor coach throughout, originating in Valhalla, NY; 3 nights' first class accommodations; 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners; all entrance fees. Meals do not include alcoholic beverages.

**TOUR COST: \$1450.00 (NPC Member) Double Occupancy \$1500.00 (Non-Members) Double Occupancy**  
**Single Room Supplement: \$ 350.00** May 4 Theatre & dinner package included, otherwise subtract \$100 from final payment.

**Reservations & Cancellation:** A per person deposit of \$700 is due at time of reservation. Final payment and balance will be billed by Academic Expeditions, Inc. A final payment bill will be sent to you by Monday, February 15, 2010. Final payment will be due by March 1, 2010. Deposits are refundable if cancellation notice is received by January 3, 2010, less a \$150.00 administrative fee. There will be no refunds for cancellation received after April 3, 2010. Further details regarding refund schedule may be obtained by contacting Academic Expeditions, Inc. Unused services are not refundable, and refunds cannot be made to persons not completing the tour for any reason.

**Reservation Deadline: Monday, December 7, 2009**

**Information:** Nancy Inzinna at *The Native Plant Center* **Phone: (914) 606-7715**  
Academic Expeditions, Inc. **Phone: (888)214-5772 E-Mail: krendzia@academicexpeditions.com**

This tour involves a certain amount of walking and exercise. If you have any questions please phone (888) 214-5772 toll free.

**The Native Plant Center at WCC Library**  
**75 Grasslands Road**  
**Valhalla, NY 10595**



**Reservation Form:** Return to: Native Plant Center (Library), 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY 10595  
Include your deposit (\$ 700.00 per person) payable to: **WCC Foundation** (Credit cards accepted: Visa, MC & Discover)

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**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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( ) I/We are members of *The Native Plant Center* at WCC

\_\_\_ I wish to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I wish to share a room; please assign a roommate

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\_\_\_ I wish to purchase an Individual *NPC* Membership for \$45 (Membership **must be paid with trip deposit** to receive Member Tour Cost).

\_\_\_ I wish to purchase a Household *NPC* Membership for \$80 (This Membership level is to receive 2 DC Tour discounts).

