



Pre-Conference Extension Master Gardener

Cost: \$55.00. The Extension Master Gardener Preconference Tour and activities consists of transportation from the Hard Rock Hotel and Conference Center to the sites and back to the hotel, lunch and snacks, and presentations and discussions. Breakfast and dinner on your own.

Preconference Activities Schedule

April 25, 2022

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Load buses at the Hard Rock Hotel
8:30 – 9:00	Travel to The Gathering Place
9:00 – 10:30	Tour the Gathering Place
10:30 – 10:45	Travel to Philbrook Museum
10:45 – 12:00	Tour Philbrook Museum Garden
12:00 - 12:15	Travel to Tulsa County Extension Office
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 2:15	Tulsa County Extension Center – presentations from Tulsa County Extension Educator Brian Jervis/Tulsa Extension MG's and other County Extension Educators/MG County Coordinators
2:15 – 2:30	Break
2:30 - 4:00	Facilitated discussions*
4:00 PM	Conclude - travel back to Hard Rock Hotel

* The EMGNC will host this session to encourage idea sharing among coordinators from around the nation. This time will be spent discussing how we have adapted training Master Gardeners and coordinating volunteer activities during the pandemic and beyond. We look forward to hearing from you and learning from your experience.

Tour Descriptions

The Gathering Place – Tulsa's Riverfront Park

Join us and the horticulturists at the Gathering Place as we tour an incredible gem of Tulsa's city parks. At \$465 million, Gathering Place is the largest private gift to a community park in U.S. history.

Sustainability is at the very heart of our Park's design and its mission. From inception, Gathering Place was deliberate with its environmental focus. Park designers, world-renowned landscape architecture firm Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, were intentional with their eco-friendly strategy and natural symbiotic landscape design. The fulfillment of sustainability practices is a cultural requirement in every aspect of our business and guest experience.

In addition to the preservation of as many existing trees as possible during the construction phase, an ambitious replanting program was initiated to increase the presence of trees and plants throughout the site to restore disrupted habitat and foster increased biodiversity in the developing Park. In total, 5,800 evergreen and deciduous trees, including more than 100 different species, were planted on the site. More than 16 acres of meadows were planted, mimicking the tallgrass and shortgrass prairies native to Oklahoma. These add to the overall landscape experience of the Park and also serve as important new habitat areas for local flora and fauna.

Please join us as we explore the horticultural wonders and challenges of this fantastic city park. To learn more about the site visit <https://www.gatheringplace.org/>.

Philbrook Gardens

This tour will take us through the gardens and grounds of the Villa Philbrook (we will not be visiting the museum).

Philbrook Museum of Art opened on October 25, 1939. The addition of a 70,000 square foot wing in 1990 turned the historic home into a modern museum complex. A major garden renovation took place in 2004.

Recently named "the most beautiful place in Oklahoma" by House Beautiful Magazine, the 25-acre Philbrook Gardens provide a setting like no other. A little piece of Tuscany in Tulsa. The essence of the garden design complements Villa Philbrook, with outdoor spaces for viewing nature. The south garden offers a sensory garden complete with sitting spaces framed in wrought-iron arches that mimic those found in Villa Philbrook.

The formal gardens that descend to the tempietto were part of the original design and construction, while the gardens extending to the summerhouse at the south of the property were conceived later and completed in 2004. The original garden designs were a collaborative effort between S. Herbert Hare of Hare; Hare, Landscape Architects & City Planners and Edward Buehler Delk, architect, both of Kansas City, Missouri. Working in tandem with Delk, Hare created a design for Villa Philbrook that combined Italian, English and French garden iconography and featured plants native to the area. The strict geometry of the triple-ramped, walled, and gated garden stretches past the balustrade walk, grotto and mirror pond into an area of repose, where the gracefully scaled tempietto marks a point of termination. Beyond the special hierarchy of the formal garden lies the pastoral grove. In their scheme for Villa Philbrook, the architects were clearly inspired by Villa Lante, an Italian country estate north of Rome designed by Giacomo Barozzi da Vignola in 1566.

In 2002, Howell & Vancuren completed plans for a major garden renovation with the approval and support of Elliot Phillips, son of Waite and Genevieve Phillips. This new era in the life of Philbrook's gardens was completed in 2004, creating a lush, fresh look for a botanical treasure and true work of art.

For more information about Philbrook visit <https://philbrook.org/>.