

Friday, June 30

8:00-9:00 AM **Share Fair and Continental Breakfast**

9:30-Noon **Empower Volunteers thru Leadership and Management:** Janet Ayres, Purdue University.

This interactive workshop will focus on practical leadership, management skills, and tools to empower volunteers in your local Master Gardener organization. Topics will include: differences between leadership and management, leadership skills needed in today's reality, communication skills, identifying, recruiting and retaining volunteers, working together to get things done, and dealing with difficult situations.

Noon-1:00 pm Lunch

1:00-3:00: **Volunteer Risk Management,** TBA

Safe Trip Home

Registration Fee: \$150.00 (Includes all Meals!)

Registration Deadline: June 6, 2006

Registration form and more conference information can be found at: http://www.hort.purdue.edu/mg/info/img_conference06.html

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Check-in Date: Tue, June 27, 2006

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Rate: \$105.00

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International Master Gardener
Coordinator Conference
Group Code: MIS



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Roots of the Past...



Ideas for the Future

2006 International Master Gardener Coordinator Conference

June 28 - June 30, 2006



Become a better Master Gardener Coordinator, discover new resources, meet new people

Lisle, Illinois

Wednesday, June 28 Pre-Conference Tours

1. **Chicago Botanic Garden-** \$65, includes lunch (8:30am-4pm)

Join friends and colleagues on a superb visit to one of the premier botanic gardens in the world. The Chicago Botanic Garden is actually 26 gardens in one! From the romantic English Walled Garden to the wild Midwestern Prairie, specialty gardens and native habitat areas show the diverse beauty of nature. During your visit you will have free time to explore the gardens, take a greenhouse production tour and have a unique private tour of the trial gardens. For more information on the gardens: <http://www.chicagobotanic.org/>

2. **Ball Horticultural Company Trial Gardens and Morton Arboretum** \$55, includes lunch (8:30am-4pm)

This tour will begin with a visit to the world headquarters of the Ball Horticultural Company. Ball has grown from a one-man operation into a world leader in the research, production and marketing of ornamental crops. During your stop you will have a tour behind the scenes as well as lots of time to browse the famous and newly refurbished trial gardens.

The second stop on this tour will be the Morton Arboretum. Today the arboretum encompasses 1,700 acres and has world-renowned plant collections and unique natural areas. Your stop here includes lunch, free time and a guided tour of the elm and geographical collections.

<http://www.mortonarb.org/>

Wednesday, June 28 Welcome Reception & Dinner 6-9p.m.

Join new and old colleagues at a welcome reception and dinner at the beautiful Danada House. Commodity trader, Daniel F. Rice and his wife Ada, built this sprawling 19-room country home in 1939. The home with 780 acres including gardens and a 23-stall Kentucky style stable will be ours to relax and enjoy.

Shuttle buses will run between the Hilton and the Danada House

Thursday, June 29

8:00-10:00AM General Session

Roots of the Past....Ideas for the Future

Welcome: Monica David & Peggy Sellers

- **Roots of the Past:** Rod Tinnemore, Washington State University
- **Ideas for the Future:** James Green, USDFA/CSREES, Horticulture Program Leader
- **eXtension Consumer Hort FAQ:** Rick Durham, University of Kentucky

9:45-10:00 BREAK

10:00-Noon Panel Discussion: Success Stories

- **Keeping Web-Based Records:** Mary McLellan, Michigan State University
- **Master Gardener Professorships:** Tom Wichman, University of Florida
- **It's not Delivery, It's a Breeze!:** James Romer, Iowa State University

- **Funding Successes:** TBA

Noon-1:00 pm LUNCH

1:00-3:00 pm General Session

- **The Changing Face of the American Gardener:** Bridget Behe, Michigan State University
Our American population is aging and becoming more diverse ethnically, which has an effect on every product marketed, including gardening. Learn how demographic characteristics are influencing gardening and how you can use the information to customize your programs to your clientele.
- **Quilt or Blanket? Attracting the Diversity to your Program:** Tatyana Fertelmeyer, Connecting Differences
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-6:00 PM Concurrent Sessions

State Coordinators Open Discussion: Forming Partnerships, Communicating with Legislators, etc. **OR**

County/Local Coordinators Open Discussion: Effective Use of Limited Resources, Discussion

- 6:00 PM Banquet

Educational Travel: Not Just a Job, It's an Adventure: B. Rosie Lerner, Purdue University

- Educational Travel is an opportunity to augment program benefits for Master Gardeners as well as Extension Staff. Rosie will share some of the Purdue 2005 England and its Gardens, Master Gardener adventure. Work + Fun = IMPACT!