

## NEWS RELEASE

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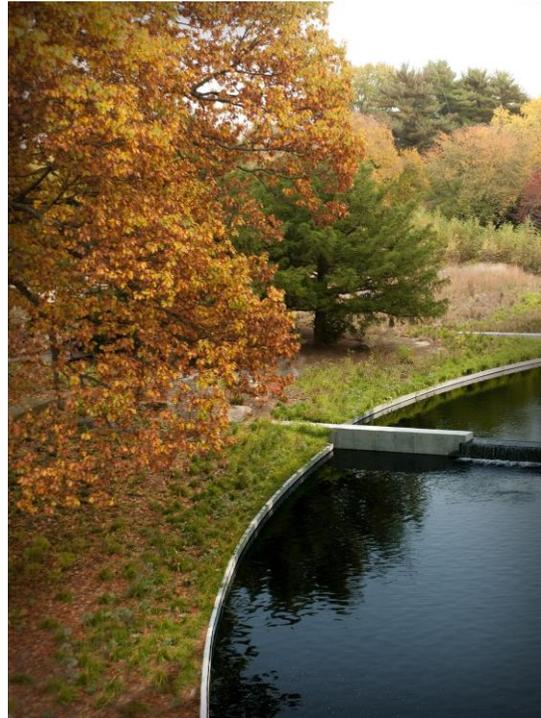
**(RIDGELY, MD—October 1, 2013)**

### **Adkins Arboretum Offers Bus Trip to New York Botanical Garden Oct. 11**

Join Adkins Arboretum on Fri., Oct. 11 for an exceptional day at the New York Botanical Garden. A National Historic Landmark, the Garden features one of the world's greatest collections of flora showcased within 250 acres of natural terrain, dramatic rock outcroppings, rolling hills, waterfalls and ponds, a 50-acre old growth forest and the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory.

The day will include a guided tour of the Garden's new 3.5-acre Native Plant Garden, which highlights the beauty and diversity of native plants and the best in contemporary garden design. Designed by Oehme, van Sweden, this new garden combines contemporary architectural elements, dramatic water features, sustainable materials and diverse plantings to celebrate the elegant beauty of native plants, the drama of the natural landscape, and the Garden's commitment to education and conservation.

The chrysanthemum, *kiku* in Japanese, is the most celebrated of all Japanese fall-flowering plants, and hundreds of meticulously trained *kiku* will be on display in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Guides stationed throughout the exhibition will provide an in-depth look into *kiku*, and visitors can enjoy a self-guided tour of trees native to Japan. Additional highlights include the Jane Watson Irwin Perennial Garden, the restorative and tranquil haven of the Nancy Bryan Luce Herb Garden, and *Four Seasons*, an installation of sculptures by contemporary American artist and filmmaker Philip Haas.



The bus departs from Creamery Lane/Aurora Park Drive parking lot in Easton at 7 a.m. and from Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely at 7:30 a.m. An additional stop for Chestertown-area participants will be made upon request. The bus will depart from NYBG at 6 p.m. to return to the Arboretum at 9:30 p.m. and Creamery Land at 10 p.m.

Advance registration is required. The fee of \$125 for members and \$150 for non-members includes transportation, driver gratuity, an All-Garden Pass, a curator-guided tour of the Native Plant Garden, and a gourmet bagged lunch. Dinner may be purchased at the Garden.

Register at [adkinsarboretum.org](http://adkinsarboretum.org) or call 410.634.2847, ext. 0.

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*Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its [Campaign to Build a Green Legacy](#), it will build the [W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum](#) and a “green” entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org) or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.*

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