

15th Annual Secret Gardens of West Chester Tour: FAQ

Saturday, September 7th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Who we Are:

Barclay Friends is a Kendal affiliate offering homelike accommodations and warm, compassionate care. Our services for older adults include post-acute rehabilitation and skilled nursing care. We employ a dedicated staff with many years of service who understand that focusing on residents' individual needs enhances their quality of life. In a setting of beautiful gardens, residents work with our horticultural therapist to design floral arrangements and cultivate produce for the local food bank. Our recreational team helps residents learn of their "not before realized" creativity by utilizing arts and music.

What is the purpose of the tour?

All proceeds generated from the tour and plant sale support Barclay Friends' Horticultural Therapy Program. Highlights of the program include:

- Five outdoor gardens which are open to residents, families and staff;
- Raised beds where residents can plant and tend their own gardens;
- Entries in the Goshen Fair, which creates a sense of pride for the whole community;
- Growing and donating vegetables to the Chester County Food Bank;
- Activities provided through various modalities including floral design, indoor and outdoor gardening and sensory stimulation

How long is the tour?

The tour typically averages 2 ½ to 3 hours in duration. Guests may choose to either walk all or part of the tour or drive from one area to another.

How do you enter the gardens?

The tour materials provide the location of each garden stop, a description of the garden and how to access the garden. Each garden access varies (some via a street and others via an alley). The gardens will also have a corresponding garden number yard sign.

Do you have to walk the tour in numerical order?

The map is a suggested tour route, but we encourage participants to take the tour at their own pace and in any order they wish. Each garden has something exciting to see whether it is an artist sketching a garden or a violinist playing a peaceful melody.

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What happens if it rains?

The tour is held rain or shine.

Where can participants park?

The tour map in the center of the tour booklet indicates suggested parking along the route.

Where is the plant sale located and what time does it start?

Due to construction at Barclay Friends, the plant sale will be held at Chester County Art Association located at:

100 N. Bradford Ave, West Chester, PA 19382. The plant sale will run from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

I know someone who is interested in purchasing tickets. How much are tickets?

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the tour. Tickets can be purchased via cash, credit card or check made payable to **Barclay Friends**. Visit bf.kendal.org/events to purchase online.

Due to construction at Barclay Friends, day of ticket sales will be sold at Chester County Art Association located at:

100 N. Bradford Ave, West Chester, PA 19382 *Registration will run from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

Where are restrooms and food located?

A restroom is located in Everhart Park. The Alicat Café food truck will also be located in Everhart Park.

How much are tickets for children? Children 12 and under are free.