Secret Gardens of West Chester Tour: Information Sheet

Join us in the Northwest Neighborhood of the Borough

When is the tour? Saturday, September 8th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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. Your ticket is a wristband to be worn during the tour. Tickets purchased the day of the tour must be purchased at Barclay Friends. (700 North Franklin Street, West Chester, PA 19380)

Do you offer a group rate?

No, at this time no group rate is available

Are tour tickets refundable?

Tickets are non-refundable. Your ticket purchase may be tax-deductible according to IRS standards and regulations. If you purchase your tickets the day of the tour, you will receive a tax receipt after the event.

What happens if it rains the day of the tour?

The Secret Gardens Tour is held rain or shine. We encourage participants to pack an umbrella and/or a poncho just in case.

What is the purpose of the tour?

All proceeds generated from the tour and plant sale support Barclay Friends’ Horticultural Therapy Program. Activities touch upon the individual resident’s needs, whether those needs are physical, cognitive, emotional, vocational, social or spiritual. Activities are provided through various modalities including floral design, indoor and outdoor gardening and sensory stimulation.
**Do you have to walk the tour in numerical order?**

The map in the center of your tour booklet 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.

**How long is the tour?**

The tour is roughly 2 to 2.5 hours in length. The gardens are clustered in two areas, with ample on street parking. 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?**

Your tour booklet provides the location of each garden stop, a description of the garden and how to access the garden in bold print at the bottom of each garden description. Each garden access varies (some via a street and others via an alley). The gardens will also have a corresponding garden number yard sign the day of the tour.

**Can I purchase food on the tour?**

Yes, there will be two food trucks on the tour route this year. One will be located at Barclay Park (stop #9) and the other will be located at Barclay Friends in conjunction with the plant sale. Both trucks accept cash and credit cards.

**Where are restrooms located?**

Restroom locations will be included on the tour map.

**Where do you park for the tour?**

Suggested parking areas will be indicated on the tour map.

*Barclay Friends is not responsible for any parking tickets or towed vehicles*

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

The plant sale will be held at Barclay Friends (700 N. Franklin Street, West Chester, PA 19380) from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Plenty of parking is available.

**Do you have to have a tour ticket to attend the plant sale?**

No, a tour ticket is not required to purchase plants from the plant sale. The sale is open to the public.