

**Montreal Botanic Gardens and Biodome Tour**  
**Monday July 27, 2009**

You will not want to miss this day tour to one of the world's top garden attractions, the Montreal Botanic Gardens, *and* the *option* to see the world famous Biodome. Leaving the Horticulture Research Center in So. Burlington (behind Heritage Ford off Rte. 7 south) at 8am, returning around 7pm, we'll travel in a Premier luxury coach. Refreshments will be served going and coming, and the videos on the bus will give you an overview of these gardens-- the second largest in the world-- and show you the development of them on the way up, and showcase other gardens including ones from England on the way back. The tour price includes admission to the greenhouse conservatories, gardens, and insectarium. For a small additional fee you may see the Biodome first, or you can just spend the day at the expansive gardens. Lunch may be purchased at the gardens or Biodome, or you may bring your own.

The Biodome features four enclosed environments containing plants and animals. You enter a tropical rainforest, proceed through a bat cave (don't worry, they're behind glass!), a temperate environment (award winning as the first such controlled environment to fully recreate the four seasons), the upper St. Lawrence seacoast (an aquarium you see from below and above), and the arctic/antarctic regions (complete with puffins and penguins). ([www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/biodome/site/site.php?langue=en](http://www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/biodome/site/site.php?langue=en))

Special features of the Montreal Botanic Gardens include the Chinese garden-- the largest outside China (done in the style of the Ming Dynasty), where you'll also find the largest Penjin (Chinese bonsai) collection in North America. Nearby you'll find the modernistic Japanese garden, tea room and bonsai collection; and many specialty gardens such as large rock garden, perennials in beds and mass plantings, roses, design ideas, trees and shrubs. The Insectarium has many "hands-on" exhibits and can easily take a couple hours just learning about the magical life of insects. The 11 greenhouses have changing seasonal displays, and extensive collections of plants such as orchids, begonias, ferns and cacti. Then there is the Tree House, a museum and discovery center for trees, at the end of the arboretum. Included is a free tram ride with commentary around the gardens. ([www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/en/menu.htm](http://www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/en/menu.htm))

Any family or friends interested in joining you? Send in your registration NOW in order to guarantee seats on this relaxing, comfortable and educational tour which usually sells out early. This tour is made possible by UVM Extension, Friends of the Horticulture Farm, and the King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga.

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**Montreal Gardens and Biodome Tour Registration—July 27, 2009**

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Attendee names:

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Required for border crossing will be one of the following: U.S. passport, passport card, NEXUS card, or Enhanced Drivers License. If you need to obtain one of these, please allow at least 4 to 6 weeks.

Enclosed is my check (payable to "Fort Ticonderoga") for \_\_\_ persons at \$79 per person (\$8 additional per person for Biodome option, or \$87 total), for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Tour cost includes luxury motor coach, refreshments throughout the trip, and admission. Confirmation and further details will be provided prior to the trip. **Return registrations by July 10** to: Leonard Perry, Hills Bldg--UVM, Burlington, VT 05405. Questions? [leonard.perry@uvm.edu](mailto:leonard.perry@uvm.edu) or Heidi teRiele Karkoski ([Heidi@fort-ticonderoga.org](mailto:Heidi@fort-ticonderoga.org)).