

## Highlights September – December 2017

### ***Monday, September 11, 10 AM “Visit One of America’s Most Beautiful Private Gardens”***

We will visit BIRD HAVEN FARM, a private garden that is rarely open to the public. The barns, outbuildings and original 19th century stone house are the original home of Harriet Stratemeyer Adams, publisher, editor, and creator of many of the Nancy Drew mystery stories. These original buildings have been joined by a contemporary house. We will be escorted around the landscape which includes a lush orchard of heirloom apples and other fruit trees, an herb garden, vegetable and flower gardens, cascading ponds and a grandchildren’s oval garden. Lunch to follow at Tewksbury Inn. Then browse at Melick’s Town Farm Market for fresh fruit, vegetables, cider, donuts, flowers and more. The three locations are within 10 and 15 minutes of each other.

Facilitator: Iris Kislin, Home-732-271-1117, Cell-732 646-0492  
Locations: Bird Haven Farm, 38 Hollow Brook Rd, Pottersville, NJ.  
Tewksbury Inn, 55 Old Turnpike Rd, Tewksbury, NJ  
Melick’s Farm, 472 County Rd. 513, Califon, NJ  
Transport: Car Pools  
Fee: \$50 includes a wonderful prix fixe luncheon  
(Portion of fee that is donation: \$5)  
Limit: Minimum of 10  
Enroll By: August 25, 2017

### ***Sunday, October 23, 10 AM “Take the Winery Train”***

Enjoy a beautiful journey along the scenic Delaware River behind New Jersey's only operating steam locomotive. Visit one of New Jersey's most beautiful wineries. After a steam-train ride along the Delaware and a short bus-ride through rolling farmlands, we arrive at Villa Milagro Vineyards. We will learn how grapes are grown and made into wine with a nice tour of the grounds. Then we have about one hour to sample their delicious wines and snack on hors d’oeuvres.

Facilitator: Chris Retz-Home-732-748-7657  
Location: Delaware River Railroad Excursions  
99 Elizabeth St., Phillipsburg, NJ  
Transport: Carpool-Leave Somerset Run at 9:45AM for 11:00AM train ride  
Fee: \$40 (Portion of fee that is donation: \$5)  
Limit: 16 Maximum

### ***Monday, November 13 – Thursday, November 16, “Girlfriend Getaway at Woodloch Spa”***

Our 3-night package includes lavish accommodations, 3 gourmet meals daily, speakers and workshops, group fitness classes and lectures, chef’s cooking demonstrations, guided group adventure excursions, as well as health and fitness amenities including pools and a well-

equipped gym. A Personal Spa Concierge will help design your program. Services are additional and average about \$140 per service.

Facilitators: Nancy Okun, Home: 732-469-1608 and  
Barbara Oxfeld, Home: 732-469-0098

Location: The Lodge at Woodloch  
73 Welcome Lake Rd, Hawley, PA 18428

Transport: Attendees must arrange their own carpools

Fee: 3-night package: Double occupancy, \$1023.68 per person. Single occupancy \$1404.23. Deposit of \$682.00 pp required by August 25, 2017. Credit cards are accepted. Deposits must be arranged directly with The Lodge at Woodloch. and a tax-deductible, suggested donation of \$25 to be paid directly to: Brandeis University. Please mail to Ellen Schorr along with Registration Form for Program 1113.

***Friday, December 1, 1 PM "The Gilded Age"***

This afternoon begins with a visit from Lady Decies, whose book, *King Lehr*, is memorable for the lurid light it throws on U.S. Society of the Gilded Age. Her ladyship will discuss her place in high society of the time, reveal the secrets of the marriage bed, and share images of her fashions. We will also see a DVD about the "cottages" of Newport and enjoy afternoon tea and refreshments. A program not to be missed!

Facilitator: Chris Retz, Home: 732-748-7657, Cell: 732-690-6621

Location: Home of Chris Retz, 212 Sherwood Ct, Somerset Run

Fee: \$8 (Portion that is contribution: \$8)

Limit: No minimum; 15 maximum

Enroll By: November 13, 2017