



## *Begonias Visit Rose City*

### **ABS Convention and SWR Get-together - Tours**

#### **Tour #1 Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – 8:00 to 4:45**

##### **Tyler Rose Garden Center, Master Gardener's Botanic Garden and**

**Breedlove Nursery.** We will load the bus at 8:00. Our first stop will be Tyler Rose Garden Center where they grow 32,000 bushes and 600 cultivars. This garden was first opened in 1952 and is laid out in the Classic English style. Also on the grounds is the Meditation Garden and the Master Gardeners Idea Gardens, also called the Master Gardeners Botanical Garden. This is planted and maintained by the Smith County Master Gardeners. In the Rose Garden Center building is the Texas Rose Festival Museum. For an extra fee you can see memorabilia featuring fabulous costumes and items acquired since the first festival in 1933.

We will then return to the hotel for lunch, which is included in the tour price. After lunch we will load the bus at 1:00 and head out to Breedlove Nursery. Breedlove Nursery is a full-service destination Nursery with a delightful gift shop.

#### **Tour #2 Thursday, May 25, 2023 – 8:00 to 4:45**

##### **Pyron's Garden, Dory's Garden and Boutique, and Goodman LeGrand**

**House and Museum.** We will load the bus at 8:00 and arrive at Mrs. Pyron's Garden on Dobbs St. Work in this area started in the 1930's as a WPA Project. This was a large drainage project which involved extensive stonework to build drainage canals, walkways and pedestrian bridges. At this time the area was surrounded by cotton fields. Guy and Joan started their Garden in the mid 90's. They purchased a home in the Azalea District, and then set about designing their garden. Guy and Joan built a gazebo, fountains and a greenhouse. The garden is open to the public for the Annual Azalea Festival. Guy passed away in 2020 but Joan still enjoys sharing her garden with visitors. We will stroll through the walkways and enjoy the plantings.

At 10:00 we will load the bus and go to Dory's Garden and Boutique nearby. Dory's Garden is a little Boutique-style Garden Center nestled in the historic brick street district. This garden is full of plants, garden ideas, and whimsy. Inspiration Awaits Beyond the Lavender Gates. At 11:30 we will load up to head back to the hotel for lunch.

After lunch at 1:00 we will head to the Goodman-Le Grand House and Museum. In 1859 Tyler attorney and bachelor, built a one story four room house on the highest knoll of a nine acre plot. It was later bought by Dr. and Mrs. Goodman who added a second story around 1880 in the "Texas Colonial" or Italianate style. In 1921 Sallie Goodman inherited the house from her father. And in 1926 Sallie and her husband James La Grand added the two-story columns and rounded porticos to the façade in Greek Revival Style. Many of the original furnishings are still in the house. After a guided tour of the house, we will load the bus at 4:00 to head back to the hotel.

### **Tour #3 Friday, May 26, 2023 – 9:45 – 4:00**

**Edom Shopping and Country Museum, Lunch on your own at the Cabin. Following lunch we head to Blue Moon Gardens.** At 9:45 we will load the bus and head to the little town of Edom. Edom is an Art Community. We will stop on Main Street and let you out to wonder through the shops and the Country Museum. At 12:00 head to the Cabin for lunch on your own. We will load the bus at 1:00 and head to Blue Moon Gardens. Blue Moon Gardens is another destination garden center. They specialize in herbs, perennials, natives, hardy roses and cottage garden plants. They have a gift shop and a Fiber Arts Studio. The Fiber Arts Studio has supplies and examples of hooking, felting and wool roving. At 3:30 we load the bus to head back to the hotel.

### **Wine Tasting, Charcuterie Board and History at Kiepersol Friday, May 26, 2023 – 5:00 – 7:00**

The bus will pick us up at 5:00 and will arrive at Kiepersol at 5:30. Kiepersol is a food, wine and spirits destination. It was founded in 1998 by Pierre de Wet, who emigrated from South Africa and worked as a farm laborer. It is now operated by his daughters Marnella and Velmay. The rolling vineyards produce estate grown artisan wines and finely crafted spirits that pair everyday life with the abundance of the earth. We will be tasting 6 different wines.