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Adkins Arboretum Offers Bus Trip to Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm and Brooklyn Botanic Garden

On Wed., June 25, visit the nation's leading rooftop farm and one of the world's first urban botanic gardens when Adkins Arboretum offers a bus trip to Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm and Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Towering twelve stories over the East River at the historic Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn Grange Rooftop



<u>Farm</u> includes two rooftop vegetable farms totaling 2.5 acres and producing more than 50,000 pounds of organically grown vegetables each year. Tour the farm with president, cofounder and head farmer Ben Flanner, and learn how this enormous rooftop was transformed into a sustainable model for urban agriculture.

From the Grange, travel to <u>Brooklyn Botanic Garden</u> for a guided tour of the Native Flora Garden expansion—a newly planted area that features a cultivated pine barrens and a meadow modeled after Long Island's Hempstead Plains. The new habitats include native species, many of them rare or threatened, and most propagated from seeds collected legally in the wild.

The fee of \$110 for members and \$135 for non-members includes transportation, driver gratuity, admission and guided tours. **Register at adkinsarboretum.org** or call 410.634.2847,

The bus departs from Aurora Park Drive in Easton at 8 a.m. and from the Route 50/404 westbound Park and Ride at 8:20 a.m. An additional stop at the Route 301/291 Park and Ride for Chestertown-area residents will be available upon request. The bus will depart for home at 6 p.m. Pack a lunch to eat on the bus; dinner may be purchased at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden Terrace Café. Upon registration, contact Ginna Tiernan at gtiernan@adkinsarboretum.org or 410.634.2847, ext. 27 with desired pick-up location.

Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm photo by Les Loups.

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Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its <u>Campaign to Build a Green Legacy</u>, it will build the <u>W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum</u> and a "green" entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit <u>www.adkinsarboretum.org</u> or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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