Pre-conference Tour

Dogwood Canyon and College of the Ozarks

The pre-conference tour will depart from Inn of the Ozarks at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 1.
Tour participants will travel by chartered bus to Dogwood Canyon to explore the past and present aboard a tram as it winds through the canyon floor past towering bluffs and
beautiful waterfalls. The tram will also take visitors through a wilderness area populated by deer, elk and bison.

A chuck wagon luncheon is set to follow with gluten-free and vegetarian selections available upon request.

After the Dogwood Canyon experience, participants will travel to College of the Ozarks for a tour of the college, its greenhouses, the orchid house, agricultural farm and the Ozark Museum.

Tour guests will be returned to Eureka Springs in plenty of time to explore their dining and dancing options in the historic town.

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**The Springs Tour**

Eureka Springs was founded on the healing benefits of its cold spring waters. It was officially named on July 4, 1879, and grew to a population of about 20,000. Many of those people came to visit as many as 60 springs tucked into the hillsides.

The springs today are known for their lush plantings, impressive limestone walls, and the stories and legends attached to each one. Members of the Parks and Recreation Springs Committee will be your guides for a morning and afternoon tour of each unique location.
The Garden Stroll

The Garden Stroll will take you by foot and bus to locations where you will see how hardy Eurekans here have tamed their rocky hillsides over the years. You will see lush and welcoming gardens that beckon to you to linger a while. These gardens serve as a delicate, living frame to Victorian, Craftsman, and European architecture.

Join us for either a morning or afternoon stroll to gardens you won’t forget.
Berryville, located in the eastern district of Carroll County, is quite different from Eureka Springs but still has its own obstacles and opportunities for “Gardening on the Rocks”.

This all-day tour will show you how we make lemonade when nature gives us lemons. Participants will see the diversity of design from man-made gardens to adding to and embellishing what is there and can’t be moved.

We will then join The Brothers and Sisters at Hermitage Monastery for lunch and a tour of their beautiful and serene grounds and gardens. There they feature a rain garden designed to diminish run-off water. One of their sources of income is an in-house bakery, where we will be able to shop for their goodies.