We’re looking forward to hosting the 2016 state-wide conference and sharing the beauty of Carroll County with all our fellow gardeners. Here’s some information on the history of Eureka Springs and accommodations for your stay with us.

Eureka Springs boasts a historic downtown district. It is a time capsule of graceful Victorian architecture, limestone sidewalks, beautifully landscaped pocket parks, wooded hiking trails, and cold water springs. Known as “The City That Water Built,” the town was founded in 1879 when people came to take advantage of the famous springs.

The conference host inn, Inn of the Ozarks, is full for the conference dates, but there are more than 200 lodging options in the area. For more information, visit www.eurekaspringschamber.com/

Basin Park is the home of Basin Spring and the Basin Park Hotel, which is offering a special conference rate...
of $89 a night plus tax. The Basin Spring was once considered sacred ground where tribes agreed to a truce so all could share in the healing properties of the water. As the stories of miraculous recoveries spread, settlers flooded into the area, hoping for their own cures or just to make a living. The 1905 Basin Park Hotel, (877)456-9679 is located in the hub of the downtown historic district of Eureka Springs, adjacent to the cold water Basin Spring, which came to be the heart of the new health resort community more than 100 years ago. With its signature white limestone and pink dolomite rock walls built into the side of a mountain, all eight levels of the hotel are at "ground level," bringing the hotel international recognition by being named to Ripley's Believe It Or Not list.

Growth was phenomenal during the 1880s and 1890s and the town swelled to a population of 10,000, including those seeking the waters for their health. The population declined when the belief in miracle cures waned, although a stunning number of historic buildings still stood. Fortunately, several community leaders in the 1970s began a preservation movement and the entire historic downtown was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The 1886 Crescent Hotel, (479)253-9766, is offering rooms for $99 a night plus tax, was built by numerous stonemasons brought in from Ireland to begin the construction in 1884. Designed in an eclectic array of architectural styles, stonemasons built 18-inch walls, a number of towers, overhanging balconies, and a massive stone fireplace in the lobby. In the end, the hotel cost $294,000 to build and included electrical lights, modern plumbing, steam heating, an elevator, extensive landscaping, and luxurious decorations and amenities.

The Best Western Eureka Inn, (479)253-9551, the Apple Blossom Inn, (479)253-5552, and the Quality Inn, (479)253-5241, are offering rooms for $89 a night plus tax. Pointe West Resort, (800)352-6616, is outside Eureka Springs but offers one of the best views of Beaver Lake and has regular rates as low as $89 a night plus tax.

66 Center Inn is located one block from the Spring Street and Center Street intersection in downtown Historic Eureka Springs. It’s on the National Register of Historic Places as the original Homestead of the 1886 Perkins Mill, in the heart of town. With adequate on-site parking for its guests, it is an easy stroll to the area’s great restaurants, award winning artist and craftsmen galleries, shopping and entertainment. For more information, contact Innkeeper Patricia Levine at (479)981-0991 or info@66center.com.

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