## A Rare and Unusual Tour

The 2018 IPPS Eastern Region Preconference Tour will depart from our host hotel in Newark, Delaware bright and early on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> heading southwest into Maryland for stops at four outstanding operations: The Perennial Farm, Manor View Farm, Foxborough Nursery and Emory Knoll Farms.

#### **The Perennial Farm**

The Perennial Farm is entering their 37th year in business at its present location in Glen Arm, Maryland after starting out as a landscape design and installation company. They have expanded to over 50 acres with over 60 greenhouses and an additional 40 outside growing areas. They introduce new varieties of plants and have grown over 1000 different varieties for their wholesale customers. The Perennial Farm specializes in growing quality landscape-sized perennials, ornamental grasses, hardy ferns, flowering shrubs & vines and ground cover, specializing in varieties that are unusual and hard to find.



# **Manor View Farm**

From Glen Arm we will head to Manor View Farm in Monkton, MD. Manor View specializes in field and potted liner production and also has a landscape distribution center. They now have over 75 acres in field production with over 400 varieties of shade and flowering trees and shrubs – many of them hard to find varieties in specimen sizes. Manor View celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2016. Guests will be interested to see how this company has vertically integrated a propagation, wholesale finished materials as well a wholesale distribution facility under "one roof". You can get a bird's eye view of Manor View HERE.



## **Foxborough Nursery**

Foxborough Nursery, Inc. is a wholesale nursery that is well known in the horticultural industry for specializing in rare and unusual plant material. They also produce a wide variety of trade-standard trees, shrubs and conifers. Foxborough carries an inventory of over 900 cultivars utilizing over 200 irrigated acres of their 400-acre agricultural operation in Street, MD. Most of the plant material begins as a rooted cutting or fresh graft produced in Foxborough Nursery's own propagation and container area, comprised of three acres. Their container availability consists of one and two-year grafts, as well as accelerated tree liners. Most of



their liners are planted out in their fields for future harvesting. Their field availability is comprised of specimen grade plants including several hundred unusual cultivars. Drip irrigation allows them to harvest most varieties all year long. Company President Dave Thompson will be offering a tour of his private garden and extensive conifer collection

### **Emory Knoll Farms**

Emory Knoll Farms has been a family-owned farm for over 150 years. Today, Emory Knoll Farms is home to Green Roof Plants – a wholesale perennial nursery, in operation since 1998. They also have four acres of grasses and perennials, grown to provide seed stock for Jelitto Perennial Seeds. The 131-acre farm includes 10 green roofs used for testing green roof plants, soil mixes, stormwater management and biodiversity. Many trial gardens are also in place for testing new varieties of plants. Emory Knoll Farms has



supplied plants for over three million square feet of planted green roofs in the United States. They regularly inventory over two million plants, ready for shipping each season.

We will head back to Newark at the end of the day in time for our kick-off Welcome Reception at 5:30pm. Don't miss this exciting day with something for everyone!