

## ***Plants and a Brat Fry!***

### **IPPS ER Pre-Conference Tour 2019**

The IPPS ER pre-conference tour will be held on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Our first stop will be at [Agrecol Native Nursery](#), located in Evansville, WI. Agrecol produces high quality native seed, plants and specialty erosion control systems. We will tour their new automated greenhouse facility where they propagate, transplant and grow a high-quality native plugs. We will also see some of the seed processing and sorting facility.



Next stop will be to [Johnson's Nursery](#) in Menomonee Falls. Johnson's is a third generation, family-owned business and will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> year in 2019. There we will be treated to a traditional Wisconsin brat fry and an assortment of local cheeses for lunch. Tours will include their propagation facility where they grow the finest quality trees, shrubs, conifers, broadleaf evergreens, and herbaceous perennials already genetically adapted to our weather, soils, and light conditions. Johnson's Nursery has gained a reputation as the originator of hardy new plants for the rugged Wisconsin climate.



From there we will head east toward Milwaukee and visit [Boerner Botanical Gardens](#) located on the grounds of Whitnall Park in the village of Hales Corners, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. The gardens are named for Alfred Boerner who designed the original five formal gardens. The Annual, Perennial, Rock, Rose and Peony Gardens were constructed in the 1930s. Later additions included trial, herb, lily and shrub rose gardens, as well as the Bog Walk. The gardens include test and display gardens for All-America Selections, and is an American Hosta Society Display Garden.



Last stop will be at [The Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory](#), known locally as The Domes. This is a living museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It features three separate conoidal (beehive shaped) conservatories, each featuring a distinct environment. There is a Show Dome, with five seasonal floral displays every year, a Desert Dome with plantings representing many different arid habitats, and a Tropical Dome filled with all the diversity of the tropical forests of the world. We will tour the new greenhouse facility attached to the Domes, which was completed in 2013. Its state-of-the-art systems are used to grow annuals for the local botanical gardens and all the flowers and shrubs for the Show Dome events, including poinsettias, chrysanthemums, and forced spring bulbs.



We will return to our host hotel in Madison in time for the welcome reception in the beautiful Top of the Park Room with spectacular views of the capital and Lake Monona. The Park Hotel is the Madison's only Capitol Square Hotel. This means you can head out to dinner at one of dozens of unique local restaurants within a 5-minute walk of the hotel in addition to the numerous bars for local brews and cheese curds that are right outside the hotel door!



Plan to join us for a fantastic day of seeking and sharing in the Wisconsin heartland!