

## Group Dining

*Dining and Guided Tour Package (excludes GardenFest of Lights)*

The group dining package is designed for groups of 15 people or more and includes admission, guided tour, meal, and taxes and gratuity. The group dining package features:

- ❖ **Admission to the Garden** which features the mid-Atlantic's only classically styled Conservatory and more than 40 acres of spectacular display gardens.



A Million Blooms at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

- ❖ **A guided tour\*** with a trained Garden Guide may be scheduled before or after dining; the tour time is approximately one hour – see our Guided Tour options below.
- ❖ **Semi-private dining** in one of the Garden's beautiful facilities (facility will depend on space available and is determined by the Garden). This package is offered Monday – Sunday with two seating times - 11:30 am or 1:30 pm - for groups of 15 or more and is not suitable for events such as bridal showers and luncheons, wedding receptions, family reunions, meetings, or other gatherings that require a speaker or music, as you may be seated with other groups.
- ❖ **One hour and fifteen minutes of dining time**, so please ensure that your group arrives on time; no adjustments to seating times are available when a group arrives late.
- ❖ **Preset dining** using round tables with 8 chairs or classroom style; no customized setup is offered with this program.



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**The Garden is designed to enjoy on foot and offers wheelchair accessible facilities and paths. Wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis in the Robins Visitors Center.**

**Outdoor Displays.** Stroll more than 40 acres of spectacular gardens year round – please dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes!



New Rose Garden Opened May 2008



Aerial View of Rose Garden overlooking Sydnor Lake

**Conservatory.** Enjoy breathtaking plantings including an amazing orchid wing and special seasonal displays in the Cottage Garden.



Cottage Garden in the East Wing



Orchids in West Wing

**Indoor Exhibits.** Visit Ginter Gallery 1 in the Robins Visitors Center to see amazing art created by Henrico County school children, and Ginter Gallery 2 in the Education and Library and Complex to view the latest botanically-themed art exhibit.



Landscape paintings by Andras Bality



Photography by Edwin Holloway



## **Guided Tour Options**

### **Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden: An Introduction**

*Available Year Round*

Explore the highlights of the Garden. Learn about the rich history of the site while visiting the 40 landscaped acres from the Asian Valley to the exciting new Rose Garden completed in 2008.

### **The Heart of the Garden: An Introduction**

*Available Year Round*

Explore the central area of the garden closest to the Robins Visitor Center, including the Four Seasons Garden, Healing Garden, Sunken Garden, and Conservatory displays. Visit the current exhibit in the gallery space of the Education and Library Complex. Abundant displays from orchids to artwork make this a rewarding visit without extensive walking. All paths are flat and ramps are available, with benches and restrooms conveniently located. Garden Guides can pace the visit to suit your group, and you are free to visit the rest of the garden on your own after the tour.

### **Explore and Celebrate the Garden's History**

A special tour marking the Garden's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year  
*Available Fall 2008 (weekdays only, subject to availability)*

Enjoy a unique opportunity to tour the historic Bloemendaal House, the Garden's Victorian landmark that currently is opened only to tour groups and rental clients. Learn about the Garden's namesake, Lewis Ginter, and his generous and devoted niece Grace Arents, plus discover how these two visionaries helped form the Richmond we know today.

### **Visit an Alluring Landscape Rich in Roses**

*Available May 2009*

Explore the splendid new Rose Garden with some 1,800 roses in more than 80 fragrant varieties. Learn how new cultivars and innovative growing techniques allow roses to thrive in Richmond's challenging climate. Visit roses in the landscape climbing on arbors and gazebos, filling beds as ground covers, and providing lasting color in perennial beds.



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### **Asian Valley Exploration: A Cultural Landscape**

*Available Year Round*

Visit all the areas of the Asian Valley created by noted designer Osamu Shimizu. Learn how stones, water, and traditional plantings create serene beauty in all seasons.

### **Plant Personalities of Richmond Gardens**

*Available Year Round*

Richmond retains a regional flavor, even today. Learn what features are a must for your garden to be “very Richmond.” Meet the top ten “stars” on the Richmond garden scene.

### **Fall Foliage: Warm Colors, Cool Days**

*Available October-November (peak color varies with season)*

Admire intense autumn hues reflected in the lakes and ponds of the Garden. Enjoy the surprising abundance of late season flowers.



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**Menu Options**

**Box Lunch Package: \$25**

Choices available:

- Turkey and Havarti with Cranberry Relish on Whole Grain Bread
- Tarragon Pecan Chicken Salad on Croissant
- Honey Ham and Swiss with Dijonnaise on Rye Bread

Pasta Salad or Chips (chef's choice); Fresh Fruit Cup; Brownies  
Beverage: 12 oz. Coca Cola, Diet Coke, Sprite or Bottled Water

**Buffets: \$26 - 30**

**1. Seasonal Soup and Salad: \$26**

This buffet celebrates the finest the season has to offer with two homemade soups; salad bar with more than 15 items; bread; dessert; iced tea and coffee.

**2. Garden Medley Quiche & Fruit: \$28**

A delightful buffet assortment with two varieties of seasonal quiches; salad; fresh fruit; bread; dessert; iced tea and coffee.

**3. Savory Lunch Buffet: \$30**

Build your own lunch from a choice of two salads; grilled chicken with fresh steamed vegetables; pasta or potato salad; bread; dessert; iced tea and coffee.

**Teas: \$26**

**1. Victorian Tea**

Tea Sandwiches: Pimento Cheese, Chicken Salad, Cucumber Potted Shrimp Dip with Crackers; Cheese and Fruit Platter; Scones with Cream and Jam; Lemon Butter Cookies/ Pecan Bars; an assortment of freshly brewed teas and lemonade.

**2. Asian Tea**

Ginger Shrimp Toast; Tea Eggs with Sea Salt; Mahogany Sesame Chicken Bites; Snow Peas with Wasabi Mayonnaise Dip; Almond Cookies/Coconut Macaroons; an assortment of Asian teas and Sparkling Water.

**FACILITY RENTAL**

The Garden also provides private meeting and dining experiences through a facility rental. These types of events do include a rental fee. To learn more, call (804) 262-9887, ext. 224 or 345, or email [facilityevents@lewisginter.org](mailto:facilityevents@lewisginter.org).



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**Terms and Conditions**

**Meals:** This service is offered for groups of 15 or more and includes semi-private dining for one hour and fifteen minutes (Garden determines location based on space available). This service is offered Monday – Sunday at 11:30 am or 1:30 pm and is not suitable for events such as bridal luncheons and showers, wedding receptions, family reunions or groups planning to have a meeting, speaker or music, as there may be multiple groups dining together at the same seating time.

**Menu:** The menu chosen for this reservation is listed on the confirmation letter attached. Please contact the registrar immediately at (804) 262-9887, ext. 322, if this is not the correct menu option.

**Room Setup:** The room will be preset using either round tables and 8 chairs or classroom style when located in the education wing of the Education and Library Complex. Customized setups are not available.

**Guest Check-in/Admission Stickers:** The client must check in at the admissions desk in the Atrium of the Robins Visitors Center to either meet a Garden Guide for a guided tour or to verify location for the meal, and to pick up admission stickers for the group.

**Deposits:** A \$100 deposit paid by MC or VISA is required at the time of booking to guarantee a client's reservation. The deposit will be applied to the total amount due. For organizations required to pay by check, the Garden must receive the deposit payment within one week of booking to guarantee a reservation.

**Payment:** A final minimum headcount and payment is due 7 business days prior to the event. Clients may add additional guests only up to 2 business days prior to the event and payment for additional guests must be made at that time. **No changes may be made to final headcount less than 2 business days prior to the event.** Client must contact the registrar at (804) 262-9887, ext. 322, to make final payment and process additional guests. **No refunds are offered after the minimum headcount is received 7 business days prior to the event.**

**Cancellation:** Reservations may be cancelled by the Garden at any time due to non-payment of deposits or fees or cancellation of the guided tour. The Garden reserves the right to offer a shortened or adjusted event if the group has a late arrival; event fees are not adjusted due to late arrival. The Garden may cancel an event for any group arriving over 30 minutes late.



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Reservations cancelled by the client may be subject to the following penalties:

- Prior to 30 days, the client forfeits 25% of the deposit amount.
- Within 30 days (but before 96 hours) of the event the client forfeits the full deposit amount (\$100).
- Within 96 hours of the event, the client is responsible for the full amount of the scheduled program.

**Disclaimers:** Prices may change, but not once a party is booked.

\*Guided tours are also available a la carte (without dining); see our guided tour information at [www.lewisginter.org](http://www.lewisginter.org).

**If you have any questions about group dining or guided tours, please contact the registrar at (804) 262-9887, ext. 322. Thank you for your interest in Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden!**

