



JULY 21-23, 2024 **OFF TO CAPE ANN,** **THE 'OTHER CAPE'**

Three Day Jaunt to Cape Ann, Massachusetts....

Come along on a summer interlude to beautiful Cape Ann in the height of summer. Enjoy two nights at the Ocean House Hotel at Bass Rocks located on the ocean. Our congenial group will enjoy included dinners on both nights of our stay! We will cruise the Essex River estuary at *sunset*. Private gardens with refreshments will highlight one day of our tour. On our trip back to Connecticut we will visit Neal Sanders, author of many mysteries including *A Murder at the Flower Show!* Join us for this fun trip---sign up now!



The
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of Connecticut, Inc.

**Deluxe Coach Tour
with Friendship Tours**

**deCordova Sculpture
Park with Picnic Lunch**

**Private Gardens with
Refreshments**

**Cruise the Estuary at
Sunset**

**Ocean House Hotel at
Bass Rocks**

**Visit with Author
Neal Sanders in his
Garden**

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**Cape Ann
July 21-23, 2024**

**\$1499 PP Double
\$1889 Single
Non-Member Guest Add \$50
25 Passengers**

Deluxe Motorcoach
2 Nights Ocean House Hotel
2 Continental Breakfasts
2 Lunches
2 Dinners

\$100 Donation to FGCCT Included (non-refundable)
Deposit \$300 per person

Sightseeing per itinerary, Friendship Tours Escort, all gratuities included
Snacks and Refreshments provided.
Pickups will be New Haven and Farmington

Cancellation policy:

Final Payment due April 10, 2024

From deposit to April 10, 2024, fee of \$100 pp plus the \$100 donation is applicable.

April 11 to May 11, 2024, fee of \$1000 pp is applicable.

After May 11, 2024, non-refundable unless a substitute is provided.

Trip Insurance: Insuremytrip.com or Squaremouth.com can provide competing quotes for trip insurance. Friendship Tours can also quote trip insurance.

This is an active tour. Participants need to be able to walk gardens on possible uneven terrain, get on and off the bus, walk unassisted and keep up with the group. No baggage handling at hotel. If you have any questions about your ability to participate in this tour, please call Kathy on 860.836.3407.

Sunday, July 21

Depart New Haven and Farmington early morning for our first visit to deCordova with included tour and picnic lunch. deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum is the largest park of its kind in New England. Providing a constantly changing landscape of large-scale, outdoor, modern and contemporary sculpture

Enjoy a scenic drive through Gloucester on our way to the Ocean House Hotel at Bass Rocks.



We will have an early group dinner at the 1606 Restaurant & Oyster Bar, known for using fresh local ingredients and its seaside vistas. After dining we will have a sunset cruise of the estuary on the Essex River Queen while enjoying a glass of wine.

Monday, July 22

After breakfast, we depart for our guided tour at Long Hill in Beverly, MA. Originally the private home of the Sedgwick family from 1916 to 1979, the gardens are a living example of passionate plant collecting. The elegant plantings and cultivated grounds of this public garden bloom with vibrancy that is more than a century in the making.

Lunch will be at Woodman's in Essex, famous for their local fried clams and other seafood.



After lunch we will tour the private gardens of Hilarie & Eric Holdsworth, award winning landscape designer while we enjoy cookies and iced tea. Hilarie's designs have been in the New York Times, Northshore Home magazine, The Boston Globe and others. Hilarie has been creating landscapes for over 20 years while drawing on her background in art and illustration. We are thrilled to visit her own lush gardens!



Our final stop today will be the historic Stillington Hall where we will enjoy a glass of wine with Sarah Carey while strolling the gardens. Built to resemble a 17th century English manor by actor Leslie Buswell in 1925, the estate is from an era of summer havens where the owners partook in leisure pursuits and elegant galas. The estate includes a private lake, forest and views of Gloucester Harbor, Eastern Point, and the Atlantic Ocean.

Dinner tonight is at the popular Salt Water Grille in Gloucester.



Tuesday, July 23

After breakfast and check-out, we depart for the Sleeper-McCann House for our tour. Beauport, the Sleeper-McCann House, a National Historic Landmark, was the summer home of one of America's first professional interior designers, Henry Davis Sleeper. Perched on a rock ledge overlooking Gloucester Harbor, Beauport was Sleeper's retreat, backdrop for entertaining, and professional showcase, and an inspiration to all who visited.



Next, we will have time for lunch on our own and shopping at Bearskin Neck, a very picturesque seaside village in Rockport.

On our way back to Connecticut, our final stop is at the home and garden of author Neal Sanders and his master-gardener wife Betty, where we will enjoy a glass of wine while viewing the gardens. This team has been part of the Garden Conservancy's Open Days and featured in the Wall Street Journal. Neal is a noted speaker and author of numerous books such as the one pictured below.

After waving goodbye to Neal and Betty, we will depart for home.

