

## Descriptions of Tours

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019:**

### **MEMBERS' HOMES**



Tour to members' homes (lunch included)

1. Home of Dennis & Jan Hollingsworth, Elk Grove. Dennis is an avid collector of begonias, ferns, and succulents. We'll snake through his back yard and greenhouse, full of his well-grown plants. Dennis is a past president of the Sacramento branch, and winner of the Showing is Sharing Award at the local show.
2. Home of Paul Tsamtsis, North Sacramento. Paul is a long-time member of the ABS, past president of the Sacramento Branch, hybridizer, excellent speaker on begonias, and winner of numerous awards. His yard and greenhouse are a cornucopia of begonias and other shade-loving plants alongside garden art.
3. Home of Julie Stringham, Granite Bay. Julie is an avid gardener and grower of begonias. We'll enjoy lunch at her home, sitting on over 9 acres with a large greenhouse. Hopefully her husband will also show us his prized Ford car collection.
4. Home of Laura & Mark Leaphart, Folsom. Laura is a fledgling hybridizer of begonias (someone may get a piece of her new cane!). Mark is an avid grower of orchids. They ran out of room in one greenhouse, and had to build a second. Their back yard is full of beautiful plants.
5. Home of Marlene Carroll, Greenhaven. Marlene is the President of Sacramento Branch. Her back yard is filled with begonias, ferns, fuchsias, camellias, and so much more. See if you can find the fairy garden, an iron mermaid who spent 40 years at the bottom of the sea, and other hidden treasures.

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019:**  
**GOLD COUNTRY**



Bus tour to private garden and nurseries (lunch included).

1. Eisley Nursery, Auburn. Family-operated Eisley Nursery has both retail and wholesale operations and 45 greenhouses spread over 13½ acres. The nursery's long-standing production of poinsettias and pansies is legendary throughout Placer County and beyond. It supports Northern California growers by supplying other nurseries throughout the region.
2. Maple Rock Gardens, Newcastle (box lunch included) Maple Rock Gardens is a private estate (only open to the public for special events). Maple Rock Gardens is a 30-acre estate garden containing multiple themed garden rooms, one of the largest garden railroads in Northern California, and almost 4 acres of bountiful farmlands (food is harvested daily). Guests will enjoy meandering paths leading to each of the garden rooms from Japanese style to formal English garden room, full of fragrant and delicate blooms. Each area contains unique plant life such as peonies, ferns, dogwoods, and iris. Water features, both tall and wide, and many hidden treasures can also be seen around every turn. Note: Limited accessibility. Some paths are uneven, steep, and/or rocky. Suggest wearing comfortable, closed-toed shoes.
3. High Hand Nursery, Loomis. Taste the olive oil, experience the nursery, and browse the greenhouse. Guided walking tour of High Hand includes learning the inside story of the Japanese maples, how and why they grow many of their own plants, including vegetables for the restaurant, as well as the fascinating story of the 110-year-old fruit packing shed.

**Thursday, September 5, 2019:**

**UC DAVIS**



Bus tour to UC Davis  
(lunch included)

**UC Davis Botanical Conservatory**

(<https://herbarium.ucdavis.edu/index.html>)

The collection began in 1959 as a collection of co-leus plants within the 3,600 sq. foot greenhouse. Today the complex houses over 3,000 plant species in more than 150 families, including examples from most of the world's climatic regions.



**Häagen-Dazs Honey Bee Haven**

(<https://BeeGarden.UCDavis.edu>)

Häagen-Dazs Honey Bee Haven is a unique outdoor museum where visitors can observe and learn about bees and the plants that support them. Visitors should wear closed-toed, closed-heel shoes and avoid scented personal care products.

**Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine & Food Science**



(<https://RobertMondaviInstitute.UCDavis.edu>)

Consists of a state-of-the-art academic complex and LEED Platinum certified winery, brewery, and food and milk processing laboratory. The Institute is the only facility of its kind in the world. The entire complex surrounds the Good Life Garden, a one-acre, edible plot featuring organic and sustainably-grown vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

**Friday, September 6, 2019**

Judges' Breakfast (open to all)

Morning: Show judging—Judging staff only.

Judges' Luncheon (open to all)



Afternoon bus trip to Amador County, Shenandoah Valley:

**1. Amador Flower Farm**

([www.AmadorFlowerFarm.com](http://www.AmadorFlowerFarm.com))

Over 4 acres of landscaped demonstration gardens with over 1,000 varieties of daylilies.

**2. Helwig Winery**

([www.HelwigWinery.com](http://www.HelwigWinery.com))



Tour the "cool" wine cave and enjoy premier wines. See the sweeping vistas overlooking vineyards and breathtaking views of the Sierra and Coastal mountains.

Evening:

Begonia Show and Sale open to registered members only



**Sunday, September 8, 2019**

Post-Convention Bus Tour to  
Downtown and Old Sacramento

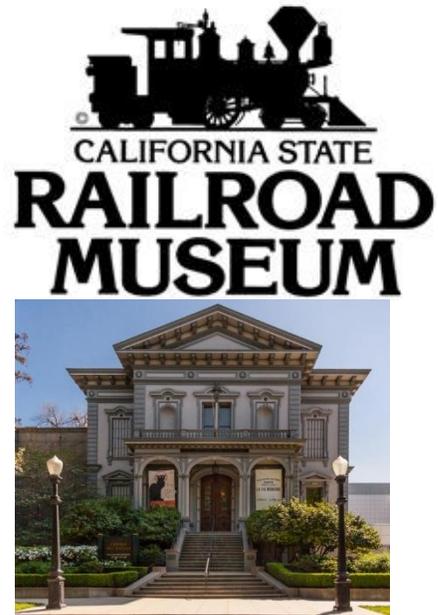
Leland Stanford Mansion State  
Historic Park (800 N Street)  
([www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=489](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=489)).  
Tour of 19,000 sq. ft. mansion  
(Second Empire architecture) and  
19<sup>th</sup> Century style gardens.

OR

State Capitol (this building serves as  
both a museum and the state's  
working seat of government),  
Capitol Park (rose garden) and memorials:

- Civil War Memorial Grove planted in 1897 with saplings from famous Civil War battlefields.
- A life-sized statue of Father Junipero Serra, a Roman Catholic missionary sent by Spain to help colonize California. At its base is a map of California's 21 missions, from San Diego to Sonoma.
- The California Vietnam Veterans Memorial, with bronze statues of service men and women depicting military life in Vietnam and featuring engravings of names of Californians killed or missing in action.
- The California Veterans Memorial, a granite obelisk honoring California veterans from the Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War.

Lunch at a local restaurant in Old Sacramento  
(Dutch treat)



Afternoon shopping and museums (admission paid separately) in Old Sacramento. Many choices, including:

- California State Railroad Museum (125 I St.) ([www.CaliforniaRailroad.museum](http://www.CaliforniaRailroad.museum)): located in Old Sacramento, this museum is part of the State's park system, interpreting the role of the "iron horse" in connecting California to the rest of the nation.
- Sacramento History Museum ([www.SacHistoryMuseum.org](http://www.SacHistoryMuseum.org)) (101 I St.): history and stories of the area's first inhabitants, the pioneers who settled here during the Gold Rush, life on the farm, and more. Take Gold Fever! Tour or Underground Tour.
- Crocker Art Museum (216 O St.) ([www.CrockerArt.org](http://www.CrockerArt.org)): the longest continuously-operating art museum in the West. The Museum hosts one of the state's premier collections of California art.
- California Automobile Museum (2200 Front St.) ([www.CalAutoMuseum.org](http://www.CalAutoMuseum.org)) has a collection of over 150 classic cars, race cars, muscle cars, and early models displayed throughout 72,000 square feet of museum space