

National Convention of TGOA-MGCA  
**Gardening Heaven in 2007**  
July 12, 13 and 14, 2007, Rockford, IL  
Presented by the clubs of the Illinois Wisconsin Region

**What to see while you are traveling.**

In Rockford, The Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden and The Anderson Japanese Garden (top rated in North America!) are each worth more time than we could allow for the convention related visit schedule.

In Woodstock, IL, Rich's Fox Willow Pines Nursery is possibly the best source for dwarf conifers in the country. Whether admirer or collector, this unique spot is only an hour to the east.

Chicago! A destination in itself, but for gardeners the Chicago Botanic Garden, Garfield Park Conservatory, The Morton Arboretum and Cantigny are four suggestions. Allow at least four hours for Chicago Botanic, less time for the others.

To the North: Rotary Gardens in Janesville, WI and Olbrich Gardens in Madison, WI are primary suggestions. There is also the Boerner Botanical Gardens in the Milwaukee area.

To the South: Starved Rock State Park on the Illinois River is quite interesting and further south in the Urbana area is the Robert Allerton Park near Monticello, IL.

To the Southwest: A dwarf conifer garden Bickelhaupt is near Clinton, IA and is one of the best in the country. There is also the Quad City Botanical Garden on the riverfront in Rock Island, IL.

To the West: Stop at the Dubuque Arboretum if traveling Hwy 20.

To the East: In the state of Michigan, the Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park on the east side of Grand Rapids is well worth your time and Hidden Lake Gardens near Tipton, MI (Ann Arbor area) is a good choice as well.

Most of the gardens listed are AHS Reciprocal gardens so take advantage of your membership with your visit. We will have some information on the places close to Rockford, but if you are interested, check them out on the web or through the AHS reciprocal gardens listing.

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