



**THE
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NEEDLES
CENTER**

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RHODODENDRON GARDENS FIELD TRIP

April 24th, 2018



Paul James will host a tour of his Rhododendron Gardens in Boones Mill, Virginia.

For over 30 years, Paul James has tended to his enormous 15-acre garden, which includes over 10,000 different types of plants. He is an expert, tour host, and lecturer on plants. Specifically, he is known for his expertise on Rhododendrons and Azaleas. He was also president of the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, leading tours of nearby collections. In the late 90's, James conducted tours of his personal garden daily. At the height of his garden, he had 385 of 421 selectively bred Delp

Rhododendrons, the largest collection of Delp Rhododendrons in the world!

Following high school, James obtained a job at Roanoke Photo Finishing Company and rose up through the ranks. Eventually, he purchased the company Ropho Graphic in 1974. At 42 years of age, James sold the company and invested it in 1982. Since then, he has been working to build and maintaining the enormous garden he has today. Paul James indicates he got his passion for plants from his grandmother, who was an herb doctor on the same 400 acres of land in which his garden resides.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT TRIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND LUNCH (AND BRING A FRIEND)!

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To register, please complete this form and return it to the Center by April 20th.

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
(Please include the Rev., Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

Unless otherwise informed, The Phoebe Needles Center will consider your registration as permission to use your photograph if it appears in video or still photos including our web site unless otherwise requested.

INFORMATION AT A GLANCE...

Anyone who is planning to carpool to the Rhododendron gardens may meet at the Phoebe Needles Center at 9:00 a.m. Carpooling is encouraged, though James can accommodate several cars on his property. Those who wish to drive directly to the garden should plan to arrive at 10:00 a.m. when the tour will begin. There are clear trails to walk and view the garden; however, there are also overlooks in which individuals may sit and observe the garden. If you plan to do less walking, bringing a folding chair is recommended. Wearing old shoes for walking on uneven terrain is encouraged as well as bringing sunscreen and wearing a sun hat. If you would like to go to lunch afterward, the group will be meeting at Holly Jo's Creekside Grill in Boones Mill, Virginia.



To make a reservation, please return the form at the bottom of the page, email us at pncenter@gmail.com, RSVP by Constant Contact, or call the office at 540-483-1518. **To obtain the location of Paul James' garden, please contact the Phoebe Needles Center by email or phone.** If you are planning to carpool, please notify the Phoebe Needles Center. Please make your reservations the Friday before the event. Pets are not permitted. Dress is casual. For more information, contact the Center. All buildings, rooms, and porch areas are smoke-free.



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