VNLA Summer Tour - Friday, July 21

**Thursday Evening, Happy Hour & Sandwich Buffet Dinner**

In the heart of downtown historic Smithfield at the Smithfield Inn
Buffet Dinner and Drink Ticket (see registration form)
Mingle with Field Day and Summer Tour attendees in the Tavern and outside Garden Patio

Transportation to and from the Smithfield Inn on your own

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The Summer Tour will start Friday morning with the bus leaving from the Hampton Inn & Suites, Smithfield, VA

If you are staying at another location or driving in for the day, you will be required to ride the bus Friday as all tour stops have limited access. You may park at the Hampton Inn & Suites during the tour.

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**Campbell Garden**

The home of gardener Meg and artist husband Bill Campbell, is a 100 year+ cedar shake beach cottage built along one of the few remaining secondary beach dune lines in the North End of Virginia Beach. The owners purchased the adjacent lot to protect the dune and the ancient Live Oaks that occupy it, and created a unique and magical garden amongst the sprawling live oaks. Bluestone floored outdoor entertaining rooms, elevated deck walks, and enchanting water fall spilling from the shady dune and salt and shade tolerant landscape plantings compliment the site.

**Eure Garden**

The home of Donna and Ray Eure. Donna is an avid horticulturist, plant lover and a bee keeper. Their home is landscaped over a 1.5-acre site in a beautiful rustic style with garden beds and paths winding though their yard trees. Plant choices are a reflection of her love for different and underused great garden plants and the rustic garden style befitting their beautiful inland waterfront setting. Their back yard has sweeping views of Linkhorn Bay and the low beds are filled with many unusual plants (native and non-native) to support their love of plants, bees and the pollinators.

Donna is a horticulture judge with the Garden Club of America.

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**Houfek Garden**

The home of Mac and Steve Houfek. Mac is an author of her newly released garden book "Reflections on a Coastal Garden" which shares her experiences in the transformation of her overgrown yard into a beautiful welcoming southern and coastal landscape. Their beautiful weathered brick home is surrounded by garden rooms filled with winding garden paths, surprising views, trickling water features and "gardener’s garden plants reminiscent of a Charleston style landscape.

photos: Meg French, Gentle Rain

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**Junkin/Nichols Garden**

Helen Junkin and Bernie Nichols have been a magical teaming and blending of Helen’s, the exuberant and freestyle artists hand and Bernie’s love for an English style stone, boxwood and a controlled hand. Their home was Helen’s childhood home, and they have loved their journey in creating a delightful landscape that reflects their love for plants, garden rooms, art and good humor!

**Norfolk Botanical Garden**

Norfolk Botanical Garden includes 175-acres, with 52 themed gardens that can be viewed by tram, boat or by foot. Themed gardens include the Bristow Butterfly Garden, the Sarah Lee Baker Perennial Garden, the Virginia Native Plant Garden and the Bicentennial Rose Garden. Each of these gardens allow guests to see a variety of plants – from the cultivated to the wild.

Norfolk Botanical Garden provides an educational experience while entertaining visitors of all ages. More than twenty thousand children and adults are reached every year at the Garden by programs, classes and Norfolk Botanical Garden lectures. Volunteers provide more than seventeen thousand hours each year working in all aspects of the Gardens operations. From its humble beginnings as a WPA project to its status as a nationally recognized garden that attracts visitors from around the world, Norfolk Botanical Garden has experienced amazing growth.

See a complete history of the Garden at [http://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/about/history/](http://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/about/history/)

*photos: Norfolk Botanical Gardens*

**Pinkham Garden**

After retiring from owning and operating a design/build landscape firm & garden center for 30 years and creating gardens all over Tidewater, Linda and Bill set out to complete their own garden.

They have a one acre garden on a three-acre (+ 3 acres of marsh) property located on the James River in Isle of Wight County. Their major thrust has been collecting unusual plants and displaying them in a beautiful garden setting while trying to get the maximum show of bloom throughout the year. The garden is somewhat sectioned off into different themes &/or venues including Asian, formal, tropical, shade, pond, bog, flower border, daylily border, and rock garden.

They have 2 large “daylily only” beds plus daylilies planted among other perennials. It’s hard to keep track, but they think they have approximately 1500 different cultivars from many different hybridizers.

Linda has been hybridizing since 2006. She has registered 2 triploid daylilies after completing a project with VA Tech to determine if sterile daylilies bloomed longer because they were sterile and did not make seeds. The result – some did; some didn’t. But it taught her the joy of making crosses in hopes of creating long blooming garden daylilies.

The garden has been featured in newspaper articles and magazines, the latest being *BEST OF COUNTRY GARDENS* - 10 of Our All-Time Favorite Gardens (spring 2017 issue). It is also the site of many tours, including the National Societies of Boxwood, Camellias, Azaleas/Rhododendron, Daffodils & Daylilies. It was part of the Garden Club of Virginia’s Historic Garden Week in 2010 and will be again in April 2018.

*photos: Bill Pinkham*