

## The Philadelphia Flower Show

*Saturday, March 4 – Sunday, March 5, 2000*

TO APPRECIATE the full impact of The Philadelphia Flower Show, the largest indoor flower show in the world, we enjoy a day of private study before the show opens to the public. Our weekend then continues with visits to private gardens in the area. What makes this excursion all the more special is that we are led by a gardener and florist – Renny Reynolds. Mr Reynolds is known for his ability to turn the simplest of flower arrangements into a piece of art, his lavish floral decorations for parties such as at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and for his own horticultural enterprise on the land surrounding his home in Pennsylvania.

At the Philadelphia Flower Show for 2000, the most talented landscape artists and florists in America have been called upon to realize “Gardens for the New Millennium”. In an age, which is sure to realize vast technological change, the way man lives will undergo a radical revolution. How does the gardener predict that man protect his sylvan landscape from sprawling urban growth and global warming? How that future could exist today will be interpreted through a variety of stunning exhibits showing a gardening utopia with a new kind of floral landscape, forest settings, cities and gardens. Amongst the exhibits will be a view of the classic urban townhouses of Philadelphia, merged in the year 2100 into a futuristic structure. Mr Reynolds study will be complimented by a variety of demonstrations on basic gardening, flower arranging, personal gardening information and culinary artistry.

Dinner after the show will be at the private home of Mr Reynolds where we will be treated to one of his fantasy creations. He will also share with us slides demonstrating his most lavish parties.

We continue the following day with private tours of splendid gardens and greenhouses in the area and lunch in a private home.

*Registration is strictly limited and as several places have already been taken we advise early registration. The program fee includes transport to and from Philadelphia from New York City, one night's accommodation at The Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia, private entrance to the show, and all meals. The full fee of \$1,375 is due upon registration. Participants may elect to meet in Philadelphia and arrange their own accommodation. The first day may be taken independently.*