

This tour visits 10 area peony farms, new and established. At each farm, there will be an expert speaker giving a short farm talk on selected peony topics, a talk by the host about their unique farm and a tour of the farm. Each tour day includes lunch. Friday Evening the tour includes the Georgeson Garden Wine Tasting Fund Raiser and on Saturday, the tour ends with a picnic supper at North Pole Peonies and time to visit with farmers and speakers

Friday Schedule:

9:00 am Check in at West Valley High School Parking lot and get on the bus  
The bus will travel to Nenana where we will visit Old Iron Peony Farm and Tomary Farm. Lunch will be at the Nenana Cultural Center. Then the tour will visit Fox Hollow Peony Farm and Pack House. The last stop in Nenana is Old Lady Peony Farm. The bus will return to Fairbanks and visit the Georgeson Gardens and attend the GBG wine tasting. Bus will return to West Valley about 7:30. (Any one not wishing to attend the Wine Tasting, the bus will take you to West Valley about 5:50 pm)

Saturday

9:00 am Check in at West Valley High School Parking lot and get on the bus  
The first farm will be Little Flower Peony Farm off Gold Hill Trail. The second farm is Periwinkle Peony Farm on CHSR. Lunch will be at Chena Lakes in North Pole. After lunch the tour continues to Markee Farm on the Richardson Highway in Salcha. This farm has areas just being cleared from forest, another area in the preparation stage and a new planting. The tour will then head to Eielson Farm Road to Sawmill Peonies and then to North Pole Peonies, one of the original farms in the area. After a tour of the farm there will be a picnic supper. The bus will return to West Valley about 8:00 pm

We will be traveling by tour bus to alleviate parking issues on farms. There will be presentations on the bus during longer travel times.

On each farm, an expert speaker will have a 20 minute presentation, a talk by the farmer about their unique farm, and time for folks to tour the farm and visit with the presenter.

Some of the expert speakers are:

Jim Pinkerton, Oregon Perennials

Dr. Mingchu Zang- Relating your soil sample to your plants needs

Jeff Tranel, Right Risk

Nathan Jahnke, NCSU Graduate Student doing post harvest research on peonies.

Brian Atkinson, FSWCD

Bryan Scoresby, USDA FSA

Julie Riley, UAF Cooperative Extension Horticultural Agent

Jack DeVormen, APGA Industry Representative and root grower