

Calendar House Presents:



Blossoms and Butterflies



YANKEE CANDLE * MAGIC WINGS
DEERFIELD INN * BRIDGE OF FLOWERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019



Today, we will spend the day surrounded by beautiful things!

First stop of the day is **Yankee Candle** located in South Deerfield, Massachusetts. It is one of New England's most popular tourist attractions and is second in Massachusetts tourism to the Freedom Trail in Boston. It all started in 1969 when Michael Kittredge created his first scented candle from melted wax and crayons and gave the molded candle as a Christmas gift to his mother. As family and friends expressed interest in buying the creations, Kittredge began producing the candles in larger quantities. Besides being at the top of many people's list of "fun things to do in Massachusetts" during the winter months, visiting the flagship store provides amusement and holiday cheer year-round. Walking into the store is like entering another world. You can easily spend hours roaming the winding showrooms, losing yourself in the infinite varieties of fragrant scents.

After your time at Yankee Candle, we will head down the road to **Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens**. Here you will have a **guided tour**. Magic Wings opened its doors in 2000, and is an 18,200 square foot facility that includes an 8,000 square foot glass conservatory filled with butterflies, moths and tropical vegetation. Year-round, the conservatory is at 80 degrees which creates a tropical like environment. The sound of the waterfall, peaceful music and hundreds of butterflies fluttering freely through the air creates a tranquil and serene atmosphere. Bring your camera for some beautiful photo opportunities. If you're lucky, one might even land on you!

Lunch today will be served at the **Deerfield Inn**. Choice between: Apple-Brandy Pork Loin, Herb Crusted White Fish (topped with toasted herbed crumbs with a sundried tomato beurre blanc) or Lemon-Rosemary Chicken Breast. The meal comes with warmed rolls and butter, baby green salad, coffee, tea, and dessert.

We end our trip of beautiful things by spending some time at the **Bridge of Flowers**. It was built in 1908 by the Shelburne Falls and Colrain Street Railway so that freight could be picked up and dropped off directly with the railroads. The street railway became bankrupt in 1927 and it sat unused and covered in weeds for a couple years. In 1929, Antoinette Burnham came up with the idea of transforming the bridge into a garden. The Bridge of Flowers Committee was initiated by the Shelburne Falls Area Women's Club and its gardeners and volunteer members work hard to keep the bridge's many flowers, plants, trees, shrubs and vines growing beautifully throughout the season.

Cost **\$110** per person

Depart: 7:30 am, Senior Center, 388 Pleasant Street, Southington

Estimated Return: 6:30 pm, Senior Center



For Information & Reservations, Contact:

Calendar House, 860.621.3014

Checks Payable: Calendar House

***Meal selection needed at registration**



Tour Includes: Roundtrip Motor-coach, Tours of Distinction Tour Director, Admission to Magic Wings, Lunch, Visit to Yankee Candle, Donation to the Bridge of Flowers, and All Taxes and Gratuities (Including Driver and Tour Director)

Trip Activity Level: 

Trip Categories: 

Tour arranged by:



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