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## Meadow Brook Hall part of glorious gardens tour

Three historic gems of Detroit will once again open their gardens during the second annual Glorious Gardens of the Historic Homes. This year's tour will be special, as each home is celebrating a milestone — **Cranbrook** is commemorating its centennial, while **Meadow Brook Hall** and the **Edsel & Eleanor Ford House** both celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.

From June 12 through Aug. 1, visitors may purchase a combination ticket that includes garden and home tours of all three historic properties. During the kick-off weekend on June 12 and 13, visitors will enjoy several "extras." On June 12, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House will host a guided sunrise garden stroll with light refreshments at 7 a.m., and Meadow Brook Hall will host a champagne garden stroll from noon to 2 p.m. On June 13, Cranbrook will celebrate its centennial with free birthday cake, historic photos and a centennial timeline from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Garden and home tour times vary by venue and are as follows:

**Meadow Brook Hall** – Self-guided garden tours are available Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guided tours of the hall are available Monday through Saturday at 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Both the gardens and grounds will be closed to tours on Aug. 1.

**Cranbrook House and Gardens** – The gardens are open for self-guided tours Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. House tours are only available on Sundays at 2 p.m. Both the gardens and grounds will be closed to tours on July 25. During the kick-off weekend, June 12 and 13, Cranbrook House guided tours will be held at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**Edsel & Eleanor Ford House** – Tours of the gardens are available Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. House tours are available Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. No tours are available on Mondays.

Available at all three venues, tickets for the Glorious Gardens of the Historic Homes can be purchased for \$20, which allows one admission to each venue. For more information, please call **Meadow Brook Hall** at (248) 370-3140, **Cranbrook House and Gardens** at (248) 645-3147, or the **Edsel & Eleanor Ford House** at (313) 884-4222.

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