

The Society of Indiana Pioneers Hoosier Heritage Spring Pilgrimage

ROME CITY LIMBERLOST NORTH

WILDFLOWER WOODS, ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY & MORE

Friday, May 18, 2012

Price: \$109 per person

(Includes transportation, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, admissions, and gratuities.)

Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2012 (or Subject to Availability)

Guests are welcome. Seating is limited so don't delay in making reservations.

Highlights of the spring 2012 pilgrimage will include a visit to the spectacular enhanced and landscaped "Limberlost North" beloved by famed naturalist Gene Stratton-Porter (1863-1924), who has been reburied on the site on Sylvan Lake near Rome City in far-northeastern Indiana. A nationally acclaimed nature photographer, author of bestsellers such as "The Girl of the Limberlost", and an early environmentalist, Stratton-Porter loved the birds and the 125-acre property she named Wildflower Woods. A State Historic Site, Limberlost North includes her cabin and gardens, which she developed using plants from around the state. A scenic orchard, arbor, gardens, and paths are intact from her era, and the site – which should be in full spring glory during our visit -- has been significantly enhanced in recent years by Ft. Wayne-area naturalists; we will enjoy special programming and tours by site manager Dave Fox. (Stratton-Porter's other cabin is located in Geneva and known as "Limberlost South.") Other highlights of the day will include a tour of another nationally acclaimed gem, the Allen County Public Library in Ft Wayne; specifically, we will receive an introduction to its genealogy division, which is said to contain the largest collection of genealogical materials outside of Salt Lake City. Our luncheon will be at the oldest restaurant in the entire northern third of the state, St James Restaurant in Avilla, which has been serving family-style meals since the 1870s. Later in the day, the group will enjoy afternoon tea at the Limberlost cabin.

- Enjoy breakfast during our drive north. Author/pilgrimage chairman Nelson Price will provide commentary en route about famous local people and places.
- Tour and receive an introduction to the Allen County Public Library's renowned genealogy division.
- Savor lunch in Avilla at the St. James Restaurant, which dates to 1878.
- Tour the Mid-American Windmill Museum in Kendallville, which includes exhibits and a video. Between 1860 and 1920, more than 90 windmill companies were within an 80-mile radius of Kendallville.
- Explore the scenic gardens and tour "The Cabin in Wildflower Woods", the historic "Limberlost North" home and property of famed author-photographer Gene Stratton-Porter. Dave Fox, manager of the State Historic Site, also will have exhibits of her nature photography and other special programming for the Pioneers. The 125-acre property is nestled on the shores of Sylvan Lake near Rome City.
- Savor afternoon tea at Limberlost North before the return south.

Reserve early! This trip will likely sell out!

Board Motor Coach at choice of three departure sites:

West: 6:30 am departure, 9:30 pm return. Flanner and Buchanan West, 2950 N. High School Road

South: 7:00 am departure, 9:00 pm return. Country Inn & Suites, 4325 Southport Crossing Way

North/East: 7:30 am departure 8:30 pm return. Flanner and Buchanan NE, 5215 N. Shadeland Ave.

Mail the tear-off form and check payable to: Sunrise Tours/Milestone Travel Club
7911 Hunters Path, Indianapolis, IN 46214

To make a reservation or for answers to any questions,
contact Sharon Woodburn at Sunrise Tours (317) 254-8945.

Name(s) _____

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Choice of departure site (circle one): West South Northeast

Checks only! # of reservations _____ @ \$109 = \$ _____