

# Field Trip – May 21

## Chanticleer Gardens

*Cynthia Keith*

Our May field trip will be held on Friday, May 21 at the Chanticleer Gardens in Wayne, Pennsylvania. These wonderful gardens were formerly the estate of the Rosengarten's—a prominent industrial family in the Delaware River Valley. Opened to the public in 1993, these gardens are not as formal as those at Longwood, but offer varied plantings from tropical to native plants, courtyards and meadows, and vegetable and cut-flower gardens. In addition, there is a very photographic pond surrounded by flowers, "ruins" constructed to provide an artistic backdrop to the flower beds, and the owner's house and terraced gardens. The grounds are extensive, so that we will not get in each other's way!

Our trip is timed for the peak early summer bloom. If you would like to stay overnight, you can either return to Chanticleer in the morning, or perhaps visit Longwood, Winterthur, or the other fabulous gardens in the area on your way back home. Chanticleer is approximately 2½ hours from Bethesda. The address is 786 Church Road, Wayne, PA 19087. Take I-95 North to Exit 7, which is 476N. Take Exit 13, which is Route 30W Lancaster Road. At the traffic light turn left onto Radnor-Chester Road. Turn right at the next light onto Conestoga Road. Turn left at the traffic light onto Church Road. Go under the trolley bridge about half a mile to Chanticleer on the right. If lost, their phone number is 610-687-4163.

The Gardens are open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on May 21. Admission is \$5. Feel free to come early or late, we will be there all day. For those who are there in the late afternoon, we will meet for dinner at the nearby Bertucci's at 5:00 pm. We can have a quick meal together and then head back to the gardens for the late afternoon light. There are also picnic tables and restrooms on the grounds for your use.

For those who would like to stay overnight, there is a Courtyard by Marriott just ten minutes away (phone 610-687-6633 for reservations). Chanticleer requires a tripod release form from each attendee. Please contact Cynthia Keith (301-767-9706), who will be happy to send one to you in advance. Chanticleer asks that images be used for editorial purposes only, not for advertising or commercial use, and be labeled to indicate Chanticleer as the location. For further information, please check out their website at [www.chanticleergarden.org](http://www.chanticleergarden.org).

Chanticleer is a favorite spot for many of the garden photographers in NBCC. Come and see for yourself!

### **June Field Trip to Frederick Keys**

This outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, with rain dates of Friday, June 25 or Saturday, June 26. The occasion will be a Frederick Keys minor league baseball game at Harry Grove Park in Frederick, MD. This should be a good opportunity for some sports action up close. Game time is 6:00 pm on Saturdays and 7:00 pm on Fridays.

The games feature fireworks display following the game. I am going to reconnoiter to see what other photo opportunities can mesh with the ball game.

Further details will follow in the June issue of *The Lens and Eye*.

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