

# 2018 National Summer Meeting Tours

**Tuesday, July 10th**

## **Mint Producer, AgroLiquid & Steenblik Dairy**



We will visit the Midwest's largest producer of spearmint, located in St. Johns, MI. This family owned operation got its start in 1948 with roughly 10 acres. Three generations in, the farm has grown to more than 2,000 acres.

Enjoy lunch at AgroLiquid, which remains a family business and boasts a cutting edge facility. There is also a 750 tillable acre research farm where products go through extensive testing.

After immigrating to the United States from Holland in 1994, Albert Steenblik started his dairy operation with 250 cows. In 2014 he built a brand new rotary parlor, and 12- row freestall barn. Over a 23 year span, Albert has grown his operation to 3450 milking cows.

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## **Dune Rides, Winery, & Blueberry Farm**



Start your day on a 7 mile ride on the shifting sand dunes, viewing Silver Lake and the lovely beach along Lake Michigan. Accessible to the mobility impaired, all ages can enjoy the exciting, scenic rides.

Next, dine with us, as we enjoy The Fox Barn. Here, you'll be able to taste wines, shop for wine themed items, along with fresh produce and a variety of special foods. The Foxes are proud to

be part of a rich farming community for 5 generations.

Finally we will stop at the Jawor Brothers Blueberry Farm & Country Store. Over 800 acres of blueberries are cultivated and harvested every year, with some as big as quarters. The Country Store showcases a variety of baked goods derived from Jawor family recipes which are made in the store's kitchen on a daily basis.

**Thursday, July 12th**

## **Fredrick Meijer Gardens**



Enjoy the beautiful scenery of these gardens from the comfort of tram. While aboard, your docent will tell you all about the beautiful horticultural displays. After the tram tour visit the cafe for lunch on your own in this truly beautiful setting. There will be time after lunch for a little exploration by foot.

**Saturday, July 14th**

## **AAA Whitecaps Baseball Game**



Here's a perfect way to end the Summer Meeting: a baseball game! The West Michigan Whitecaps are taking on the Beloit Snappers. About an hour into the game enjoy a BBQ, complete with hot dogs, burgers and brats. After the game is over we will get a fireworks display.