

## Attractions in the Chicago Area

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If you have some free time during the annual meeting in Chicago, there are a lot of activities in the area. See the list below for some possibilities. I would like to thank Aaron Hager, local arrangements chair, and his committee: Dean Riechers, Pat Tranel, Dave Thomas, George Czapar, Dawn Nordby, Bryan Young, Jeff Bunting, Jerry Doll, Adam Davis, Mr. Paul Vassalotti, John Masiunas, Loyd Wax, and Matthew Foes for their assistance with this list. Information on the opera was provided by Dale Shaner.

### *Activities Close to the hotel*

Adler Planetarium – 5 blocks

Art Institute – 5 blocks

Broadcast Museum – 9 blocks

Chicago Symphony Center – 5 blocks

Field Museum of Natural History – 3 blocks

John G. Shedd Aquarium – 4 blocks

Lyric Opera 1.2 miles

Magnificent Mile 1.5 miles

Museum of Contemporary Art 1.8 miles

Museum of Science and Industry – 5 miles

Sears Tower – 8 blocks

### **John G. Shedd Aquarium**

Shedd Aquarium has been a Chicago icon and a leader in the zoo and aquarium profession for more than three-quarters of a century. Arrive early — Shedd is a popular place, and it can get crowded, especially on weekends, in the summer and on holidays. Sunday mornings, when the aquarium is least crowded, are a great time for relaxed, family visits. John G. Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605, Phone: 312-939-2438  
<http://www.sheddaquarium.org/>

## **Lyric Opera**

Lyric Opera of Chicago is recognized internationally as one of the great opera companies of our time. The company, originally known as The Lyric Theatre of Chicago was founded in 1954. There is an opera "Falstaff" on Wednesday night, February 6, 2008 at 7:30 pm. Their website is <http://www.lyricopera.org/> .

## *Activities Near Chicago*

### **Argonne National Laboratory**

Argonne is one of the U.S. government's oldest and largest science and engineering research laboratories – the largest in the Midwest. Argonne is managed for the U.S. Department of Energy by UChicago Argonne, LLC. Argonne has five major mission areas, each of which fulfills important governmental and Department of Energy responsibilities, as well as provides important benefits to our society at large. They are: Conducting basic scientific research to further our understanding of the world we live in. Argonne conducts basic experimental and theoretical scientific research in the physical, life, and environmental sciences, Operating national scientific facilities to help advance America's scientific leadership. Argonne operates world-class research facilities like the Advanced Photon Source, Enhancing the nation's energy resources to ensure America's energy future. Argonne is working to develop and evaluate advanced energy technologies, developing better ways to manage environmental problems. Argonne is at the forefront in developing new ways to manage and solve the nation's environmental problems and to promote environmental stewardship. National Security has increased in significance in recent years for the nation and for Argonne research. Argonne capabilities developed over the years for other purposes are helping counter the threats of terrorism. Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 S. Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439 630/252-2000, [www.anl.gov/visiting/anlil.html](http://www.anl.gov/visiting/anlil.html) .

Argonne National Laboratory occupies 1,500 wooded acres about 25 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. The site also houses the U.S. Department of Energy's Chicago Operations Office. To reach Argonne from O'Hare International Airport, take I-294 south to I-55. Exit west on I-55 (toward St. Louis) and continue for about four miles to Cass Avenue. Exit south on Cass and turn right at the Argonne sign on Northgate Road, immediately south of I-55. Follow Northgate Road to the Argonne Information Center.

Argonne tours are by reservation only. Visitors to Argonne can schedule a guided tour by calling (630) 252-5562. Tours are normally arranged for Saturdays, either in the morning or afternoon. Morning tours begin at 9 a.m. and end by 11:30 a.m. Afternoon tours begin at 1 p.m. and end by 3:30 p.m. Visitors taking the tour must be at least 16 years old, but children of any age are welcome at the Argonne Information Center if accompanied by an adult. No registration is required to visit the information center, except for Internet and modern technology training in the center's learning lab. For more information on tours, call at 630/252-5562 or send e-mail to [tours@anl.gov](mailto:tours@anl.gov).

## **Ball Seed Company**

Ball Seed Company is the leading wholesale horticultural distributor in North America. This family-owned company supplies professional greenhouse growers with quality flower seed, an extensive selection of premium plugs and plants, plus a line of high-performance growing equipment and supplies. Ball Seed Company, West Chicago, Illinois 60185  
Phone: 630 231-3500 Fax: 630 231-3605 WWW.BallSeed.com

## **Orchids by Hausermann, Inc.**

Hausermann, Inc. is one of the oldest and largest orchid growers in the Midwest. They offer a wide selection of Cattleya and Phalaenopsis Mericloned orchids, other orchid species, and related orchid hybrids as well as Paphiopediliums and Phragmipediums. Greenhouse tour hours are Monday through Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Their address and phone number is Orchids By Hausermann, 2N134 Addison Road, Villa Park, IL 60181-1191 phone 630/543-6855, email [info@orchidsbyhausermann.com](mailto:info@orchidsbyhausermann.com).

Orchids by Hausermann, Inc. is located 20 miles west of downtown Chicago in Villa Park. From Chicago, go west on 290 15 miles, then exit North Avenue – Route 64 (exit 13 B). Take North Avenue west 4 miles to Addison Road, then turn right (north) on Addison Road, two blocks to our orchid greenhouse on the west side of the street.

## **Spraying Systems Company**

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## **The Morton Arboretum**

A visit to the 1,700-acre Arboretum can last a few hours or an entire day. Consider starting with a 60 minute introductory guided tour, historical perspective of the Arboretum, and highlights of our magnificent landscapes, featuring plant collections and current seasonal events. Hours - The Arboretum is open 365 days a year! 7 a.m. year-round and will close at 7 p.m. or

sunset, whichever is earlier. Admission Fees: \$9 ages 18—64 (\$6 Wednesdays, \$8 ages 65+ (\$5 Wednesdays), \$6 ages 3—17 (\$4 Wednesdays), Free under age 3. Located 25 miles west of Chicago, The Morton Arboretum is just west of Interstate 355 and north of I-88 on Illinois Route 53. Address: 4100 Illinois Route 53 · Lisle, IL 60532-1293 phone 630-968-0074

### **Wilson Nurseries**

Wilson Nurseries is a large wholesale grower of nursery stock in Northern Illinois. They grow a full line of B&B and container material (Shade and Ornamental Trees, Deciduous Shrubs, Upright and Spreading Evergreens, Broadleaf Evergreens, Vines, Groundcovers, Grasses, Perennials, Liners, and Garden Mums) with two locations, Hampshire and Ingleside, Wilson Nurseries has the performance capacity to meet the needs of the individual residential contractor as well as the large commercial project coordinator. Nestled quietly among the native stands of oaks in the Northern Illinois countryside, the Hampshire location supports field and containerized nursery stock, perennials, garden mums, vines and groundcovers, a fully stocked distribution yard and our main office. You are invited to tour our nursery. Please call the location of your choice for an appointment. No time? Take our online tour to get a better idea of what we have to offer. Hampshire location: phone 847/683-3700; Ingleside location: phone 815/344-0944.

### **The Chicago Botanic Garden**

The Chicago Botanic Garden is a 385-acre living plant museum featuring 23 distinct display gardens surrounded by lakes, as well as a prairie and woodlands. With events, programs and activities for all ages, the Garden is open every day of the year, except Dec. 25. Admission is free; select event fees apply. Parking is \$15; free for members. On Tuesdays, senior citizens age 62 and older pay just \$7 for parking. The Garden is located at 1000 Lake Cook Road in Glencoe, Ill. Visit [www.chicagobotanic.org](http://www.chicagobotanic.org), or call (847) 835-5440 for seasonal hours, images of the Garden and commuter transportation information. The Chicago Botanic Garden is easy to find and easy to reach, approximately 20 miles north of Chicago. The Garden is located at 1000 Lake Cook Road in Glencoe, Illinois. From Chicago, follow the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94) west to Edens Expressway (I-94) and U.S. Route 41. Exit at Lake Cook Road and travel 1/2 mile east to the Garden. The Garden is located near the Glencoe and Braeside Metra train stations on Metra's Union Pacific North Line. For a schedule of trains, contact Metra Metropolitan Rail at (312) 322-6777 or [www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com). Bus connections are available from Davis Street in Evanston, Park Avenue Glencoe and Central Street Highland Park train stations. Take the #213 bus marked "Northbrook Court." Buses run north and south on Green Bay Road and then west on Lake Cook Road to the Chicago Botanic Garden. Buses do not run on Sundays and holidays.