

The spouse's tour for the Spring 2016 meeting will be going to Brookgreen Gardens in Murrell's Inlet, SC. Brookgreen Gardens is celebrating their **85th Anniversary**. Brookgreen Gardens' combination of art, history, and zoo touches the heart and teaches the mind with new exhibits, programs, and tours. Boat rides turn into history lessons and a visit to the butterfly house becomes a lesson in conservation.

For 85 years, Brookgreen Gardens has been an inspiration, refuge and retreat for our community. We hope residents and visitors will take pride in the fact that in their midst is one of America's premier gardens.

An exhibit that children and adults have been excited about seeing will be hosted in celebration of Brookgreen's 85th anniversary, according to a press release. The exhibit features 12 larger-than-life Lego brick sculpture installations that will be in the Native Wildlife Zoo from March 5 to Sept. 5. Created by Sean Kenney, renowned artist and author, "Nature Connects" is an award winning exhibit currently touring the country. Made from almost 400,000 Lego bricks, the sculptures bring nature to life with a 6-foot tall hummingbird hovering over a trumpet flower, a deer family made from 48,000 bricks, a giant tortoise, a 7-foot-long giant dragonfly, and more. The exhibit will be open daily and is included in garden admission.

Date of Arrival: Thursday, May 5, 2016

	<u>Time</u>
Group Admission:	9:30am
Welcome:	9:30am- Arrival at Admission Plaza – drive to Welcome Center to watch 10 minute film & Restroom break
Guided Garden Tour:	10:00am – 11:00am (11:00am-11:40am Explore gardens or Lego Exhibit)
Butterfly Exhibit:	12:00pm – 12:30pm
BBQ Lunch:	12:45pm – 1:45pm
Board pontoon boat at Lowcountry Center:	1:50pm – 2:00pm
Creek Excursion Tour:	2:00pm – 2:45pm
Depart or allow 30 minutes to visit Keepsakes Gift Shop before departing - your choice	
We will provide a Keepsakes discount card for each group member.	
Departure:	3:30pm



