

# Gathering of Gardeners 2005

## About Village Green Resort

### Cottage Grove, Oregon

Just two hours south of Portland, at the southern end of the Willamette Valley, Cottage Grove is a heritage town famed for its covered bridges, local crafts and multitude of recreational opportunities along its lakes and rivers. Here, the Village Green Resort is a relaxing retreat for travelers. The inn's extraordinary grounds are an attraction in themselves, sporting themed gardens such as the "Widow's Walk," which features all-black colored plants and blooms. Village Green is also within reach of Cottage Grove's defunct train tracks that have been transformed into bike trails—another example of Oregon's talent for turning old industry into new ideas.

*96 Rooms Total*  
*725 Row River Road*  
*Cottage Grove, OR 97424*  
*Reservations: (800) 343-7666*

### ***The Gardens***

Fourteen of Village Green Resort's 17 acres feature themed gardens. Intoxicating to stroll through, the "Fragrance Garden" pours forth year-round fragrance with winter-fragrant plants and summer favorites including roses, Lily of the Valley, honeysuckle, jasmine, Oriental lilies and Trumpet lilies. Meanwhile, the "Asian Garden" offers Asian design elements including a gong, bamboo plants and a water feature. The exotic looking "Petite Tropicana" displays tropical looking plants that are hardy enough for Oregon winters. And the "Golden Garden" shimmers most on dark, cloudy days when the colors of its golden-colored roses, golden curly willow, cedar tree with gold tips, oregano plants, full moon maple tree and chiming bells dance in the air.

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