



Krauski Art Glass Studio



Sculpture Spectacular



# Monches Farm

*Day trip in your own backyard!*

I HAVE A bad habit of being willing to travel many miles to visit a museum, garden or beautiful church, while neglecting attractions of the same caliber right in my own neighborhood. With busy schedules or a little one in the backseat, exploring locally can create a sense of pride and wonder at the accomplishments of artisans and natural beauty found in our area.

Less than 30 minutes away, the Monches Farm strives to provide “the new and unusual for the discerning and adventurous gardener.” Chose a Flyer from the red wagon lot to carry your outdoor selections as you meander through the fields of hardy perennials, annuals, herbs and vegetables.

Your wagon will wait for you as you make your way inside the greenhouse to admire its beautiful tropical topiaries. The greenhouse is also home to two aviaries, one featuring gently cooing doves and the other filled with small, tropical birds.

The farm’s shop is a delight for the eyes, with dried flowers and herbs hanging from the rafters and pottery, cookbooks, woolen items, home décor, art, natural soaps and other gifts and antiques displayed in pleasing arrangements throughout the store’s two levels. Dried floral and fiber art workshops are offered throughout the year, as well.

A stroll down the farm’s walkways offers eye-catching blooms, statuary, urns and birdhouses. The poultry barn houses a flock of rare and heritage breed chickens. A flock of heirloom breed sheep, selected for their superior wool, can be found in the meadow behind the house.

July is daylily season. Visit the farm to see the vast array of colors and scents available in the over 300 varieties grown there. The Monches Farm is open 9am-5pm, Thursday-Sunday this July. While you’re there, head a half mile up the road to visit Monches Road Pottery, too.

Less than two miles away is another gem in the artist’s community at Monches. Spectacular Sculpture a six-acre outdoor metal art gallery at the home of artist Paul Bobrowitz. The public is welcome from sunrise to sunset; park your car along the sculpture-lined drive and explore the explosion of recycled-materials art on foot.

Round off your visit with a stop at the Krauski Art Glass Studio, housed in the former general store of Monches. Bob and Mary Krauski have been making glass art since the early 1970s. Hours are by appointment or chance, as the Krauskis may be traveling. Call 262-966-7500 if you plan to visit.



Monches Farm in spring

