## **GROWERTALKS**

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## **Spring Trials Tour Planned**

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Dr. Mark Bridgen of Cornell is once again organizing a bus tour of the California Spring Trials, slated for April 13-17, 2018. This will be Mark's fifth tour (the previous being 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2015). He bills it as "an intense, educational and very entertaining way for growers and horticultural professionals to visit several of the key Spring Trials locations with fellow horticulturists."

Mark does all the legwork of arranging stops, finding hotels and such. The cost (\$690 for double room, \$1050 for single) includes four nights' hotel, bus transportation, lunches, shuttle service from the airports on the first day and an experienced guide. You handle your own airfare.

Here's the tentative schedule\*:

- Saturday, April 14: Visit Proven Winners, Syngenta Flowers and Danziger
- Sunday, April 15: Visit Sakata and Dümmen Orange
- Monday, April 16: The big Ball Hort trials at PanAmerican Seed, and the even bigger GroLink trials, which feature about a dozen companies. The day wraps up with a trip down to Hollywood with a stop for a wine-tasting, time permitting.

Interested? Contact Dr. Bridgen at mpb27@cornell.edu or at (631) 727-3595 if you have questions about details of the trip.

For online reservations, go to www.concepts.us.com/registration-cornell-2018.asp. For registration questions, call Denise at (203) 262-6260 or (800) 274-5801. **GT** 

\*Trip is subject to change and may be cancelled if minimum capacity is not met.