

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Group will be split and half will visit Oak Hill the former home of President James Monroe and the other half will visit Glenstone. Each group will see the other property before lunch.

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and grounds tour at Oatlands an 1804 classic Federal-style mansion home of George Carter a descendant of one of Virginia's First families.

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Staying with the two touring groups, one group will visit Seven Springs Farm and the other group will visit Highland Springs.

We anticipate our arrival time back at the Holiday Inn to be at the latest 5:30 p.m. We do plan to run an early shuttle back to the hotel to accommodate those who might have early flights home.

The society does offer scholarships to assist students in attending the society's annual meeting and are awarded to bona fide students enrolled in college and university majors relevant to the mission and goals of the society. For more details visit the Southern Garden History Society web site and click on "About Us" and scroll to Society scholarships

ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms have been set aside at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Alexandria, Virginia. The cost is \$149, single or double occupancy. To receive this rate, reservations must be received by the Holiday Inn by March 30, 2010. After that date rooms that have not been reserved from our block will be released to the general public and the rate for the rooms will be at the prevailing rate. Overnight and day parking will be complimentary. For reservations call 1-800-Holiday or 1-800-465-4329. The local number is 703-548-6300.

If you call the general number, identify the location of the hotel and make sure you identify the group block, which is, of course, The Southern Garden History Society. The address for the hotel is 625 First Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

TRANSPORTATION

Three major airports serve the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. They include Dulles International (IAD) in Virginia, Baltimore Washington International (BWI) in Maryland and Ronald Reagan National (DCA) in Washington. By far the most convenient of these airports is Reagan National. It handles most airlines and is located less than ten minutes from our home base. The Holiday Inn offers free shuttle service to and from Reagan National.



HISTORY

THE MOUNT VERNON LADIES' ASSOCIATION

Mount Vernon is owned and maintained in trust for the people of the United States by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, a private, non-profit organization founded in 1853 by Ann Pamela Cunningham. The Association is the oldest national historic preservation organization in the country, and it has always been in the forefront of the restoration field.

Mount Vernon does not accept grants from federal, state or local governments, and no tax dollars are expended to support its purposes. Mount Vernon is open 365 days a year and welcomes an average of a million visitors annually.

www.mountvernon.org

THE SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society was founded in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in May 1982. The purpose of the society is to stimulate interest in Southern garden and landscape history, in historic horticulture, and in the preservation of historic gardens and landscapes in the South.

Membership is open to anyone interested in the purpose of the Society. There are approximately 600 members including individuals, institutions, and organizations from across the United States and several foreign countries. For more information contact:

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Annual Meeting Southern Garden History Society

April 30 - May 2, 2010

Mount Vernon, Virginia



Hosted by the
Mount Vernon Ladies' Association



REGISTRATION

Registration must be made in advance by completing the enclosed registration form. The meeting is open only to members of the Southern Garden History Society. If you are not currently a member, you may join by including the appropriate payment as indicated on the enclosed registration form.

Registration for the 28th Annual Meeting is limited to 175 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. The registration fee of \$325 covers activities on Friday and Saturday, including lectures, transportation, tours, receptions and all meals, as noted. **An additional \$65 fee is required for Sunday's optional tour.**



Welcome to the 28th annual meeting of the Southern Garden History Society. Once again, we convene at the Mount Vernon Estate. The 1990 meeting at George Washington's home was so successful we decided to do it every ten years. So indeed we met in 2000 and now, to continue the tradition, we look forward to "seeing you again in '10!"

This meeting promises to be the best sequel meeting yet. Be prepared for superb lectures, great food, entertainment and memorable times with fellow Society members.

Our home base will be at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites on First Street in the historic city of Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting will begin Friday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m. Please take advantage of your free time on Friday morning to explore historic Alexandria. A shuttle service will run from the hotel to the waterfront district of the city. From there the wonders of Alexandria are within walking distance. Your nametag will get you free admission into the Carlyle House, the beautifully restored 1752 home of John Carlyle, a prominent merchant of Old Town, and to the Apothecary Shop, the oldest continually operating apothecary in the country.

The optional tour on Sunday promises an extraordinary visit to many stunning landscaped grounds and gardens in Loudoun County, Virginia. Please check out the annual meeting link at the SGHS website www.southerngardenhistory.org/annualmeeting for photos of the gardens we plan to visit.

Friday, April 30

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration at the Holiday Inn

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

SGHS Business Meeting

Afternoon Lectures

History of Alexandria

J. Lance Mallamo

Director of Historic Alexandria

The Brother Gardeners:

Botany, Empire and the Birth of an Obsession

Andrea Wulf

Author/Lecturer

The Weeping Goldsmith – Botanical Discoveries in the Secret Land of Myanmar

W. John Kress, PhD.

Curator of Botany & Research Scientist
The Smithsonian Institution

The Surprising Find

Deborah Bell

Assistant Collections Manager,
U.S. National Herbarium

6:00 p.m.

Depart the Holiday Inn for an evening of touring and dining at River Farm, the site of the American Horticultural Society.

Saturday, May 1

8:00 a.m.

Depart Holiday Inn for Old Town Pier

8:30 a.m.

The Cherry Blossom departs Old Town for a two-hour excursion via the Potomac River to Mount Vernon Estate

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Arrive Mount Vernon Estate and tour the Pioneer Farmer Site

11:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Tours and lunch at George Washington's Gristmill and Distillery

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Afternoon Lectures

The Evidence of American Garden History

Therese O'Malley

Associate Dean of the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, National Gallery of Art

Uncovering the Mysteries of George Washington's Pleasure Garden

Esther White

Director of Archaeology, Mount Vernon Estate

Dean Norton

Director of Horticulture, Mount Vernon Estate

4:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Explore Mount Vernon's new Museum and Education Center

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

An evening at Mount Vernon to enjoy the view that visitors have admired since the 18th century. Washington said that "No estate in united America is more pleasantly situated than this." During the evening enjoy tours of the Mansion, a piazza reception, carriage rides around the bowling green and tethered hot air balloon rides.

8:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn.

Sunday, May 2

OPTIONAL TOUR

8:00 a.m.

Sidewalk Breakfast. Before boarding the bus enjoy a cup of coffee and a Danish.

8:30 a.m.

Depart Holiday Inn. The day will be spent in Loudoun County, Virginia touring five beautifully landscaped properties. Loudoun County is blessed with both beauty and history. The county is home to the historic towns of Middleburg, c.1787, and Leesburg, c.1758. The landscape is graced by beautiful horse country, vineyards, stunning vistas and scenic highways.

