REGISTRATION

A lot of $25.00 covers all conference events listed. Registrations are limited and will be accepted in the order received. The deadline for reservations is March 5, 1986. No refunds will be made for cancellations after March 5, 1986.

If space is available, late registration is accepted with an additional $15.00 fee. Please fill out the enclosed registration card and mail it at least 10 days before you plan to arrive.

The meals arrangements are not included in registration. There are several nice meals in the area. These arrangements are left up to you.

All meals listed on the schedule are included. Meals for Sunday are not included and you must arrange for those on your own.

Local registrants are asked to plan on taking their cars instead of riding the buses. Bus spaces are reserved for out of town registrants needing transportation.

TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS

A word of warning: Montgomery isn’t the easiest place in the world to fly into. Driving is to be preferred.

Montgomery is serviced by Delta, Republic, Eastern, Memphis Express, and Atlantic Southeast Airlines (ASA). Their schedules can be very erratic. Be sure to check on flights before you decide. If your time is limited, you may want to fly into Atlanta and rent a car.

We also have a three-year driving time from Atlanta down to Montgomery.

There is a limousine service from our airport to the hotel, but you must arrange this for yourself. A day or so ahead, call 1-305-268-2800, ask for the desk manager and give him all the information.

If you need transportation while in Montgomery for the optional tours, check the square on the registration card.

SCHEDULE

The Spring Meeting will be held at the Governor’s House Hotel and Conference Center, 1765 East South Blvd., Montgomery, Alabama, on March 14-15, 1986.

FRIDAY

All Day

Two individual driving tours:

1. 25 gardens, old and new, in three neighborhoods
2. Historical driving tour of the city

5:30 p.m.

Closing Hearings - Capitol Room

Welcome

Program Speakers:

- Alabama Department of Archives and History
- Washington Monument Garden Club
- Montgomery County Archives
- Montgomery County Museum
- Sumter Historical Society
- Leadership in Action Society
- Montgomery County Museums

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.

Southern Garden History Society Meeting

Speaker:

- J. H. Fink, President of the Southern Garden History Society

10:00 a.m.

Historical Sites Tour

- Thigpens’ Hill Garden
- Governor’s Mansion
- Shady Grove Historic District
- Old Captains Trail
- George Washington Carver Museum
- Alabama State Capitol
- Alabama Historical Museum
- Montgomery County Museum

Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Luncheon at the Governor’s House Hotel

3:00 p.m.

Field Tour of Millbrook Gardens

- Preston Hill Garden
- The Wylie Hill House
- The Weeks House

Saturday Night Supper at Jasmine Hill Garden

SUNDAY

Morning

Breakfast at the Governor’s House Hotel

Luncheon at the Governor’s House Hotel

Evening

Informal evening travel to the “Roswell” town of Lovelaceville - Town of Flags

Montgomery, AL
PREVIEW OF THE MEETING

We believe we have put together an exciting 4th Annual Meeting of the Southern Gardening History Society, in the "Cradle of the Confederacy," it has enough flexibility to fit everybody's schedules and offers a variety of events to appeal to everybody's interests.

Our meeting headquarters is the newly decorated Governor's House Hotel and Conference Center on our Southern Odyssey. We will have a program set up for the whole weekend Friday for your enjoyment.

FRIDAY

Although our meeting doesn't begin until Friday, we encourage you to come early and take advantage of some of our historical sites. One is a historical walking tour of Downtown Montgomery. Montgomery's 19th-century churches and buildings are considered to be the best of their kind in the South and are an important part of our historical architecture.

Our tour will begin at Pioneer Church, which dates back to 1827, and continue to the old Capitol building, which was built in 1833. We will also visit the Alabama State Capitol, which was completed in 1853.

In the afternoon, we will visit the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, which houses a collection of American and European art, as well as a significant collection of African and Native American art.

In the evening, we will attend a reception at the Governor's House Hotel, which was built in 1848 and has been the official residence of the governor since 1853. The hotel has been restored and is now open to the public as a hotel and conference center.

SATURDAY

Saturday morning we will have the pleasure of having historical sites of Montgomery. You will be taken to some of the city's most significant historical sites, including the old Capitol building, the Alabama State Capitol, and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.

After the breakfast meeting, we will leave the hotel and tour some of the historic buildings in the city. We will visit the Montgomery Courthouse, which was built in 1853, and the Montgomery Post Office, which was built in 1864.

In the afternoon, we will visit the Montgomery Zoo, which is home to more than 200 different species of animals. We will also have the opportunity to see some of the city's most beautiful gardens, including the Governor's Mansion Garden, which is considered to be one of the most beautiful gardens in the South.

In the evening, we will attend a dinner at the Governor's House Hotel, where we will be treated to a delicious dinner and a program of entertainment.

SUNDAY

Sunday is a special day for everyone. You will have a chance to relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the South. We will have a special program for families, including a tour of the Governor's Mansion Garden and a visit to the Montgomery Zoo.

Our evening will be in the 1860s style ladies' breakfast, held at the Governor's House Hotel. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m., and we will provide a variety of delicious breakfast items, including eggs, bacon, sausage, and fruit.

We will also have a special program for children, including a hands-on craft activity and a visit to the Governor's Mansion Garden, where children will have the opportunity to interact with some of the animals and learn about the history of the garden.

Make your plans to come and spend a delightful Spring weekend with us, here in Alabama.