

Center for Historic Plants, an educationally oriented garden center, is scheduled to open in the fall of 1987.

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. Non-members may join by filling in the appropriate box on the form. Registration is limited to 125 participants on a first-come first-serve basis.

The registration fee of \$100.00 covers activities on Friday and Saturday, including lectures, transportation, tours, receptions, refreshments, Friday dinner at the Omni, and Saturday's picnic lunch. An additional fee of \$25.00 covers Sunday's optional tours of Brevoort and Montpelier, including transportation, admission fees, and a picnic lunch.

Accommodations

Many of the Friday and Saturday activities will take place at the Charlottesville Omni Hotel, and rooms have been set aside for participants. Registration forms have been provided. The cost is \$60.00 single or double, and suites are also available.

Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge has more economical accommodations and a limited number of rooms have been reserved there as well. It is located one mile from the Omni, and registration can be made by writing:

Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
13th and West Main Streets
Charlottesville, VA 22902
804-296-8121

The cost is \$37.00 single, \$43.00 double.

Transportation

The Charlottesville Airport is served by Piedmont Airlines and by commuter affiliates of US Air, New York Air, and American Airlines, which provide air service to major airports in the southern states. The Omni Hotel provides limousine service from the airport.

Charlottesville is centrally located within Virginia. Interstate 64 and US Highway 29 provide convenient access to the city.

Amtrak provides rail access, particularly from New Orleans, Atlanta, Charlotte, and Washington, DC. Although the schedule may be inconvenient, one should not rule out the train.



Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, Inc.
Box 316, Monticello
Charlottesville, Virginia

Southern Garden History Society
Old Salem, Inc., Drawer F
Salem Station
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27108

Annual Meeting Southern Garden History Society June 12-14, 1987 Charlottesville, Virginia



MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA from Mark Cathey, 1731

S	O	U	T	H	E	R	N
G	A	R	D	E	N		
H	I	S	T	O	R	Y	
S	O	C	I	E	T	Y	

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Garden History Society in 1987 will focus on the garden pursuits and landscape interests of Thomas Jefferson. Monticello, the institutional host for this year's meeting, will provide a detailed case study in garden restoration, and its staff of horticulturists, historians, and archaeologists will offer an in-depth view of the garden world of Jefferson himself. In addition, gardens and landscapes will be toured at the University of Virginia, Jefferson's "Academical Village," Montpelier, the home of James Madison recently purchased by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Brevoort Historic District—a landscape we believe you will never forget.

The Southern Garden History Society

The Society was founded in 1982 as an outgrowth of a continuing series of conferences on "Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes" held at Old Salem in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Members include garden historians, restoration specialists, horticulturists, landscape architects, and others interested in the study of the history of landscapes and gardening in the South.

An annual meeting of the membership is held every Spring to hear reports of research and projects of members and to visit gardens of historic importance in the vicinity. The annual meeting in 1988 will be in Nashville, Tennessee.

A quarterly bulletin, *Maagnolia*, is also published by the Society, and includes research papers, news on landscape restoration projects, and other relevant activities of its members.

Monticello

Monticello, which is owned and operated by the non-profit Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, Inc., is the institutional host for the 1987 Annual Meeting. Often described as one of our country's foremost architectural masterpieces, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello remains today as a testimony of its creator's ingenuity and breadth of interests for over a half million yearly visitors.

The Foundation has also made a strong commitment to the restoration of Jefferson's gardens and landscape. The flower gardens, including the oval beds and Roundabout flower border, were restored in 1941 with the help of the Garden Club of Virginia. The Grove, Jefferson's scheme for an ornamental forest, was recreated in 1977, and the restoration of the vegetable garden, orchard, and vineyard was begun in 1982. The

Schedule: Friday, June 12

Friday's agenda begins at the Omni Hotel with three short lectures. Bill Beiswanger, who has been at Monticello since 1971 and has coordinated much of the garden restoration, will discuss Jefferson's theoretical vision of the landscape, particularly at Monticello. Rudy Favretti and Will Rieley, in tandem, will then explore the evolution and development of both the restored gardens and the landscape at large at the University of Virginia. Rudy has recently completed a study of these gardens, which flank the Lawn, for the Garden Club of Virginia, while Will has worked on a report on the history of the plantings on the Grounds.

We will then tour the University with a particular emphasis on the ten Pavilion gardens, which were restored by the Garden Club of Virginia under the direction of Williamsburg Landscape Architects Alden Hopkins and Donald Parker. The gardens are special for their cloistered intimacy within the bustling campus, for the variety of plant species, and for their serpentine brick walls. A reception in Garden VIII will follow the tour.

The group will then return to the Omni for dinner and the annual business meeting of the Society. In 1986 Allan Brown, a charter member of the S.G.H.S., traced the route of Jefferson's 1786 travels through the landscape gardens of England. Following our meeting Allan will show slides and discuss his bicentennial journey.

- 12:00 Registration
Omni Hotel Lobby/Book display
- 2:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Dan Jordan, Director, T.J.M.F.
Peter Hatch, Gardens Superintendent, T.J.M.F.
- 2:15 "Jefferson's Essay in Landscape"
Bill Beiswanger, Architectural Historian, T.J.M.F.
- 3:00 "The Gardens and Grounds of the University of Virginia"
Rudy Favretti, Landscape Architect, Storrs, Connecticut
Will Rieley, Landscape Architect, Charlottesville, Virginia
- 4:15 Buses depart Omni Hotel for University
- 4:30 Landscape and Garden Tours of the University
- 5:45 Reception
Pavilion VIII Garden
- 6:30 Buses depart University for Omni



Carolina yellow iris

- 7:30 Dinner and Annual Business Meeting
Omni Hotel
- 9:00 "Jefferson's English Garden Tour Revisited"
Allan Brown, Thomas Jefferson Fellow, School of Landscape Architecture, University of Virginia

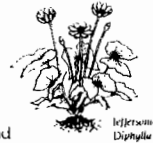
Schedule: Saturday, June 13

Saturday will be spent hearing about and visiting Monticello, where the garden restorations of the past few years serve as an interesting case study. Bill Kelso and Peter Hatch will open the program at the Omni with lectures on "Archaeology at Monticello" and "Thomas Jefferson, Gardener." We will then visit a new exhibition at the Thomas Jefferson Visitors Center, "Thomas Jefferson at Monticello." This exhibition, which opened in October of 1986, offers a detailed and enlightening look at the domestic life of Jefferson and was handsomely fabricated after years of work by the Monticello staff. At the same time, John Fitzpatrick, who recently joined the Foundation staff from White Flower Farm where he served as Research Horticulturist, will discuss the Center for Historic Plants, an exciting project to develop an educationally oriented garden center at Monticello.

Following a picnic lunch in the Monticello Grove, the afternoon's program includes six special tours and lectures, of which members are requested to choose three (See Registration Form). Lucia Stanton, Monticello's Director of Research for nearly 20 years (and a botanist as well), will discuss plantation life at Monticello, especially the relatively unknown areas of farming, slavery, and manufacturing. Rudy Favretti will talk about his work at Monticello, then lead a short tour while Bill Kelso will give tours of the archaeological sites and his department's lab, which is filled with artifacts. Bill Beiswanger, Peter Hatch, and Peggy Newcomb will also give in-depth tours of their special areas of expertise. Each tour or lecture will begin at 2:00, 3:00, or 4:00, and last about 50 minutes. Walking shoes are a necessity, and we are asking participants to designate their preferred tours as soon as possible.

Saturday's full agenda will conclude with a reception, including informal house tours, on the South Terrace at Monticello. Members will have been given a complete descriptive list of restaurants within walking distance of the Omni. There is a variety that should satisfy every taste and budget.

- 8:00 Coffee and Doughnuts
Omni Hotel
- 8:30 "Landscape Archaeology at Monticello"
Bill Kelso, Director of Archaeology, T.J.M.F.
- 9:15 Coffee Break
- 9:30 "Thomas Jefferson, Gardener"
Peter Hatch, Gardens Superintendent, T.J.M.F.
- 10:45 Buses depart Omni for Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center
- 11:00 Exhibition, "Thomas Jefferson at Monticello" and, concurrently:
- 11:00/ "The Center for Historic Plants"
John Fitzpatrick, Director, Center for Historic Plants, T.J.M.F., Visitor Center Auditorium
- 12:15 Buses depart for Monticello
- 12:30 Picnic lunch in the Grove
Monticello - Straw bale seating
- 2:00-5:00 Small group tours and lectures at 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00; choose three:
- A. "Jefferson's Ferme Ornee"
Walking tour of the First Roundabout
Bill Beiswanger
Meet at the South Pavilion
- B. "The Role of Landscape Architecture at Monticello"
Discussion and walking tour
Rudy Favretti
Meet in Board Room of Administrative Office
- C. "Archaeology at Monticello"
Tour of archaeological laboratory and sites
Bill Kelso
Meet at Levy Tomb
- D. "The Vegetable Garden, Orchard and Vineyard"
Walking tour
Peter Hatch
Meet at Garden Pavilion
- E. "The Flower Gardens and Garden Interpretation"
A visit to the flower garden around the house
Peggy Newcomb, Assistant Gardens Superintendent, T.J.M.F.
Meet at Fish Pond
- F. "Agriculture and Plantation Life at Monticello"
Lecture
Lucia Stanton, Director of Research, T.J.M.F.
Meet at Greenhouse
- 5:00 Free Time



- 5:00 Reception and Informal House Tours
South Terrace
- 7:00 Buses depart for Omni Hotel
Dinner on your own

Schedule: Sunday, June 14

The Sunday tour is optional, however, we are very excited about the two sites to be visited, BreMO and Montpelier.

BreMO Historic District on the James River includes three separate but related estates, all created by the planter, soldier, and reformer General John Hartwell Cocke (1780-1866). The principal architectural work is Upper BreMO, the Palladian mansion completed in 1820. Contrasting markedly with the classical Upper BreMO are the Recess and Lower BreMO, both in neo-Jacobean style and inspired, in part, by Bacon's Castle in Surry County. BreMO is a magical setting, not only for the two extant gardens at the Recess and Lower BreMO but for the elegance of the buildings and the majestic genius of the landscape.

We will then drive to Montpelier, in Orange County, for a picnic lunch and a tour of James Madison's home of 76 years. The core of what is now an enormous mansion was originally constructed by Madison's father in 1755. James Madison acquired a taste for classical architecture and remodeled and enlarged the house, which was further expanded to its present opulence by William du Pont beginning around 1900. The house is the nucleus of a large estate that includes a racetrack, formal gardens, farms, and parkland. The dilemma facing the National Trust—what layer of history and ownership should be restored and interpreted both in the house and on the grounds—is indeed perplexing.

One more note: The bus trip to BreMO, to Montpelier, then back to Charlottesville will involve at least three 45-minute journeys, so count on 2½ hours in transit.

- 8:00 Coffee and Doughnuts
Omni Lobby
- 8:30 Buses depart for BreMO and Montpelier
Picnic lunch at Montpelier
- 3:30* Return to Omni
**approximate time*