REGISTRATION

Your registration for the Sixth Annual Meeting should be received by May 4. The registration fee of $100.00 includes all meals, two receptions, all transportation, all lectures and exhibits and insurance.

To register, simply complete the attached registration certificate and return it, with your check made payable to "Southern Garden History Society" to Mrs. Ben C. Page, Jr., 5001 Richmond Ave., Nashville, TN 37205.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations are available at the Hampton Inn West End, conveniently located at 1019 West End Ave. in Nashville. Arrangements with the Hampton Inn should be made separately. Information has been included with this brochure. If it is missing, you can contact the Hampton Inn at 1910 West End Ave. in Nashville. (615) 290-1741.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

If you wish to extend your stay in Nashville to cover the full weekend, we urge you to include Sunday’s full schedule of optional garden tours and historical activities.

The cost for this additional day, which includes visits to three landmark homes, lunch and afternoon refreshments, is $210. Simply indicate this on your registration certificate, and include the additional $210.00 in your registration fee.

MAY WE EXTEND TO YOU THE HOSPITALITY OF THE CITY?

Nashville is dedicated to the arts. In fact, you may wish to extend your stay in Middle Tennessee for an additional few days. Here are several excellent resources for information on activities and attractions in the Middle Tennessee area during May.

The State of Tennessee Department of Tourism: (615) 741-2124
Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission: (615) 259-6374
Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau: (615) 255-0000
Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce
Tourist Information Center: (615) 242-7665

Once you are here, we suggest you consult the Friday issue of the Nashville Banner or Tennessean for the latest information on scheduled events.

THE SOCIETY

The Southern Garden History Society was founded in 1921 as an outgrowth of a continuing series of conferences at Old Salem, North Carolina, on "Recording Southern Gardens and Landscapes." Its purpose is to promote the study of the history of landscapes, gardening and horticulture in the South, cooperating with the American Horticultural Society and other similar organizations in the United States, and abroad, which have the same objectives of preservation and restoration.

The Society prepares to treasure and index relevant materials it plans to include a library containing documents, photos, drawings, catalogs, papers, photos, graphs, and slides connected with the study of southern garden history. The geographic area which the Society encompasses includes Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE $15.00/year. An annual meeting will be held each spring in a different part of the South to receive reports of research and progress of members, to hear lectures and to visit gardens of historic importance in the vicinity.

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The Athens of the South welcomes you. Walk through the country gardens of "Gorgas," Eighteenth Century home of Gen. James Winder... Study the grandeur of two of the South's most beautiful amelanchier homes, the Belle Meade and Belmont Mansions... Walk through the plantings of The Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson... Relax in the beautiful terraces, wild flower trails and play centers of a modern day at Monsanto... Be the honored guest in the exquisite gardens of several of his gracious city's finest private homes—gardens that will never be open to the public...

Nashville offers its classical beauty and country site to this year's Annual Meeting of the Southern Garden History Society.

This sixth gathering of the Southern Garden and History Society will be memorable. It offers the opportunity to view and study examples of our southern garden heritage that have not—and probably will never—be available for general public viewing.

From rough hewn historic log cabin homes and gardens of the frontier to the formal and imposing gardens of the Gilded Age mansions. It is your privilege alone. And you are our special guest.
THE
PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, MAY TWENTIETH

8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Board meeting in the Potter Room, The Tennessee Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center at Cheekwood.
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Board luncheon in the Pineapple Room, The Tennessee Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center at Cheekwood.
1 p.m. Bus departs the Hampton Inn on West End Ave. and proceeds to Cheekwood for lectures and the annual business meeting. Botanic Hall Lectures will feature: "Digging up the past: Archeological Discoveries at Travellers' Rest." Mr. Wilbur Hendricks, executive director of the Travellers' Rest Historic House Museum.

"Belle Meade: Agrarian Gentry on the Tennessee Frontier." Mr. Ridley Wills, historian, Belle Meade Mansion.

5:15 p.m. Bus departs Cheekwood for a tour of private gardens including:
- Cliff Lawn, home of Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth Calhoun. Jr., already an estate of some reputation before its glory days in the antebellum South, this beautiful Greek Revival home overlooks a lush sweep of lawns, stately old trees and exquisite plantings.
- Waterfront, home of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Perkins, Jr. Wander through the controlled beauty of the formal gardens to the breathtaking counterpoint, the magnificently lushed landscapes designed by Bryant Fleming in the 1930s with their wild flower beds.
- The Colonial Revival home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ness. This significant period home boasts extensive English-inspired gardens with several fascinating specialty gardens. The estate features an important example of Phillip Kerrigan's wrought iron garden gates.
- Brookhill, home of Mrs. Ralph Quem. Designed and landscaped by Bryant Fleming with Donald W. Southgate as associate architect, the gardens of Brookhill feature a series of terraces and winding paths sloping to Sugar Tree Creek. A unique grouping of carefully selected evergreens adds year-round charm to this home reminiscent of New Orleans' French Quarter.
- 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Cocktails and garden tour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Frazier. A visit to this intensively gardened small estate will focus on its unique plant collections.
- 6:45 p.m. Bus returns to the Hampton Inn.

7:30 p.m. Bus departs the Hampton Inn for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Welles Robinson and a lecture. The Robinson's home is a Colonial Revival structure built in the early part of this century. Potted in a graceful woodland setting, the house features a rentable shed garden and several historical garden artifacts.

10 p.m. Bus returns to the Hampton Inn.

SATURDAY, MAY TWENTY-FIRST

8:15 a.m. Bus departs the Hampton Inn for breakfast at historic Belmont Mansion, the magnificent Italianate home of Adelicia Acklen, a grand dame of antebellum society who survived the Civil War as one of the wealthiest women in the United States. Rich in history and architectural beauty, Belmont once boasted the most magnificent gardens and statuary in the region.

9 a.m. Walking tour of the restored gardens and house conducted by Mr. Mark Brown, executive director of Belmont Mansion.

11:30 a.m. Bus departs for picnic lunch in the gardens of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Page. The 1908 stone-four square home was fully restored in 1981 and features a young, still evolving townhouse garden.

1:30 p.m. Bus departs for lecture and visit at Cheekwood. Mr. Ben Page will present "Bryant Fleming, TSLA AIA, 1877-1946: 19th Century Olmsted Regional to 20th Century Beaux Arts Splendor."

2:15 p.m. Walking tour of grounds and Cheekwood Mansion. Formerly the private estate of the LeRoy Creek family, this stately Georgian mansion was completed in 1932. Both the house and the extensive gardens surrounding it were designed by Bryant Fleming. Today Cheekwood is a private, not-for-profit, institution open for the public's enjoyment of the fine arts and botany.

4:45 p.m. Bus returns to the Hampton Inn.

5:15 p.m. Bus departs Hampton Inn for cocktails and tour of "Longwood," home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Jackson. Just a few miles south of Nashville and once the "country home" of one of the city's leading families, Longwood features gardens and woodland plantings designed by Bryant Fleming who completed the project in the 1930s.

7:15 p.m. Bus departs for dinner at "Wild Heron," log cabin home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith. Built in 1797, this sturdy structure has been home to an Indian fighter, frontier soldier, circuit riding preacher and has survived the Civil War and a cholera epidemic.

SUNDAY, MAY TWENTY-SECOND

9 a.m. Bus departs the Hampton Inn for "The Hermitage," President Andrew Jackson's beloved Tennessee home. The visit will feature a tour and lecture by Dwight Coke, "The Hermitage—Rachel's Garden."

11:15 a.m. Bus departs The Hermitage for lunch and a tour at "Cragfont," Built by Revolutionary War officer Gen. James Winchester, in the late 1700s. During its heyday, this stone mansion boasted one of the most precious gardens of its time in Tennessee, featuring a terraced rose garden and lake. The gardens were restored in the late 1970s.

3:15 p.m. Bus departs Cragfont for "Barnes," the 1832 home of Mrs. Ellen Wynn.

6 p.m. Bus returns to the Hampton Inn.