

#### REGISTRATION.

Your registration for the Sixth Annual Meeting should be received by May 5. The registration fee of \$165.00 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 G. Page, Jr., 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, TN 37205.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS.

Accommodations are available at the Hampton Inn-West End, conveniently located at 1919 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 1919 West End Ave., Nashville, TN 37203, (615) 329-1144.

#### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

If you wish to extend your stay in Nashville to cover the full weekend, we invite 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 \$25.00. Simply indicate this on your registration certificate and include the additional \$25.00 in your registration fee.

#### MAY WE EXTEND TO YOU THE HOSPITALITY OF THE CITY...

Nashville is delightful in May! In fact, you may want to extend your visit 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) 741-2158

Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission: (615) 259-6374

Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau: (615) 259-3900

Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce Tourist Information Center: (615) 242-5606

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

# THE SOCIETY

The Southern Garden History Society was founded in early 1982 as an outgrowth of a continuing series of conferences at Old Salem, North Carolina on "Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes." Its purpose is to promote the study of the history of landscapes, gardening and horticulture in the South, collaborating 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 endeavors to locate and index relevant materials. Its plans include the establishment of a library housing documents, plans, designs, drawings, catalogs, papers, photographs 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 yearly. An annual meeting will be held each Spring, in a different part of the South, to receive reports of research and projects of members, to hear lectures and to visit gardens of historic importance in the vicinity.

SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY  
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# CLASSIC MEETS COUNTRY



NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

The Annual Meeting of the  
Southern Garden History Society  
May 20 and 21, 1988

# THE ATHENS OF THE SOUTH

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WELCOMES YOU. Stroll through the country gardens of "Cragfont," Eighteenth Century home of Gen. James Winchester...

Study the grandeur of two of the South's most beautiful antebellum homes, the Belle Meade and Belmont Mansions...

Walk through the history-filled halls of The Hermitage, home to President Andrew Jackson...

Relax in the natural beauty of the terraces, wild flower trails and playful meanderings of a restless creek at Watersmeet...

Be the honored guest in the exquisite gardens of several of this gracious city's finest private homes—gardens that will never be open to the public...

Nashville lends its classical beauty and country aire 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 members the opportunity to view and study examples of our southern garden heritage that have not—and probably never will be—available for general public viewing.

From rough-hewn historic log cabin homes and gardens to the formality and imposing grandeur of Italianate mansions. It is your privilege alone. And you are our special guests.

# 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. Willard Hendricks, executive director of the Travellers' Rest Historic House Museum

"Belle Meade: Agricultural Grandeur on the Tennessee Frontier." Mr. Ridley Wills, historian, Belle Meade Mansion

3:15 p.m. Bus departs Cheekwood for a tour of private gardens including:

*Cliff Lawn, home of Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth Caldwell, Jr.* Already an estate of some reputation before its glory days in the antebellum South, this beautiful Greek Revival home

overlooks a lavish sweep of lawns, stately old trees and exquisite plantings.

*Watersmeet, home of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Perkins, Jr.* Wander through the controlled beauty of the formal gardens to their breathtaking counterpoint, the magnificent hillside landscaped gardens designed by Bryant Fleming in the 1930s with their wild flower trails.

*The Colonial Revival home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fleming.* 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 Owen.* 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 Proctor. 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. Walter Robinson and a lecture. The Robinson's home is a Colonial Revival structure built in the early part of this century. Poised in a gracious woodland setting, the home features a restful shade 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 Adelia Acklen, a *grande 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, Jr. This 1908 stone four-square house 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, FASLA-AIA, 1877-1946: 19th Century Olmstead Romantic to 20th Century Beaux Arts Splendor."

2:45 Walking tour of grounds and Cheekwood Mansion. Formerly the private estate of the Lesley Cheek family, this stately Georgian mansion was completed in 1932. Both the home 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 botanics.

4:45 Bus returns to the Hampton Inn.

5:45 Bus departs Hampton Inn for cocktails and tour of "Longleaf," 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, Longleaf 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, farmer, soldier, circuit-riding preacher and has survived the Civil War and a cholera epidemic.



## SUNDAY, MAY TWENTY-SECOND: 19th Century Country: A day of optional activities

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 Fletch Coke: "The Hermitage—Rachel's Garden."

12:15 p.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 pretentious 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 "Fairvue," the 1832 home of Mrs. Ellen Wemyss.

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

