Family and Brunswick Pulp Land Company and have become the focus of restoration of the internationally famous botanical garden of Dr. Louis Le Conte, a descendant of French Huguenots. Here were introduced some of the first Camellias to be grown out-of-doors in America. Here were also raised the two brilliant sons of Dr. Louis Le Conte: Dr. John Le Conte, first President of The University of California at Berkeley, and Dr. Joseph Le Conte, Professor of Geology at that University and a founder of The Sierra Club.

A few miles from here the Franklinia Alatamaha was discovered by John and William Bartram, early American naturalists, on October 1, 1765. A Barram Trail historic marker was recently placed at the entrance to Le Conte Woodman, marking its place on The Barram Trail.

**Luncheon**

A Barbecue, Brunswick Stew and Low Country Shrimp Boil will be enjoyed by members of The TEA GROVE PLANTATION, which is owned by a descendant of Louis Le Conte who has collected historic and antique memorabilia, resources which are from the surrounding area.

Return to The DeSoto Hilton by 1:30 PM

Planes departing for Orlando

Delta 4:55 PM Eastern 6:02 PM

Planes departing for Charlotte-Piedmont 6:55 PM

**REGISTRATION**

Registration must be made in advance by completing the enclosed registration form. With the exception of the Saturday Luncheon, the Annual 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 100 members on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The registration fee of $65 covers activities on Friday and Saturday including lectures, tours, a breakfast, a luncheon, and two dinners. The additional fee of $15 covers Sunday's Special Tour to Liberty County and The Barram Trail including transportation, admission fee and a Low Country Luncheon. Checks should be made payable to SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY and mailed to Mrs. Joseph H. Howard, 211 E. 53rd Street, Savannah, GA 31405, Tel. 912/233-3406.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Headquarters for the meeting will be The DeSoto Hilton where registration, lectures and exhibits will be held. Early reservations are urged inasmuch as this meeting takes place during the height of the season. Deadline will be April 10. The DeSoto Hilton, Bull and Liberty Savannah, GA 31402, Tel. 912/233-9000

Single or double $65 plus tax

Check-in 3:00 PM, Check-out 1:00 PM

**TRANSPORTATION**

The Savannah International Airport is served by American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Eastern Airlines and Piedmont Airlines. McCall's Limousine Service and Taxi Service are available to deliver you to The DeSoto Hilton.

**HOSPITALITY**

May we extend to you the hospitality of Savannah . . .

"If you haven’t seen Savannah, you haven’t seen The South!" Bring your comfortable walking shoes so you can stroll from square to square and enjoy the unique Historic District. We urge you to extend your visit several days. For further information, we suggest you write or call the following:

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SQUARE ROOTS

Tel. 912/232-6066

213 Kinzie Ave., Savannah, GA 31404

Non-members may register for the 12:00 Noon Saturday Luncheon and Trustees' Garden program by sending advance registration fee of $15.

**HISTORY**

The Southern Garden History Society was formed in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in May, 1982, as an outgrowth of a continuing series of conferences on "Preserving Garden and Landscape." The purpose of the SGHS is to stimulate interest in Southern garden and landscape history and in the preservation and restoration of historic gardens and landscapes. The Society covers the Southern states of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

An annual meeting is held in the Spring of each year in a different area in the South for the purpose of studying the garden and landscape history of that area and for the purpose of stimulating interchange of information and ideas among members. The Savannah meeting follows very successful meetings in Atlanta, Natchez, Annopolis, Montgomery, Montgomery and Nashville.

The Society publishes a quarterly news bulletin, MAGNOLIA, to bring to members news of the Society and of projects and activities in garden history of the South. A dedicated committee seeks such worthwhile materials.

The Society has no paid staff or office and functions through the volunteer efforts of its officers, directors and members. Its only funds at present are the dues paid annually by members. Membership is open to anyone interested in the purposes of the Society.
Seeds From Our Heritage

Savannah has been called "a secluded spot of exquisite humanness." Songs have been written about it. Books have been written about it. Many artists have painted its likeness and called it, "Elegant, Feminine, Romantic, Alluring!"

Edmund N. Bacon, distinguished city planner, has called the Savannah scheme, "a plan so exalted that it remains one of the finest designs of city planning and growth in existence."

There is not another town in all America like Savannah where you feel the richness of its heritage as you stroll through its squares, - "jewels of green velvet"; the Riverfront, "a festival of textures and atmosphere" paved with cobblestones brought over as ballast in the trading ships from England; Factors' Walk, with its splendid old buildings connected to the street by graceful footbridges; and Forsyth Park, which a visitor described in 1874 as "A small Bois de Boulogne," where magnificent tree-lined allees and a handsome, recently restored 1858 fountain invite visitors to sense the illusion of time standing still.

Savannah, that warm, gracious hostess city, cordially invites the members of The Southern Garden History Society to the Seventh Annual Meeting, May 12-14, 1989.

It is sincerely hoped that the members will "come early and stay late." To entice you to do so, we present the following program:

FRIDAY, MAY 12

6:30 PM Wine and Dinner at The Green-Meldrim House.

This historic mansion was built in 1853 by the architect-builder, John S. Norris, for Charles Green, a wealthy cotton merchant. General William Tecumseh Sherman established his headquarters here when he gave the city to President Lincoln as a Christmas present after the surrender of Savannah in December, 1864. After subsequent ownership by Judge Peter Meldrim, former Mayor of Savannah, the mansion was sold to St. John's Episcopal Church, and now serves as its Parish House.

Program: "William Stephens at Beaufort: A Brief Look at Georgia's Colonial Environment," by Dr. Phinizy Spalding, Professor of History, University of Georgia, Athens, and author of several books on General Oglethorpe and the founding of Georgia.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

7:30 AM SATURDAY, MAY 13

Board Meeting, DeSoto Hilton, Harborview Room

Program: "A Botanical Riddle: Stephen Elliott, William Baldwin and Louis and John Eaton LaCense," by Dr. George Rogers, Professor Emeritus of History, Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia

9:30 - 11:30 Walking Tour of Walled Gardens of Savannah

This tour will feature visits to several secluded private courtyard gardens with refreshments served at Massie Heritage Interpretation Center, Georgia's oldest school in continuous operation, designed by John S. Norris, completed in 1856. No one will want to miss "The Heritage Classroom" or the architectural exhibits showing the influence of Greek, Gothic and Roman architecture on Savannah's built environment.

12:00 Noon Luncheon, The DeSoto Hilton, Harborview Room


Program: "A Concept of The Trustee's Garden Restoration," by Bruce Kelly, Landscape Architect for The Master Plan for The Restoration of Central Park, New York City, including Strawberry Fields

Free Time

Bus Tour: Victorian District including Forsyth Park, Ardsley Park, a planned residential development, partially based on

The Savannah Plan and partially based on the Beaux Arts, "City Beautiful", concept of the Twentieth Century. Two private gardens will be visited in Ardsley Park. Continuing on to Isle of Hope.

5:00 - 6:30 Wormsloe. Members will have the rare opportunity of visiting the private gardens of Wormsloe plantation which was received by Noble Jones, one of Georgia's first colonists, as a royal grant in 1746 and remains as the only Savannah plantation in possession of its original family. Although part of the original property was conveyed to The Georgia Heritage Trust in 1974, the family retained the house and surrounding gardens. Heirloom Trees, Camellias and Azaleas grace the winds.

6:30 PM Dinner at a Private Home at Isle of Hope

SUNDAY, MAY 14, OPTIONAL TOUR

8:30 AM Bus Tour to Liberty County and The Bartram Trail

A brief stop will be made to visit "The Bambou Farm", The Coastal Area Extension Research Center, located in Chatham County, which was started in 1906 as the Plant Introduction Station of The United States Department of Agriculture. Research is conducted here on the hybridization of Roes, Daylilies, Tropical Hibiscus, Cape Myrtle, Magnolias and vegetables. The culture of Bambou continues, with frequent shipments to 2000 housing places.

Continuing along The Bartram Trail, visitors will now be entering Liberty County. Sometimes referred to as "The Cradle of American Freedom", this area overflows with historical significance and natural beauty. Three Signers of The Declaration of Independence lived in Liberty County; they were Lyman Hall, George Walton and Button Gwinnett.

First will be a visit to MIDWAY CONGREGATIONAL Church, built in 1792 by a group of descendants of the Puritans who came to America in 1630. The church was organized in 1754 as The Midway Congregational Church and Society and is listed on The National Register. The MIDWAY CEMETERY contains graves of The Reverend Charles Colcock Jones (The Jones of Robert Manown Myer's Children of Pride) as well as Louis and Ann Quarrman LeCone.

This visit will also include THE MIDWAY MUSEUM, a replica of the 1826 sketch of The Riceboro Inn, a coastal raised cottage. This tiny museum contains the original exhibit of The LeConte Woodmanston Restoration Project.

11:00 AM A visit to THE LECOTTE-WOODMANSTON PLANTATION SITE

63.8 acres of this 1810 rice plantation and garden were conveyed to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. in 1977 by the heirs of C. B. Jones