Tour of Maison Blanche, circa 1800 residence moved to its present site by Dr. & Mrs. Jack Haveron. It is imperially restored, even to its authentic posture setting, and contains a fine collection of early Louisiana furniture. Of interest is the patina garden demonstrating 18th-century gardening methods and techniques.

6:00 p.m. - Dinner, Ouachita Restaurant on False River
9:00 p.m. - Departure by bus for St Francis Hotel

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
8:30 a.m. - Continental Breakfast, St. Francis Hotel
9:30 a.m. - 'Rediscovering the Fragrance, Beauty, and Easy Culture of the 19th-Century Rhine and Loire in Southern Gardens,' Dr. William C. Welsh
10:30 a.m. - Bus leaves for Oakley (Azalea State Park). Begun in 1794 by Rahime Cusco, Oakley displays early Spanish influence in its raised basement, flower-lined walkways, and outside rooms, constructed to avoid the Spanish tax on interior rooms. James Pittie, who named Greg's widow, hired John J. Audubon to paint their daughter, Eliza, thus immortalizing the family for its regional wealth and abundant orchards.

11:30 a.m. - Bus leaves Oakley for Live Oak Planation and a noon lunch. Live Oak is the restored home of Mrs. and Mrs. Ben S. Turner. As a girl, Mrs. Turner acquired a painting of the house and dreamed of owning it. Now she does. The circa 1860 small plantation home, incorporating both French and English elements, is built with four and ten galleries on both sides connected by exterior stairs with a small hidden interior door.

1:30 p.m. - Buses leave for St. Francis Hotel

REGISTRATION
Registrations are limited to members. Maximum number of participants: 125 members on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms must be received by April 1, 1991. Mail forms to:
Mrs. Robert L. Peitl, Jr.
27 Garden Lane
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124
Phone: (504) 486-1188
Price of $180.00 includes transportation to and from Baton Rouge Regional Airport, all lectures, tours, transportation, and meals on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

TRANSPORTATION
These departures from 3 a.m. to the Baton Rouge Airport, please include flight arrival and departure times or registration form. All planes may use our rental (available at airport) or taxi service (approximately $40 from airport to St. Francisville). St. Francisville is approximately 35 minutes by automobile from Baton Rouge.

ACCOMMODATIONS
St. Francis Hotel on the lake (504) 435-3821
P.O. Box 440
St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775
Contact Hotel directly for reservations. Room cost $47.30 single; $53.80 double.

THE SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY
The Society was founded in 1982 as an outgrowth of a continuing series of conferences on "Revisiting Southern Gardens and Landscapes." Held at Old Salem, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the purpose of the Society is to promote interest in Southern garden and landscape history, in historical horticulture, and in the preservation and restoration of historic gardens and landscapes in the South. An annual meeting of the membership is held every spring to hear reports of research and projects of members, visit gardens of importance in the vicinity, and to provide an opportunity for stimulating interchange of information and ideas among members. A quarterly bulletin, MAGNOLIA, is published by the Society, and includes research papers, news of landscape restoration projects, and related membership activities. The Cherokee Garden Library in Atlanta, Georgia, is the repository for books and documents of the Society.

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THE FLOWERING OF FELICIANA

"The Laurel Tree of Carolina"
by Mark Catesby, 1731

(MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA)
GRACE AND GRANDEUR IN EARLY LOUISIANA

The Southern Garden History Society holds its Ninth Annual Meeting in the unique setting of St. Francisville, Louisiana, high on the bluffs above the Mississippi River. Here, in colonial Louisiana, are gardens in the French manner and in the Anglo-American tradition, both linked and separated by the great river highway which still forms the principal transportation artery of the central United States.

West of the Mississippi River, French colonial planters settled the rich, fertile lands of Pointe Coupee Parish ("parish" is the Louisiana term for "county") between 1722 and 1760. Gardens in the tradition of French colonial ("crâne") style remained popular into the 1840s, although wealthy planters introduced design elements that continue in Europe as the 20th century progressed. Colonial Louisiana public records often included plans of houses and grounds to accompany deeds, and these "Notarial Archives," which continue as an American tradition, are a rich source of information for plans and materials of creole gardens.

End of the French English settlement after 1840 set the dominant cultural pattern in what now West Feliciana Parish. The billy terrain allowed greater flexibility in garden design, resulting in the creation of large-scale, grand, or other landscaped "parcs," as by cotton farmers the period 1820-1860, whose activities are recorded in journals and letters.

THE SPEAKERS


Dr. & Mrs. Jack Holden have carefully restored Maison Centrale, built by Julien Poydras circa 1800. The Holdens, knowledgeable collectors and historians, have completely furnished the house which they moved from its original location and have also created a late 19th-century landscape.

Genevieve Munson Tebble, writer and lecturer, received the 1990 Preservationist of the Year Award, Louisiana Preservation Foundation, and the 1989 Patron Award of the Society of Landscape Architects.

Susan L. Tebbetts, SCS Board Member, is an Associate Professor in the LSU School of Architecture. She is also a consultant for the preservation of historic landscapes, has published many articles on landscape issues, and frequently lectures to landscape organizations.

Dr. Neil G. Odenwald, Professor of Landscape Architecture, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, is the author of Southern Plants. He is a consultant to Altion Villa, Rosade, and in New Orleans, Longue Vue House and Gardens.

Sally Kettergill Reeves, Architect, New Orleans Notarial Archive, is a graduate of Northwestern College and she received her M.A. in history with a specialty in archives and records management at the University of New Orleans. Sally is co-author of Historic City Park of New Orleans: An Legacy of a Century, Academy of the Sacred Heart, and Creole City of the Gulf—An Early History.

Dr. William C. Welsh, SCS Board Member Emeritus of Louisiana Landscape Photographer, is author of Antiques in the South and Peterson Garden Color.

CONFERENCE COORDINATORS

Bonny (Mrs. Cornellis C.) Crutcher
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Sue (Mrs. Ben, Jr.) Taylor

THE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Welcome and opening remarks, Shingo Woodward, SCS Board Member and recipient, 1987 Garden Club of America Civic Award for Establishment of the Garden Library of the New Orleans Towne Gardenes, Garden Library

"Exploring the French Quarter and West Feliciana Parish," General Robert H. Barrow

"Our Louisiana Creole Gardens at Maison Centrale," Dr. and Mrs. Jack Holden.

"The Jays of Preserving in Old Southern Garden—Altion Villa," Genevieve Munson Tebble

9:00 p.m. - Buses depart Rosade for Jackson Hall and lunch. Jackson Hall, 1835 parish house for Grace Episcopal Church, also served as a community hall for opera and travelling theatricals.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

7:30 a.m. - Continental Breakfast, St. Francis Hotel

8:00 a.m. - Annual Meeting, SCSH

President Harry Majura presiding.


11:15 a.m. - Buses depart Rosade for Jackson Hall and lunch. Jackson Hall, 1835 parish house for Grace Episcopal Church, also served as a community hall for opera and travelling theatricals.

1:30 p.m. - Buses depart Altion Villa to visit Oaklawn Plantation, home of the McAlpin family established in 1750. The plantation house is a fine example of colonial architecture. The grounds include a beautiful garden with a large pecan tree and a small pond. The property was purchased by Union troops during the Civil War and returned to its original owner in 1963.

3:00 p.m. - Buses depart Altion Villa. Garden Society.

5:30 p.m. - Buses travel on the lovely landscaped grounds at Memminger, followed by dinner and its extensive facilities.

9:30 p.m. - Buses return to St. Francis Hotel