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. If you are not a member, you may join by including the appropriate payment as indicated on the enclosed registration form.

Registration for the Annual Meeting is limited to 150 participants on a first come, first serve basis.

The registration fee of $215 covers activities on Friday and Saturday, including lectures, transportation, tours, receptions, and all meals, as noted. An additional $45 fee is required for Sunday's optional tour.

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms have been set-aside at the Old Town Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Virginia. The cost is $145 for single or double occupancy. To receive this rate, reservations must be received by the Holiday Inn by April 4, 2000. After that date, room rates will increase.

For reservations call 1-800-368-5047 (in Virginia 703-540-6069). The mailing address of the Holiday Inn is 480 King Street, Old Town Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

TRANSPORTATION


By far the most convenient of these is Reagan National. It handles most all airlines and is located approximately 15 minutes from our headquarters in Alexandria. The Old Town Holiday Inn offers free shuttle service to and from Reagan National.
Welcome to the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Southern Garden History Society. It has been ten years since Mount Vernon hosted the SGNHS annual meeting. This year promises to be just as delightful with lectures spanning two centuries of garden and landscape topics, tours and special activities that will be informative, entertaining and thoroughly enjoyable.

Our base of operations will be the newly renovated Old Town Holiday Inn, in the Heart of Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. Established in 1749, Alexandria was for many years one of the busiest seaports on the Atlantic coast and is a city rich in history, with a distinguished heritage. George Mason and Robert E. Lee were native sons. George Washington owned an Alexandria townhouse, frequented Gatsby's Tavern for dinner and selected land across the Potomac River as the site of the new Federal City known today as Washington, D.C. Alexandria's charm, beauty and history continue to attract visitors today.

The Annual Meeting begins on Friday afternoon at 1:00 P.M. Members in town, please take advantage of the opportunity to visit the Carlyle House, the wonderfully restored 1752 home of John Carlyle, a prominent merchant of Old Town. Members showing their name tag can tour the historic site, located just three blocks from the Holiday Inn, free of charge. Members will also receive free admission at the Apothecary Shop, the longest operating apothecary in the country, 1752-1953, 505-507 South Fairfax Street. This is a short walk from the hotel.

From 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. on Saturday morning, for those early birds among us, an excellent Farners' Market is open in the Market Square adjacent to the Holiday Inn. The market is a lot of fun and well worth rising with the rooster's crow.

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH

9:00 A.M. - NOON
- Registration
- Old Town Holiday Inn

12:30 P.M.
- Depart by bus for the George Washington Masonic Temple.
- The afternoon program will be held in the Temple's Auditorium.

1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- SGNHS Business Meeting
- Afternoon lectures:
  - Plants on the Move, by Lucy Coggins
  - Historic Herbs: Garden Applications and Uses, by Laura Viardon and Sarah Becker
  - Favorite Fruits of the 18th Century, by Tom Burford
  - A Look at the 18th Century Use of Cut Flowers & Vases, by Libby Oliver

5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
- Tour the Masonic Temple
- We will begin departing at 5:30 P.M. for the 10 minute trip back to the Holiday Inn.

7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
- Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Gatsby's Tavern. This 18th Century tavern is a 5 minute walk from our headquarters. Arrive when you desire.

8:30 P.M.
- An Evening at Gatsby's, dinner, drinks and entertainment.

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
- Depart the Holiday Inn for a walk to the Old Town Pier to board the Cherry Blossom, an authentic paddle wheeler.

8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
- The Cherry Blossom departs for Mount Vernon via the Potomac River. During the two hour excursion, breakfast will be served and Terry Shaffner will present a lecture entitled Biological Thought and Agriculture Practices of the 18th Century. Ample time will also be available for enjoyment of the beautiful views of the Maryland and Virginia shorelines.

10:30 A.M. - NOON
- Arrive at Mount Vernon and tour of the pioneer farmer site.

NOON - 1:00 P.M.
- Gather in the 4th Pamela Cunnington, building meeting room for the lecture: Rose Greely, Washington's Pioneering Landscape Practitioner, by Joann Lawson.

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- Lunch at River Farm, one of Washington's best farms and home of the personal secretary Tobias Lear in the 18th century, it is now the site of the American Horticultural Society.

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
- Afternoon lectures at Mount Vernon.

- The Landscape of America's Home, the White House, by William School.

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
- An Evening at Mount Vernon. Spend an evening as guests would have two centuries ago on the grounds of Mount Vernon. Tour the house and grounds, tour the house and have a cocktail on the piazza overlooking the Potomac River. Relax and take a horse drawn wagon ride around the serpentine avenues of get a bird's eye view of the property from a hot air balloon. During the evening, see if you agree with Washington, "No estate in United America is more pleasantly situated than this."

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
- Enjoy a variety of entertainment on the piazza, which overlooks the Potomac River.

8:00 P.M.
- Dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn.

9:30 P.M.
- Depart Mount Vernon by bus for the Old Town Holiday Inn.

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

OPTIONAL TOUR

8:30 A.M.
- Sidewalk pastries and coffee. Before boarding the bus, get a cup of coffee or juice and have a Danish.

9:00 A.M.
- Depart the Old Town Holiday Inn by bus for a day of touring special sites in Washington and Georgetown. There is a good possibility that we may have the opportunity to tour the British Embassy grounds. If it works out, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

10:00 A.M.
- Tour Hillwood Museum, the home of Margaret Meriwether Post. Built in 1922, the gardens incorporate styles, elements and aesthetics found in historic gardens of Europe and Japan in the 18th and 19th centuries. Mrs. Post considered the twelve acres of landscaped grounds to be an extension of her home. Famed landscape architects William Ebright and Rupe Gress designed portions of the grounds of this beautiful house museum located in NW Washington, D.C.