11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

 Lunch and a tour of The Washington National Cathedral

The Washington National Cathedral began with Pierre L'Enfant's vision for a great "church for national purposes" in his 1791 plan for the City of Washington. Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. was asked to ready the land for the laying of the Cathedral's cornerstone. On September 29, 1990, the final stone was set, completing the Cathedral's eighty-year building program. The Olmsted firm was also responsible for planning the "Cathedral close" between 1907 and 1928.

2:00 P.M.

 Tour Dumbarton Oaks and Oak Hill Cemetery

Dumbarton landscape architects, landscape designers and garden enthusiasts! In cooperation with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss who purchased Dumbarton Oaks in 1920, noted landscape gardener Beatrix Farrand designed these magnificent gardens. Painstakingly thought out, the gardens are planted on terraces and feature beautiful iron work, pools, fountains, garden sculpture, a pebble garden and a vast assortment of plant material.

Oak Hill Cemetery was established in 1849 and is located in the heart of Georgetown. Fifteen acres in size, the layout and design is a major example of the 19th Century Romantic Movement. James Renwick, Jr., architect of the Smithsonian Castle, designed the iron enclosure and the Chapel (built in 1849). There is evidence that Andrew Jackson Downing prepared the landscape designs of Oak Hill Cemetery.

We anticipate our time of return to the Old Town Holiday Inn to be 5:30 P.M. We plan to run an early shuttle back to the hotel to accommodate those who might have early flights home.

### 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 currently 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 \$146 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 703-549-6080). The mailing address of the Holiday Inn is 480 King Street, Old Town Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Three major airports serve Washington, D.C. They include Dulles International (IAD) in Virginia, Baltimore Washington International (BWI) in Maryland and Ronald Reagan National (DCA) in Washington.

By far the most convenient of these is Reagan National. It handles most all airlines and is located approximately 10 minutes from our headquarters in Alexandria. The Old Town Holiday Inn offers free shuttle service to and from Reagan National.

he Southern Garden History Society was founded in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in May of 1982. The purpose of the Society is to stimulate interest in Southern garden and landscape history, in historical horticulture and in the preservation and restoration of historic gardens and landscapes in the south. Another goal is to accumulate books, documents and photographs relating to Southern Gardens.

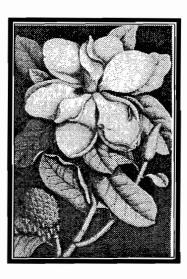
Membership is open to anyone interested in the purpose of the Society. There are approximately 600 members, representing all of the Southern states and many outside of the South, as well as foreign countries. For information about the Society contact:

Southern Garden History Society Old Salem, Inc. Drawer F, Salem Station Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27108

In 2001, the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Southern Garden History Society will be held at the Tryon Palace in New Bern, North Carolina

# SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY

# EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING



HOSTED BY
THE MOUNT VERNON
LADIES' ASSOCIATION

MAY 5 - 7, 2000 ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA elcome to the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Southern Garden History Society. It has been ten years since Mount Vernon hosted the SGHS annual meeting. This year's meeting 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, 1792-1933, at 105/107 South Fairfax Street. This is also a short walk from the hotel.

From 6:00 - 10:00 A.M. on Saturday morning, for those early birds among us, an excellent Farmers' Market is open in the Market Square, adjacent to the Holiday Inn. This Market is a lot of fun and well worth rising with the rooster's crow.

## FRIDAY, MAY 5™

9:00 A.M. - NOON

Registration Old Town Holiday Inn

12:30 PM

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
- SGHS Business Meeting
- Afternoon lectures:

Plants on the Move, by Lucy Coggins

Historic Herbs: Garden Applications and Uses, by Laura Viancour and Sarah Becker

Favorite Fruits of the 18th Century, by Tom Burford

A Look at the 18th Century Use of Cut Flowers & Vases, by Libbey 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 18<sup>th</sup> century tavern is a 5 minute walk from our headquarters. Arrive when you desire.

8:30 P.M. -

An Evening at Gatsby's, dinner, drink 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 Sharrer 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 Ann Pamela Cunningham Building meeting room for the lecture, Rose Greely: Washington's Pioneering Landscape Practitioner, by Joanne Lawson.

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Lunch at River Farm, one of Washington's best farms and home of his personal secretary Tobias Lear in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It is now the site of the American Horticultural Society.

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Afternoon lectures at Mount Vernon:

Applying Conservation Science to Artifacts and Monuments in Historic Gardens, by John Lee and James Adams.

The Landscape of America's Home, the White House, by William Seale

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

An Evening at Mount Vernon. Spend an evening as guests would have two hundred years ago on the grounds of Mount Vernon. Stroll the gardens 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 or 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

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## 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 this works out, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

10.00 A.M.

❖ Tour Hillwood Museum, the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post. Built in 1922, the gardens incorporate styles, elements and aesthetics found in historic gardens of Europe and Japan in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Mrs. Post considered the twelve acres of landscaped grounds to be an extension of her home. Famed landscape architects William Gebhart and Rose Greely designed portions of the grounds of this beautiful house museum located in NW Washington, D.C.