The Southern Garden History Society was founded in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in May 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. Membership is open to anyone interested in the purposes of the Society, upon receipt of dues.

For information about the Society or membership, please write:

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

HOTEL REGISTRATION

Please call the Hotel St. Marie, 1-800-366-2743 or 504-561-8951, to make your reservation; fax, 504-571-2802. The hotel is located at 827 Toulouse Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. Specify that you want the Southern Garden History Society group rate of $135 plus tax for a single or double room, provided there is a two-night minimum stay. The St. Marie is a small, charming hotel; we advise you to make your reservation early. After capacity is reached at the St. Marie, the hotel will book participants at the nearby Prince Conti Hotel at the same rate. Reservations must be received by March 5 to guarantee the group rate.

For questions, call Sally Reeves (504-866-3049) or Betsy Cruel (504-899-8035), meeting co-chairs.

NATIVE PLANTS AND CREOLE GARDENS

SCHS Registration
T. Garden Lane
New Orleans, LA 70124

Mount Vernon Ladies Association
Mt. Vernon Estate
Mount Vernon, VA 22121

Southern Garden History Society
22nd Annual Meeting

May 7 – 9, 2004
New Orleans, Louisiana
ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

For the first time the Southern Garden History Society will hold its annual meeting in New Orleans, a city long celebrated for its multi-faceted history, its architecture and food, and the beauty of its lush gardens. Meetings will take place in the historic French Quarter, complemented by walking tours to see the Quarter’s intimate walled gardens. Lecturers will discuss native plants and the development of horticulture and landscape design in the region from the 18th through the 20th centuries.

The study of 20th-century southern plants-women, begun at last year’s meeting in Atlanta, will continue with discussions of Louisianaian Caroline Dorman (1888-1971) and her home Briarwood, her botanical illustrations and correspondence, and her mission to establish the Kisatchie Natural Forest near Natchitoches.

Friday's meeting will take place at the Williams Research Center (WRC) of The Historic New Orleans Collection. The WRC, a 1915 Beaux-Arts-style structure by architect Edgar Angelo Christy, formerly served as a police station and municipal courthouse. The Saturday meeting will be held in a property of the Louisiana State Museum.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

MORNING
Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. and will continue until 1:00 p.m. at the Hotel St. Marie, 827 Toulouse Street. Before the meeting opens in the afternoon, you may wish to walk around the French Quarter, with stops to see Jackson Square in the heart of the Quarter, the serene garden behind St. Louis Cathedral, or the walled parterre garden on the corner of Chartres and Ursulines Streets.

Lunch is on your own.

AFTERNOON
Williams Research Center, 410 Chartres Street. The program begins at 12:30 with an overview of French and Anglo-American horticulture in Louisiana by Sally Reeves, editor and translator of the SGHS publication Jacques-Felix Lelièvre’s New Louisiana Gardener. Two lectures follow:


Walking tour of French Quarter gardens, which will include a wide variety of garden types, reflecting styles from the 1830s to the present day.

EVENING
Cocktail buffet. Members meet at 840 Conti Street, within walking distance of the hotel. The elegant 1830s building, formerly a private residence, was restored by our hotel for corporate entertaining.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Members should dress for day and evening activities (and wear comfortable shoes).

The meeting will take place at a Louisiana State Museum property. The program begins at 9:30.


Genevieve Trimble, garden restorer of Afton Villa near St. Francisville, Louisiana, and leader in the successful effort to restore the New Orleans Botanical Garden: “The New Orleans Botanical Garden in City Park.”

Lunch at Longue Vue House and Gardens, garden estate of the late Edith and Edgar Stern.

After lunch, tours include the City Park Botanical Garden Show and visits to gardens Uptown and in the Garden District. Cocktails and dinner will follow in a magnificent Garden District home.

SUNDAY, MAY 9


Lunch on the grounds of Laura Plantation in Vacherie, Louisiana.

The tour will return to New Orleans by 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM
SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY
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Full Name ___________________________

Name for name tag ___________________

Title or affiliation (optional) __________

Guest name (for name tag) ___________

Address _____________________________

City, State, Zip _______________________

Telephone number ____________________

Registration fee: $275

Post-conference tour: $50

River Road Plantation Gardens and
Service Buildings/Out Buildings

TOTAL $ __________

Make check payable to: SGHS Annual Meeting

Please return this form with your payment to:

Carol Petit
7 Garden Lane
New Orleans, LA 70124

See back panel for hotel information.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 160 PARTICIPANTS
(MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS).

Fees are not refunded after April 15, 2004.