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## Landscape Preservation

# Beyond the Garden Wall



## Southern Garden History Society

### Annual Meeting

May 4-5, 2007

Annapolis, Maryland

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### BEYOND THE GARDEN WALL

From the 18<sup>th</sup> century walled garden of William Paca, the meeting will look outward to consider garden and landscape history over the span of centuries. Lectures and visits will examine sites representing a range of time periods and uses. Some have undergone significant changes throughout their life spans, while others have survived relatively undisturbed. The meeting will widen our focus from the individual garden to explore the preservation of larger landscapes and plant communities.

#### FRIDAY, May 4, 2007

9:00 A.M. Ongoing Registration  
Governor Calvert House Meeting Room

1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. Introduction to Annapolis  
Governor Calvert House Meeting Room

#### WELCOME:

**Mary Anne Pickens**, President  
Southern Garden History Society

**Mollie Ridout**, Director of Horticulture  
Historic Annapolis Foundation

#### KEYNOTE:

BEYOND BOXWOOD AND THE HERB GARDEN:  
SAVING THE PLACES OF OUR LIVES—PRE-  
SERVING TWENTIETH CENTURY SOUTHERN  
LANDSCAPES

**Davyd Foard Hood**, Landscape Historian

ANNAPOLIS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE  
CHESAPEAKE LANDSCAPE

**Orlando Ridout**, Maryland Historical Trust

THE WILLIAM PACA GARDEN

**Roger Galvin**, Historic Annapolis Foundation

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

**Dinner** on Paca House Terrace

#### SATURDAY, May 5, 2007

8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Business Meeting  
Governor Calvert House Meeting Room

Morning Break

9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

PLANTS IN TIME: HISTORICAL IMPACTS ON  
WOODLANDS

**Dennis Whigham**, Smithsonian Environmental  
Research Center

WILLIAM FARIS, 18<sup>TH</sup>-CENTURY ANNAPOLIS  
GARDENER

**Mark B. Letzer**, Co-editor of *The Diary of  
William Faris*

12:00 Noon

**Lunch** - Boxed lunches in the Paca Garden

1:15 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY GARDENS OF ANNAPOLIS

**Mollie Ridout**, Historic Annapolis Foundation

2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

ANNAPOLIS WALK

A walk through downtown with a self-guiding  
brochure and docents posted at the gardens  
high-lighted in the preceding lecture.

4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Free time to enjoy the ambience of downtown  
Annapolis. Participants may choose to visit  
History Quest, The Banneker-Douglass  
Museum, or the Naval Academy Visitors Center.

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

**Dinner** - A picnic dinner will be served while  
cruising on board the Harbor Queen, which will  
depart from the City Dock, located 3 blocks  
from the hotel. Directions will be provided.

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2007**

**OPTIONAL BUS TOUR**

9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.  
Depart from hotel by bus for points in southern Anne Arundel County.

9:30 A.M. - 11:00 Noon  
HISTORIC LONDON TOWN AND GARDENS:  
REDISCOVERING A 1720 TOWN  
**John Kille**, Assistant Director, Anne Arundel County's Lost Towns Project

**TOUR OF LONDON TOWN**

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.  
SMITHSONIAN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER: A LOOK AT CHANGING WOODLANDS  
**Dennis Whigham**, Senior Scientist, SERC

**Lunch** - Box lunches will be provided at SERC

1:00 P.M.- 3:30 P.M.  
South County drive, with visits to:

**TULIP HILL**, which is one of the finest five part Georgian houses in the United States, with "Chesapeake falls" or terraces and several of the original 18<sup>th</sup> century trees; and a look at Cedar Park, which includes a 1702 "earthfast" dwelling encased in an 18<sup>th</sup> century brick residence set in a deer park overlooking the Chesapeake Bay

**IVY NECK**, where John Colhoun, owner of this 18<sup>th</sup> century property will share his artifacts and stories about the Cumberstone area. His neighbor, Virginia Clagett, a delegate in the Maryland State Legislature, will talk about her legislative initiatives to preserve historic landscapes.

**ST JAMES CHURCH** and the grave of Elizabeth Lawrence, garden writer known best through her books *A Southern Garden* and *Two Gardeners: A Friendship in Letters*.

4:30 P.M. (approximate) - Return to hotel.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**

**Roger Galvin** is a horticulturist and is Head Gardener at the William Paca Garden.

**Davyd Foard Hood** is an architectural and landscape historian. He serves on the board of the Southern Garden History Society and the advisory boards of the biennial *Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes Conference* and serves as book review editor of *Magnolia*.

**John E. Kille** is Assistant Director of Anne Arundel County's Lost Towns Project, which discovers, explores and documents lost 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>-century town settlements.

**Mark B. Letzer** is co-editor of *The Diary of William Faris, The Daily Life of an Annapolis Silversmith* and specializes in the study of eighteenth century Maryland silver. A direct descendant of William Faris, he has spent years researching Faris' life and diary, principally his role as craftsman and gardener.

**Mollie Ridout** is a landscape historian and Director of Horticulture at Historic Annapolis Foundation, where she oversees the William Paca Garden.

**Orlando Ridout**, one of the region's foremost authorities on vernacular architecture, is chief of the field research office of the Maryland Historical Trust and author of *Architecture in Annapolis*.

**Dennis F. Whigham** is a Senior Scientist and Deputy Director at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center where he researches plants, environment and ecological processes.

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**HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**Historic Inns of Annapolis** consists of three historic buildings within two blocks of each other in the Annapolis Historic District. Most of our rooms will be located in the Governor Calvert House, 58 State Circle, where our meeting will convene, but some rooms may be in separate buildings.

You must register before April 3, 2007 to get the conference rate of \$165 per room. The Historic Inns reservation line is 1-800-847-8882.

For other lodging options, contact Mollie Ridout, 410-990-4790 or [mollie.ridout@annapolis.org](mailto:mollie.ridout@annapolis.org)

**Check In**

Check in at the Historic Inns of Annapolis will begin at 10 A.M. on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, however, rooms will not be available for occupancy until 3 P.M. The hotel can offer a limited amount of baggage storage before 3 P.M.

**Transportation**

If you are traveling by plane, BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport (located between Baltimore and Washington) is convenient for shuttle transportation to Annapolis. The Airport Shuttle ([www.theairportshuttle.com](http://www.theairportshuttle.com), 1-800-776-0323) provides ground transportation from BWI to Historic Inns of Annapolis for \$35.

If you are traveling by car, garage parking for hotel guests is available for \$18 per night. Please be aware that on street parking in Annapolis is extremely limited.

All conference activities on Friday and Saturday are within a five block area and only accessible by walking. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and bring an umbrella.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Meeting (May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) \$280

Optional Bus Tour (May 6<sup>th</sup>) \$ 60

Enclosed is a check payable to **SGHS** in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

***Refunds cannot be made for cancellations received after April 3, 2007.***

Please mail Registration Form with payment::  
SGHS Annapolis  
Attn: Mollie Ridout  
P.O. Box 1463  
Annapolis, MD 21404-1463

**SGHS membership is required for meeting registration.**

Individual \$25

Joint \$40

Please mail membership dues separately to:  
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