Landscape Preservation

Beyond the Garden Wall

From the 18th 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 Poard 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, 18TH-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.
18TH 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 18th century trees; and a look at Cedar Park, which includes a 1702 “earthfast” dwelling encased in an 18th century brick residence set in a deer park overlooking the Chesapeake Bay
IVY NECK, where John Colhoun, owner of this 18th 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 Foad 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 17th and 18th-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 reservations line is 1-800-847-9882.

For other lodging options, contact Mollie Ridout, 410-990-4790 or mollie.ridout@annapolis.org

Check In

Check in at the Historic Inns of Annapolis will begin at 10 A.M. on Friday, May 4th, 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, 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 4th & 5th) $280
Optional Bus Tour  (May 6th) $  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 to:
SGHS Annapolis
Attn: Mollie Ridout
P.O. Box 1463
Annapolis, MD 21404-1463

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Individual $25
Joint $40

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