

An Invitation

In *Gardens of Colony and State, Volume II*, published in 1933 by the Garden Club of America, Camden was described as a “town whose size is so incommensurate with the fulness of its history,” a panorama of people and place that begins in the colonial period, includes two Revolutionary War battles, and continues to the present. “Lovely and peaceful lies the little town and in it and around it are still surviving some of the charming old gardens of South Carolina. Gentlemen built here after the fashion of the older world, and beautified their grounds with the floral treasures of many lands. Some of the finest evergreen hedges in America are flourishing here, for the English love of clipped and trained evergreen was an unfailing feature in the majority of these gardens.”



Holly Hedge

The program and tours for the 2009 annual meeting of the Southern Garden History Society are arranged to present this Southern oasis, the location of a winter, equestrian colony that has retained its legendary charm and character, for attendees' appreciation and enjoyment. While some of the gardens that existed in the 1930s are lost, the Friday afternoon walking tour includes Holly Hedge, which was described in *Gardens . . .* as “The most notable garden in Camden in beauty of arrangement and charm of planting”, and others that span the twentieth century. The Sunday bus tour includes visits to Mulberry, Millford, and The Borough House, three of South Carolina's most important plantations—and all National Historic Landmarks, and Pearl Fryar's extraordinary topiary garden at Bishopville, where his “love of clipped and trained evergreen” is without parallel.

The Speakers

Walter B. Edgar, the Claude Henry Neuffer Professor of Southern Studies at the University of South Carolina, is the author of numerous works on his adopted state, including *South Carolina: A History* (1998), and editor of *The South Carolina Encyclopedia* (2006).

J. Stephen Smith, a restoration architect and preservationist, served on the staffs of the Texas Historical Commission and the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, prior to undertaking private work in South Carolina in 1978. He is a resident of Camden.

Marty Daniels, who lives at Mulberry Plantation, is a great-great-granddaughter of Mary Boykin Chesnut's sister, Mrs. David R. Williams II.

James Everett Kibler, a native of Newberry County, South Carolina, and the author of *Our Fathers' Fields: A Southern Story* (1998) and the Clay Bank County series of novels, lives at Ballylee, an 18th century Newberry County plantation with an early-19th century garden.

R. Austin Jenkins, a naturalist who was educated at The Citadel and Clemson University, where he earned his doctorate in botany/herpetology, is a Camden resident and the executive director of the Katawba Valley Land Trust.

William Patterson, who started growing roses found in his great-grandmother's garden while in grammar school, is the founder of Roses Unlimited, which offers over 1,200 different rose varieties, and the recipient of Bronze and Silver Medals from the American Rose Society.

PROGRAM

2009 Annual Meeting
Southern Garden History Society
Camden, South Carolina
2-5 April 2009

Thursday, 2 April 2009

4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Registration—Comfort Inn, 220 Wall Street (at I-20), Camden, SC

Friday, 3 April 2009

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration—Comfort Inn
1:00 p.m. Opening Session—Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County, 810 Lyttleton Street
Welcome—Jeffrey R. Graham, Mayor, The City of Camden
Camden: From Trading Post to Winter Colony • Walter B. Edgar
1:15 p.m. *Camden: An Architectural Overview* • J. Stephen Smith
2:00 p.m. Minibuses depart FAC for the Fair and Greene Streets walking tour
3:00 p.m. #1 will drop off at the Witwer Garden, 1801 Fair Street
#2 will drop off at Holly Hedge, 302 Greene Street
#3 will drop off at The Sycamores, 1818 Fair Street
#4 will drop off at Duffields, 202 Greene Street
Refreshments will be served at The Sycamores throughout the afternoon tour.
5:00 p.m. Minibus #1 will depart The Sycamores for return to the FAC.
5:30 p.m. Last minibus departs The Sycamores for return to the FAC.
• Attendees can return to their lodgings, dress, and continue by their cars to
6:30 p.m. Drinks and Dinner—The Terraces at Plane Hill Plantation, 691 Cantey Lane, Boykin, SC

Saturday, 4 April 2009

8:00 a.m. Coffee, Tea and Juice—Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County
8:30 a.m. Morning Session & SGHS Business Meeting—Fine Arts Center
8:45 a.m. *Mary Chesnut at Mulberry* • Marty Daniels
9:15 a.m. *Upcountry Garden Sophistication: The Evidence of Pomaria Nurseries* • James Everett Kibler
10:00 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. *The Native Flora of the Camden Area* • R. Austin Jenkins
11:00 a.m. *Growing Up With Old Garden Roses* • William Patterson
11:30 a.m. SGHS Business Meeting • Jeff Lewis, president
12:15 p.m. Minibuses depart FAC for lunch
12:30 p.m. Buffet Lunch • Millynn, 101 Kirkwood Lane
1:45 p.m. Garden Walking Tour
Horsebranch Hall, 102 Kirkwood Lane
Kamschatka, 108 Kirkwood Lane
Kirkwood Common
3:30 p.m. Minibuses begin departing Millynn for FAC
3:45 p.m.-- Free time for shopping, touring, etc.
4:15 p.m. Last minibus departs Millynn for FAC
6:30 p.m. Drinks and Dinner • National Steeplechase Museum, 200 Knights Hill Road, Camden, SC

Sunday, 5 April 2009

SUBSCRIPTION BUS TOUR

9:00 a.m. Buses depart Comfort Inn for
9:15 a.m. Mulberry Plantation
10:15 a.m. Depart Mulberry Plantation for
11:00 a.m. Millford Plantation • Pinewood, SC
Tour of house and gardens
12:00 Noon Box Lunch
1:00 p.m. Bus #1 departs for Stateburg, parking at the Church of the Holy Cross for tour of
The Borough House Garden and Church Cemetery
Bus #2 departs for Bishopville, and tour of the Pearl Fryar Garden
3:00 p.m. Bus #1 departs Stateburg for Bishopville and tour of the Pearl Fryar Garden
Bus #2 departs Bishopville for Stateburg for tour of The Borough House Garden and Church of the
Holy Cross Cemetery
5:00 p.m. Both buses return to the Comfort Inn

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Camden is located at the intersection of US 1 and US 521/601, about thirty-two miles northeast of Columbia, the capital of South Carolina. Camden is easily accessible by I-20 or by air to Columbia (or Charlotte, NC) and thence by rental car. The city is laid out on a grid with Broad Street (US 521/601), the principal north-south axis, and DeKalb Street (US 1), its principal east/west artery. Broad Street extended/Sumter Highway links Camden with I-20 immediately to the south.

Registration: The Comfort Inn, located at 220 Wall Street, in the northeast corner of I-20 and Broad Street extended/Sumter Highway at exit 98, is the designated meeting accommodation. The registration desk will be located in the lobby of the Comfort Inn and open on scheduled hours Thursday and Friday.

Transportation: A map showing the location of all events and tours will be included in the registration package. Attendees will drive from their lodgings to the Fine Arts Center on both Friday and Saturday. Minibuses will provide transportation to and from the afternoon walking tours on both days. Travel to and from the Friday and Saturday evening events will be by attendees' vehicles. Two buses will depart from the Comfort Inn on Sunday morning for the subscription tour and return to it at the end of the tour. Attendees staying at the Comfort Inn or other lodgings can leave their cars at the inn during the day. Participation in the Sunday tour will be limited to the capacity of the two buses (98 passengers). No tag-along travel by private car will be allowed.

Weather and Dress: The day temperature in Camden in early April ranges in the upper 60s with a drop into the 50s in the evening. Dress for daytime events is casual; attendees are allowed time on the schedule to refresh their appearance for drinks and dinner at The Terraces and the National Steeplechase Museum on Friday and Saturday evenings, respectively. Light jackets, sweaters, or other wraps are recommended.

Further Information: For additional information, please call Davyd Foard Hood at 704/462-1847, or write to him at: Isinglass, 6907 Old Shelby Road, Vale, NC 28168. -

Cancellation Policy: Full refunds for cancellations will be honored if received in writing or by telephone to Mr. Hood by 5:00 p.m., Friday, 20 March 2009. No refunds will be available thereafter, although substitutions will be allowed.

LODGING

A total of 35 non-smoking rooms are reserved at the Comfort Inn, comprising 15 with two double beds and 10 rooms with king-size beds at \$99.95 per night, and 10 suites with king-size beds and a sleep sofa at \$109.95. The rates are in effect for Friday and Saturday evenings, 3-4 April, up to 8 March. Those rates will also be in effect for Thursday and Sunday evenings for those who arrive early or stay after the Sunday tour. Please note 8 March is the deadline for those rates. The telephone number for the Comfort Inn is 803/425-1010.

A Holiday Inn Express is located in the opposite, northwest corner of I-20 and South Broad Street. Twenty-five non-smoking rooms are reserved for attendees at this lodging comprising 10 rooms with two queen-size beds and 10 rooms with one king-size bed at \$99.95 and 5 suites with two queen-size beds and a sleep sofa at \$109.95. Again, these rates are in effect for the nights of 3-4 April through 8 March and also available for Thursday and/or Sunday evenings until 8 March. The telephone number at the Holiday Inn Express is 803/424-5000.

Additional Accommodations

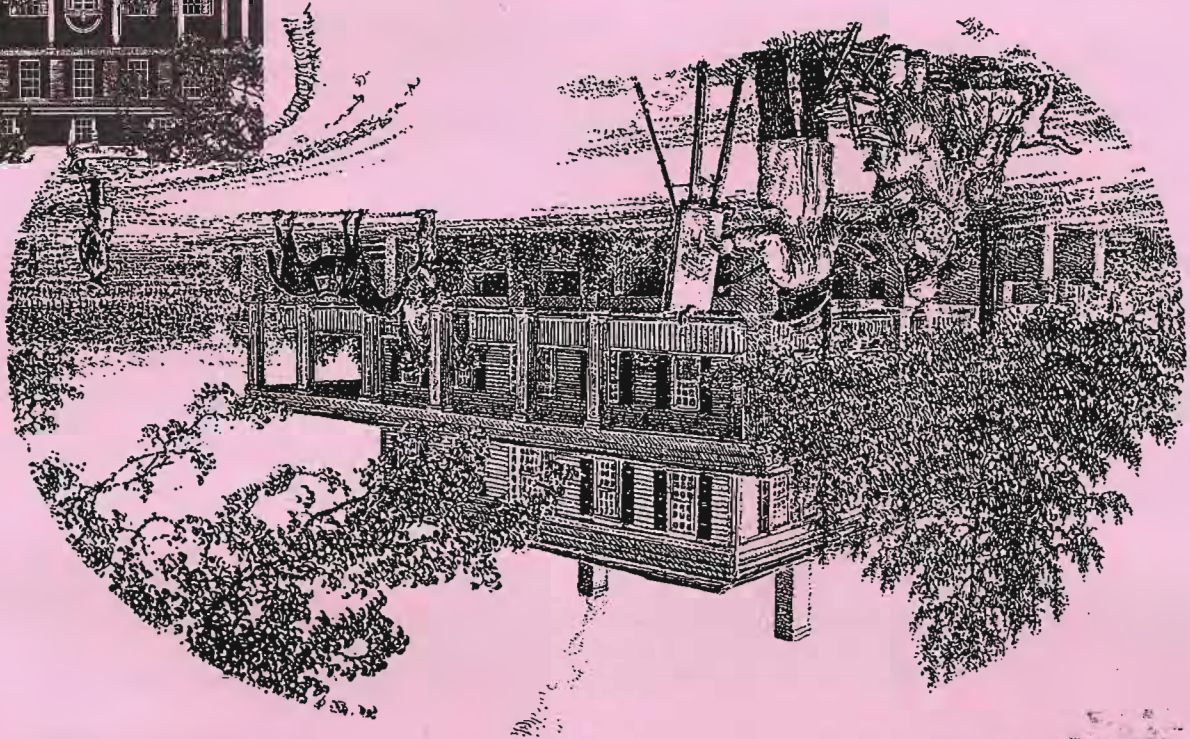
Attendees wishing to stay in Camden's historic district have their choice of three bed and breakfast inns.

- Bloomsbury Inn, 1707 Lyttleton Street, is located in a house of the same name built in 1849 by James Chesnut. It is operated by Katherine Brown, a member of SGHS, and has three rooms.
Telephone: 803/432-5858.
- Greenleaf Inn, 1308 Broad Street, features six rooms in the antebellum Reynolds House and four rooms in the adjoining late-19th century McLean House that also contains its dining room.
Telephone: 800/437-5874.
- Camden House Bed and Breakfast, 1502 Broad Street, is located in a grand antebellum house with a two-story portico overlooking Broad Street and offers four rooms.
Telephone: 803/713-1013.

Mulberry



PLANT HILL



The SGHS Annual Meeting
Post Office Box 11
Vale, North Carolina 28168



Kamschatka



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Southern Garden History Society, being held in Camden, South Carolina, in cooperation with the Camden Garden Club, is limited to members of the Society. Membership information appears at the bottom of this page. Registration is limited to 140, and acceptance for the meeting will follow on receipt of the form and your check.

Early registration (received by 14 March)	\$285.00	_____
Registration (received up to 27 March)	\$310.00	_____
Sunday Bus Tour	\$65.00	_____

Name(s) -- please type or print

Name preferred for badge

(company name/institutional affiliation -- if desired)

Mailing Address

Post office/state/zip code

Home telephone

Work/office telephone

If you have special dietary requirements or require vegetarian meals, please note here; _____

Return this form with your check payable to **SGHS 2009 Annual Meeting** to: The SGHS 2009 Annual Meeting, Post Office Box 11, Vale, NC 28168.

SGHS Membership

To become a member of the Southern Garden History Society, please return this form with your check to: Southern Garden History Society, Old Salem Museums and Gardens, 600 S. Main Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

Annual Membership Dues

Please type or print clearly.

___ Benefactor \$250
___ Patron \$150
___ Sustainer \$75
___ Institution or Business \$50
___ Joint \$40
___ Individual \$25
___ Student \$10

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