Celebrating our Past
THREE DECADES OF THE
SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY
A COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM
Cultivating our Future
The Southern Garden History Society was founded in 1982 by a small group of garden historians in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. They envisioned a society that fostered research, study, and a greater appreciation of historic landscapes and gardens across the South. From its modest beginning, the society has prospered for thirty years, thanks to the hard work, dedication, and commitment of many people. Today, we have over 500 passionate members spread across the southern United States. As we hold our thirty-first annual meeting, we celebrate a milestone for the society—our thirty-year heritage.

In this commemorative program, we have highlighted the key leaders and early members who played a significant role in establishing a strong foundation for our society. The honorees included in this program made significant contributions to the success we enjoy today. This program covers the first three decades of the society’s history with an emphasis on the first ten years, as it was during the opening decade that the society began to prosper. We extend our gratitude to all who were involved in establishing our roots and look forward to the upcoming decades. As we move into the future, we do so with great respect for our past.

Our Founding

We owe a special debt of gratitude to our original founders and our founding board members. After William Lanier Hunt suggested the idea of creating a Southern Garden History Society, Flora Ann Bynum and John B. Flowers III moved forward and started the society. In the early years, our visionary founding board helped create a solid foundation for the society to grow and prosper.

Founders

Flora Ann Bynum*  
John B. Flowers III  
William Lanier Hunt*

Founding Board Members

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Hugh Graham Dargan  
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Annapolis, MD

* Deceased  
** Passed away after 2013 Annual Meeting

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Over the years, the board of directors has played a major role in the success of our organization. The members of our rotating, all-volunteer board have contributed their time, energy, and expertise to help make the society the most respected regional garden history society in the country. We extend our appreciation for their wisdom, insight, and guidance.

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James R. Cothran*                 Atlanta, GA
Ruth Coy                          Richmond, KY
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Greg Grant                        Center, Texas
Florence P. Griffin* (Honorary)   Atlanta, GA
Gail Griffin                      Washington, DC
Louise S. Gunn                    Atlanta, GA
Susan Haltom                      Ridgeland, MS
Peter J. Hatch                    Charlottesville, VA
Nancy F. Haywood                  Houston, TX
Susan L. Hitchcock                Atlanta, GA
Sherold D. Hollingsworth          Winston-Salem, NC
Davyd Foard Hood                  Vale, NC
Harriet H. Jansma                 Fayetteville, AR
Lucy Lawliss                      Fredericksburg, VA
Henry Lawrence                    Murrells Inlet, SC
Anne Legett                       Baton Rouge, LA
A. Jefferson Lewis III            Athens, GA
E. “Shingo” Dameron Manard        St. Francisville, LA
Kenneth M. McFarland (Honorary)   Fredericksburg, VA
Evelyn “Patti” McGee              Charleston, SC
J. Dean Norton                    Mount Vernon, VA
Larry Paarlberg                   Tallahassee, FL
Benjamin G. Page, Jr. (Honorary)  Nashville, TN
Mary Anne Pickens (Honorary)      Columbus, TX
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Mollie Ridout                     Annapolis, MD
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Lee Bynum Schwall                 Winston-Salem, NC
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John Sykes                        Baton Rouge, LA
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Suzanne L. Turner                 Baton Rouge, LA
Susan Urshel                      Fort Worth, TX
William C. Welch (Honorary)       College Station, TX
Jane Baber White                  Lynchburg, VA
Carleton B. Wood                  LaGrange, GA
Leadership

Over the years, the society has benefited from strong leadership. Since our founding, sixteen different presidents have provided wise and stable guidance. Thanks to their commitment and direction, the society has prospered.

Past Presidents

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<td>Staci L. Catron</td>
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Magnolia

From its humble beginning as *Hoe and Tell!* in 1983, the society’s quarterly bulletin has grown to become a highly respected professional publication. Renamed *Magnolia* in 1984, the publication has been a great success thanks to a small handful of people who have dedicated countless hours to its production. It has indeed become a publication that members eagerly look forward to receiving. We also thank all those who have contributed articles, calendar listings, meeting reviews, and other information to *Magnolia* over the years. In the early years the editor was assisted by a group of state editors. Occasionally, *Magnolia* has been augmented by *Magnolia Essays*, which was conceived to feature significant papers too long to publish in *Magnolia*. The society has also partnered with several other organizations to publish proceedings and books on topics related to southern garden history.

Magnolia Editors

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Early State Editors

Alabama, George R. Stritikus*; Arkansas, Jane Crawford and Bill Hall; Florida, Mary A. Staab; Georgia, Lucy Lawliss; Louisiana, Dana Martin Currier; Maryland, M. Edward Shull; Mississippi, Glenn Halton**; North Carolina, Kenneth M. McFarland; South Carolina, Mary Palmer Dargan; Tennessee, Martha Bradley; Texas, William C. Welch; Virginia, J. Dean Norton; West Virginia, Pricilla Lawson

Other Publications

The New Louisiana Gardener - Nouveau Jardinier de la Louisiane
1838 publication by Jacques-Felix Lelièvre and translated into English by Sally Kittredge Reeves. Published by LSU Press in cooperation with the Southern Garden History Society in 2001.

Residential Work of the Olmsted Firm in Georgia, 1893-1937
The society’s annual meeting is an honored tradition that brings members together at unique locations across the South. The tradition began in 1983 with the first meeting in Atlanta, Georgia and continues today with our thirty-first annual meeting in Lynchburg, Virginia. Each year a dedicated individual or group of individuals coordinate and organize the annual meeting. Thank you for welcoming the society into your communities and sharing your gardens with our members. The society also regularly co-sponsors the biennial Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes Conference held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina with Old Salem Museums & Gardens and Reynolda House Museum of American Art.

### Annual Meeting Coordinators and Locations

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<td>Glenn L. Halton**</td>
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<td>A. St. Clair Wright*</td>
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<td>1987</td>
<td>Peter J. Hatch and Peggy Cornett</td>
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<td>Mary Helen Ray*</td>
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<td>M. Edward Shull and Nan Shull</td>
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<td>Jane Baber White (With assistance from Heidi James, Mina Wood, Nancy Marion, Melanie Christian, Jessica Ward, Mary Kathryn McIntosh, Foxie Morgan, Betty Sue Brown, Leigh Giles, Kay VanAllen, Ted Delaney, Tom Burford, and Al Chambers)</td>
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The society periodically presents awards to individuals who have provided outstanding service to the society or who have significantly advanced its mission and goals. The Flora Ann Bynum award is the highest award bestowed. The Certificate of Merit is awarded to both members or non-members who have made a significant contribution to the field. Honorary Director may be bestowed on individuals who have rendered exceptional service to the society. Awards to date are listed below.

**Flora Ann Bynum Medal Recipients**

- Flora Ann Bynum* (2005)
- Peggy Cornett (2008)
- Peter J. Hatch (2012)

**Certificate of Merit Recipients**

- Margaret Page Bemiss (2010)
- Evelyn “Patti” McGee (2010)
- Jane Baber White (2010)
- James R. Cothran* (2011)
- Davyd Foard Hood (2012)

**Honorary Directors**

- Jane Campbell Symmes (2012)
- Kenneth M. McFarland (2010)
- Mary Anne Pickens (2010)
- Florence P. Griffin* (2002)
- Madison, GA
- Fredericksburg, VA
- Columbus, TX
- College Station, TX
- Nashville, TN
- Montgomery, AL
- Atlanta, GA

**Lifetime Members**

Over the years, numerous members have provided invaluable financial support for the society. Thanks to the commitment of many generous people, the society moves into its fourth decade with a solid financial base. The lifetime members listed below have demonstrated a particularly strong commitment to the society. We are also extremely grateful for the patron and benefactor level members who have supported the society over the years.

- Jeff Abt
- Fred Bartenstein
- Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Dargan
- Greg Grant
- Louise S. Gunn
- Judith M. Hanes
- Nancy F. Haywood
- Barbara B. Manard
- E. “Shingo” Dameron Manard
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. McGee
- Lucy A. McGinnis
- Dr. Ruby O. Osborne
- Mrs. Walter M. Robinson, Jr.
- Deen Day Sanders
- Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stromeyer
- Linda M. Williams
One-hundred seventeen early supporters joined the society between May of 1982 and May of 1983. By joining during the first year of the society’s formation, they are our official charter members. To them we express a debt of gratitude. The charter member list was reprinted from the twentieth commemorative edition of *Magnolia*, published in the fall of 2002.

Robert L. Ables, Charleston, SC
Mrs. Ivan Allan, Jr., Atlanta, GA
Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Jr., Columbia, MS
Mrs. Cleo Barnwell, Shreveport, LA
Mrs. James C. Barrett, Flat Rock, NC
Mrs. James A. Biggs, Natchez, MS
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL
Mrs. John J. Bond, Boone, NC
Mrs. R. L. Boxwell, Greensboro, GA
Dr. Martha W. Bradlye, Johnson City, TN
Mrs. Duncan Briggs, Jackson, MS
C. Allan Brown, Little Rock, AR
Allen W. Bush, Fletcher, NC
Mrs. Zachary T. Bynum, Jr., Winston-Salem, NC
Janice Friester Byrne, Natchez, MS
Mrs. W. F. Callhoun, Natchez, MS
Mrs. Richard A. Campbell, Natchez, MS
Mrs. Julian S. Carr, Atlanta, GA
Charles L. Clemons, Montgomery, AL
Jane C. Crawford, Fayetteville, AR
Hugh G. Dargan, Jr., Charleston, SC
Mrs. Ovid R. Davis, Atlanta, GA
Robert B. DeMaine, Chapel Hill, NC
Dunaway Gardens Restoration, Inc., Newnan, GA
Edith Eddleman, Durham, NC
Mrs. Edward D. Eitd, Vidalia, LA
Mrs. James P. Evans, Jr., Jackson, MS
Mrs. U. B. Evans, Ferriday, LA
Cynthia L. Fechner, Charlottesville, VA
Mrs. Charles C. Feltus, Natchez, MS
Edna W. Ferguson, Natchez, MS
Mrs. I. J. Florence, Natchez, MS
Mrs. Thomas Florence, Marietta, GA
Mrs. Graydon Flowers, Sr., Mattson, MS
Mrs. Graydon Flowers, Jr., Dublin, MS
John Baxton Flowers III, Durham, NC
Susan Bliss Frett, Southern Pines, NC
Mrs. Thomas H. Gandy, Natchez, MS
H. Hal Garner, Vidalia, LA
Dr. Edgar G. Givhan, Montgomery, AL
Mrs. Frank Gladney, Baton Rouge, LA
Cynthia E. Grant, Columbia, SC
Mrs. Robert W. Graves, Jackson, MS
Mrs. John T. Green, Natchez, MS
Thomas M. Greene, Southern Pines, NC
Helen C. Griffith, Atlanta, GA
Mrs. William W. Griffin, Atlanta, GA
Mrs. Saul Habas, Natchez, MS
Mrs. Robert B. Haltom, Natchez, MS
Carol S. Hancock, Demorest, GA
Mrs. Haines Hargrett, Atlanta, GA
Mrs. Carl Hartrampf, Jr., Atlanta, GA
Madalene Hill, Cleveland, TX
Mrs. Francis W. Howe, Pinehurst, NC
Catherine M. Howett, Atlanta, GA
Karen Humeniuk Landscape Design, Greenville, SC
William Lanier Hunt, Chapel Hill, NC
Mrs. Jerome Jansma, Fayetteville, AR
Mrs. Thomas P. Jerman, Pinehurst, NC
Mrs. David Lauffer, Atlanta, GA
Mrs. O. T. Lollin, Jr., Ferriday, LA
Sally-Bruce McClatchey, Atlanta, GA
John F. McElhen, Savannah, GA
Mrs. Max McLaurin, Jackson, MS
Mrs. Robert McMillan, Winston-Salem, NC
Mrs. Cecil C. Malone, Jr., Atlanta, GA
Roy W. Mann, Jr., Rome, GA
Mrs. H. D. Meaders, Marietta, GA
Mrs. B. R. Moore, Atlanta, GA
Mrs. J. W. Moncrief, Jr., Monroe, NC
Joseph C. Morris, Rockingham, NC
Mrs. Ronald A. Moss, Mount Pleasant, MI
M. C. “Mac” Newsom III, Raleigh, NC
J. Dean Norton, Mount Vernon, VA
Mrs. Edwin Bennett Ogden, Natchez, MS
Ben and Libby Page, Nashville, TN
Philip S. Page, Winston-Salem, NC
Mrs. Owen T. Palmer, Gulfport, MS
Gerald S. Powers, Houston, TX
William G. Randles, Hermitage, TN
Mrs. Charles E. Ratcliffe, Natchez, MS
Mrs. Warren D. Reimers, Jackson, MS
Dr. David H. Rembert, Jr., Columbia, SC
Mrs. J. M. Reynolds, Greensboro, GA
Mrs. Whit Robinson, Natchez, MS
Ellen R. Samuels, New York, NY
Susan E. Schnare, Athens, GA
Suzanne A. Schrag, Mount Vernon, VA
Nancy Nye Schroll, Charlotteville, VA
Mrs. R. L. Scott, Jonesville, LA
Ms. Elaine T. Segner, Raleigh, NC
Stella R. Sharp, Natchez, MS
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M. Edward Shull, Catonsville, MD
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Mrs. Fred Smithdeal, Winston-Salem, NC
Mrs. Edward V. Staub, Chapel Hill, NC
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Mrs. John C. Symmes, Madison, GA
Mrs. Clifford Tillman, Natchez, MS
Mrs. C. R. Tillman, Natchez, MS
Mrs. LeDare H. Thompson, Columbia, SC
Ken Traynham, Chapel Hill, NC
Mary Walton Upchurch, Montgomery, AL
Susan E. Urshel, Greensboro, NC
Mrs. J. F. Walter, Atlanta, GA
Mrs. Frank H. Weller, Monkton, MD
Mrs. Thomas L. Williams, Jr., Thomasville, GA
Mrs. Charles T. Wilson, Durham, NC
Mrs. Samuel L. Winston, Jr., Vidalia, LA
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lambdin Winston III, Vidalia, LA
Mrs. Charles K. Wright, Atlanta, GA
Col. and Mrs. J. M. P. Wright, Annapolis, MD
The purpose of the Southern Garden History Society shall be to encourage and promote scholarship of southern garden and landscape history, historical horticulture, and the preservation and restoration of historic gardens and landscapes in the South. It shall gather and disseminate southern garden history through forums, conferences, publications, and other means deemed appropriate by the board. The society is funded by membership dues and charitable gifts. Those interested in supporting the society should contact the society at the address below. Gifts may also be made online through the society’s website. The society, a 501c3 non-profit, recently established the Flora Ann Bynum Endowment Fund with the North Carolina Community Foundation. Society funds are used to publish Magnolia, provide annual meeting scholarships, support the biennial Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes Conference, and other society initiatives.