Publications
The premier publication of the Southern Garden History Society is its periodical, *Magnolia*, which provides readers with scholarly articles on historic gardens and landscapes, southern gardeners, and heirloom plants. Additionally, outstanding book reviews and a calendar of events keep members abreast of current information and activities.

Occasional publications by the society include collected essays from the conferences on Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes and the first English translation of *Nouveau Jardinier de la Louisiane*, the *New Louisiana Gardener*. The Cherokee Garden Library at the Atlanta History Center serves as the archives for the society.

Leadership
The society is led by a volunteer board of twelve directors, four officers, and several honorary directors. Board members are elected at the annual meetings and meet twice yearly. Current officers and board members are listed on the society's Web site.

Southern Garden History Society

"For the study and enjoyment of garden history in the Southern States."

William Lanier Hunt, 1979

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**PURPOSE**

The Southern Garden History Society is a group of enthusiasts and professionals that fosters and shares scholarly research about our historic gardens, cultural landscapes, and horticultural history through educational programs and publications. We celebrate the beauty and diversity of the South's historic gardens and encourage their preservation and restoration so they may enrich the lives of others.

**BACKGROUND**

The Southern Garden History Society was founded in North Carolina in May 1982 as an outgrowth of a continuing series of biennial conferences on Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes held at Old Salem. Flora Ann Bynum, William Lanier Hunt, and John B. Flowers, who organized the first conference in 1979, were the founders of the society. The society's region of interest covers fourteen states from Maryland to Texas including the District of Columbia.

**MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT**

Membership is open to individuals, families, historic sites, public gardens, or organizations interested in southern gardens and landscapes. Currently there are over 550 members from across the United States. Annual dues allow the society to produce *Magnolia*, provide annual meeting scholarships, maintain the Web site, support conferences, present annual awards, and pursue other preservation initiatives.

Charitable contributions also help advance the mission of the society. The society has initiated an endowment fund and welcomes gifts of support. The society is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and all donations are deductible for federal income tax purposes.

**MEETINGS**

An annual meeting is held each spring in different locations across the South. At each meeting approximately 175 members gather to study the garden and landscape history of that area. Meetings include informative garden tours, educational lectures, and social events that encourage membership interaction. The society also co-sponsors the Conference on Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes every two years in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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