A Conference for the States of the Upper South

Old Salem again will serve as the setting for "Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes," the fourth conference to be held dealing with historical horticulture in the upper southern states of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The program will present topics of interest to professional and laymen alike and provide an opportunity to learn and share information in the field of landscape restoration in the South.

Registration

Registration may be made by returning the enclosed registration card with the conference fee of $175 to Mrs. JoAnn Grote, conference registrar, Old Salem, Inc., Salem Station, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27108, telephone 919-723-3688. The conference fee includes the three meals and all other features listed on the program.

Registration is limited to 100 persons, and reservations will be accepted as they are received. Full registration fee will be returned if cancellation is made by October 14, 1983.

Hotel Accommodations

Rooms for conference participants have been reserved at the Winston-Salem Hilton, located ½ mile from Old Salem. Reservation cards should be sent to the Hilton no later than October 7th to assure accommodations. If you call the Hilton for reservations (919-723-7911), please identify yourself as part of the Old Salem Landscape Conference.

Room rates are $40.00 single, $48.00 double. Courteous van service is available from Smith Reynolds Airport to the Winston-Salem Hilton if arrangements are made in advance. Limousine service is available for those arriving at the Greensboro Airport. If you are driving either east or west on I-40, the Hilton is right off the Cherry Street Exit. For those needing assistance in getting to Old Salem, the Hilton has a van available. Please make arrangements in advance with the bellman.

Sponsoring Organizations

OLD SALEM, INC., is a non-profit educational corporation organized in 1950. It is responsible for the restoration of Old Salem, the Moravian congregation town founded in 1766, and the operation of nine house museums and the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts in the historic district.

REYNOLDA GARDENS, which were designed in 1916 by Thomas W. Sears of Philadelphia, were donated in 1958 to Wake Forest University by the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation. The gardens and greenhouses are located on the former estate of Richard J. Reynolds, founder of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

STAGVILLE PRESERVATION CENTER, located in Durham, is a cooperative venture of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, and the Stagville Center Corporation. It is the first state-owned center for the teaching and development of historic preservation and its related technology in the United States.

MUSEUM HOURS

Old Salem exhibit buildings are open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sundays 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Old Salem Reception Center. Reservations for tours of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts may be scheduled at the reception center or at MESDA. Reynolds House is open for tours 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sundays 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., closed Mondays.

THE CONFERENCE LOGO on the cover represents four periods in Southern gardening. The white pattern is one from Sauthier's Edenton map of 1767 showing a garden pattern at Pembroke Plantation. The doorway is Georgian from the 18th and early 19th centuries. The flowers came from a book of Victorian designs, and the garden pattern resembles the early 20th century lattice work garden fences used in many Southern gardens.

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Program

October 27-29, 1983

Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Thursday, October 27
10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Old Salem Reception Center
Registration and book display.
1:00 p.m. MESDA Auditorium
Welcome to Old Salem: Arthur Spang, Jr., president, Old Salem, Inc.
1:15-2:30 p.m. "Southern Gardens: Landscapes of Memory, Myth, and Metaphor," Catherine Howett, assistant professor, School of Environmental Design, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.
4:15 p.m. Hilton
Bus leaves for Tanglewood Park, former estate of William Neal Reynolds.
4:45 p.m. Tanglewood Park
Tour of park and history of the estate, Ron Linville, assistant park director.
5:30-6:45 p.m. Informal buffet supper. The Manor House.
7:00-9:00 p.m. "Sharing Session: "What’s New in Old Landscapes in the Upper South?" Tanglewood Club House. Questions and discussion.
9:00 p.m. Coffee and dessert.

Friday, October 28
9:00-10:30 a.m. MESDA Auditorium
A case study in garden restoration using the Latimer House garden in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Historical background: John B. Flowers III, historical researcher, Stagville Preservation Center, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.
Restoring the garden: Rudy Favretti, professor of landscape architecture, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut. Questions and discussion.

10:30-11:00 a.m. Break. Coffee and Moravian sugar cake.
11:00-11:30 a.m. "Old World Gardening in the Carolina Wilderness (1755-1796) at Beulahbina, Salem’s Predecessor," Flora Ann L. Bynum, chairman, landscape restoration committee, Old Salem, Inc.
11:30 a.m. Old Salem Gardens Tours.
12:15-1:15 p.m. John Henry Leinbach Garden (c. 1820)
Lunch. Sister Leinbach and a neighbor, garden interpreters-in-role, will greet visitors.
1:30-2:30 p.m. MESDA Auditorium
"George Washington’s Mount Vernon—Is It As It Was?" J. Dean Norton, horticulturist, Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association, Mount Vernon, Virginia.
2:30-2:45 p.m. Break.

5:00 p.m. Hilton
Buses leave for Reynolds House and Gardens.
5:30-6:15 p.m. Reynolds Gardens
Tours. Punch served.
6:15-7:15 p.m. Informal buffet supper. Reynolds greenhouse complex. (The 1912 Lord & Burnham conservatory was recently restored.)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Reynolds House
Reynolds Gardens Eclectic dinner at In Best.; Mr. Favratti. Reynolds House living room.
8:30-9:30 p.m. Informal tour of Reynolds House, former estate of R. J. Reynolds. Wine served on the sun porch.

Saturday, October 29
9:00-9:45 a.m. MESDA Auditorium
"Finding Old Varieties of Plants," Peter Hatch, superintendent of grounds, Monticello, Charlottesville, Virginia.
9:45-10:15 a.m. Break. Coffee and Moravian cookies.
10:15-11:30 a.m. Panel discussion: "What do we grow in a restored garden? Where do we find the correct plants?" Moderator: Mr. Hatch. Panel members: Mr. Hatch, Peggy Curnett Newcomb, assistant to the superintendent of grounds, Monticello, Philip S. Page, horticulturist, Old Salem, Inc.
11:30 a.m. Adjournment.