A Conference for the Southern States

Salem Academy and College in historic Old Salem serves as the setting for the ninth conference on “Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes,” held biennially to discuss historical horticulture, garden history, and landscape restoration in the southern states. The program presents topics of interest to the professional and layman alike and provides an opportunity to learn and share information in this field in the South.

The conference has been certified by the National Council of State Garden Clubs as a refresher course for landscape design critics.

Registration

Registration can be made by returning the enclosed registration card with the conference fee to: Landscape Conference Registrar, Old Salem Inc., Box F, Salem Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27108, Tel. 919-721-7352. The conference fee includes the three meals and all other features listed on the program. Registration is limited, and reservations will be accepted as they are received. Full registration fee will be returned if cancellation is made by September 23, 1993.

Hotel Accommodations

Rooms for conference participants are reserved at Brookstown Inn, one-half mile from Old Salem. Reservation cards should be received by the inn no later than September 23 to ensure accommodations. Confirmations will be sent. Reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card or check for one night’s room rate (refundable if cancellation is given at least 24 hours before check-in). If you call Brookstown Inn for reservations (919-725-1120), please state that you are with the Old Salem Landscape Conference. Rates are $85.00 single, $101.00 double. Complimentary light breakfast, wine and cheese reception, and cookies and milk are included. Rooms will be available for check-in after 2:00 p.m. Limousine service is available for arrivals at the Piedmont Triad International Airport (brochure is enclosed).

For a list of other accommodations in the area, please call the Landscape Conference Registrar in the Old Salem office at 919-721-7352.

Sponsoring Organizations

Old Salem Incorporated is a nonprofit educational corporation organized in 1950. It is responsible for the restoration of Old Salem, a Moravian congregation town founded in 1766, and the operation of nine house museums and the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, located in the historic district.

The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) is the only museum dedicated to exhibiting and researching the regional decorative arts of the early South. MESDA’s collections, displayed in nineteen period rooms and six galleries, include furniture, paintings, textiles, ceramics, silver, and other metalwares made and used in Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee through 1820.

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 greenhouse were located on the former estate of Richard J. Reynolds, founder of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Stagville 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 in the United States for the teaching and development of historic preservation and its related technology.

Southern Garden History Society was founded in Winston-Salem in 1982 as an outgrowth of the conferences on “Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes.” Old Salem serves as headquarters for the society, which today has over six hundred members. The society functions in the District of Columbia and the fourteen southern states.

Conference Planning Committee

Flora Ann L. Bynum, Chairman, Landscape Restoration Committee, Old Salem Inc.

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Many People, Many Cultures: The Shaping of the Southern Landscape

Ninth Conference on Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes

October 7-9, 1993
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Thursday, October 7

10:00 A.M.- 12:30 P.M. Old Salem Visitor Center
Registration

1:00-1:15 Shirley Auditorium, Fine Arts Center, Salem College
Welcome, Hobart G. Cawood, president, Old Salem Inc.

1:15-2:30 "AN OVERVIEW: MANY CULTURES SHAPED THE SOUTHERN LANDSCAPE," Dr. William C. Welch, extension landscape specialist, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

2:30-2:45 Refreshment break

2:45-3:45 "INFLUENCE OF EARLY NATIVE AMERICANS ON THE SOUTHERN LANDSCAPE," Dr. Richard A. Yarnell, professor of anthropology, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

4:00-5:00 Optional guided tours of Old Salem buildings, gardens, or MESDA (Preregister for these tours on the registration form.)

6:30-7:00 Clewell Patio, Salem College
Social period, wine

7:00 Club Dining Room, Salem College Refectory
Informal buffet supper

8:00 Shirley Auditorium
SHARING SESSION: "WHAT'S NEW IN OLD LANDSCAPES IN THE SOUTH?"
Refreshments

11:15 A.M.- 12:15 P.M. "THE GERMAN INFLUENCE ON SOUTHERN HORTICULTURE."
D. Greg Grant, director of research and development, Lone Star Growers, San Antonio, Texas

12:15-1:15 The Commons Courtyard, Salem College
Box lunch

1:15-2:45 Shirley Auditorium

2:45-3:00 Refreshment break

3:15-4:15 WORKSHOPS (Choose one at registration.)
1. "Restoring Your Landscape: Basic Do's and Don'ts," Scott Kunst, Old Salem Visitor Center Auditorium
2. "Using Bulbs in Garden Restorations," Greg Grant, Single Brothers Workshop
3. Tours of Old Salem gardens or MESDA (Sign up at registration.) Tours of Old Salem buildings on your own

6:15 Rondthaler-Gramley House, Salem Campus
Wine and informal buffet supper

8:00 Shirley Auditorium
Greetings, Dr. Julianne Thrift, president, Salem Academy and College
"A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SALEM ACADEMY AND COLLEGE LANDSCAPE," Gene Capps, vice-president and director of interpretation and visitor services, Old Salem Inc.

7:30 "PERSIAN LILACS AND AFRICAN MARIGOLDS: WORLD SOURCES OF AMERICAN GARDEN PLANTS THROUGH HISTORY," Scott G. Kunst, landscape historian and principal, Old House Gardens, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Friday, October 8

9:00 Shirley Auditorium
"BEHIND HIGH WALLS: THE SPANISH INFLUENCE," Susan R. Parker, historian, Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, St. Augustine, Florida

10:00-10:15 Refreshment break


Saturday, October 9

9:00-10:00 Shirley Auditorium
"THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INFLUENCE," Richard Westmacott, professor, School of Environmental Design, The University of Georgia, Athens

10:00-10:15 Refreshment break


11:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M. Repeat of Friday afternoon (Choose one at registration.)
1. Mr. Kunst, Old Salem Visitor Center Auditorium
2. Mr. Grant, Single Brothers Workshop
3. Tours of Old Salem gardens or MESDA (Sign up at registration.) Tours of Old Salem buildings on your own

Conference is adjourned following the workshops.

EXHIBITS
In the North Gallery, Fine Arts Center, Salem College are an exhibit illustrating African-American landscapes prepared by Richard Westmacott and an exhibit of the early herbarium of Salem Academy and College prepared by Dr. Thomas Mowbray, professor of biology.

MUSEUM AND SHOP HOURS
The Old Salem shops and Winkler Bakery are open Mondays-Saturdays 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. and Sundays 1:30-4:30 P.M. The exhibit buildings, including MESDA, are open Mondays-Saturdays 9:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. and Sundays 1:30-4:30 P.M. Reynolds House is open Tuesdays-Saturdays 9:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. and Sundays 1:30-4:30 P.M.; shops in Reynolds Village, Mondays-Saturdays 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.; and Reynolds Gardens greenhouse, Mondays-Fridays 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. and Saturdays 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Reynolds Gardens are always open.

The conference badge serves as admission to all the above mentioned from Thursday morning through Saturday afternoon. Appointments are necessary to tour MESDA and can be made in the Old Salem Visitor Center.