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Issues and Challenges in Southern Landscape Restoration

The Single Brothers’ Garden at Old Salem, c. 1890

Collection of the Wachovia Historical Society. Photograph courtesy of Old Salem, Inc.

15th Biennial Conference
On Restoring Southern Gardens & Landscapes

September 29 - October 1, 2005
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE
Since 1979 the biennial conference on RESTORING SOUTHERN GARDENS AND LANDSCAPES has been an important forum for the presentation of recent work and thought on garden history and landscape preservation. The 2005 Conference will examine landscape restoration in the South as it has evolved over the past 25 years, and address philosophical and practical issues being met at a variety of sites in the South, offering practical and theoretical tools for preserving the historic Southern landscape for future generations.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

OLD SALEM, INC. is a nonprofit educational corporation formed in 1950. It is responsible for the restoration of Old Salem, a Moravian congregation town founded in 1766, and for the operation of nine house museums, Old Salem: Toy Museum, The Children’s Museum, and the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts.

Old Salem’s 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 period rooms and galleries, include furniture, paintings, textiles, ceramics, silver, and other metalwork made in Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee through 1820.

THE SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY was founded in Winston-Salem in 1982 as an outgrowth of the conference on Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes. Old Salem serves as headquarters for the society, which presently has more than six hundred members. www.southerngardenhistory.org

REYNOLDS HOUSE, MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART preserves and interprets an American country home and a premier collection of American art. Through innovative public programs and exhibitions, the museum offers a deeper understanding of American culture to diverse audiences.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE assists private citizens, private institutions, local governments, and agencies of state and federal government in the identification, evaluation, protection, and enhancement of properties significant in North Carolina history and archaeology.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms are reserved at the following hotels, all within walking distance of Old Salem. Shuttle van transportation is provided as needed. Mention the Old Salem Landscape Conference. Rooms are held for a limited time.

BROOKSTOWN INN, 200 Brookstown Avenue, 800-845-4262
$129.00 (single or double)

HAWTHORNE INN, 420 High Street, 800-972-3774
$75.00 (single or double)

BEST WESTERN SALEM INN, 127 South Cherry Street, 800-533-8760
$55.00 (single or double)

If you travel by air: Limousine service is available from the Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro, North Carolina.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 Registration Table Open

Old Salem Visitor Center

1:00 Welcome and Announcements

Old Salem Visitor Center

1:15 Keynote Address: Change, Continuity & Cultural Landscapes: Reflections on Two Decades of Professional Practice. Charles A. Birenbaum, Coordinator, Historic Landscape Initiative and Interim Director, Committees on Cultural Resources, Old Salem, Inc.

2:15 Break

3:00 Restoring the Virginia Landscape: Issues and Challenges in Three Diverse Case Studies. William D. Rieley, Rieley and Associates

3:45 Free Time

4:30 Bus I depart for Reynolds House

Departure location: Broadwood Inn

4:45 Reynolds House, Museum of American Art and Reynolds Gardens will be open to conference registrants

5:30 Bus II depart for Reynolds House

Departure location: Broadwood Inn

6:00 Social Time

6:30 Buffet Supper

7:30 Sharing Sessions: What's New in Old Landscapes in the South

9:00 Coffee • Dessert

9:45 Bus depart for Old Salem

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:45 Announcements

Old Salem Visitor Center


10:00 The Garden at 14 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina: A Reconstructive Synthesis. C. Allan Brown, Landscape Architect and Historian

11:30 Dougall House: Issues in Interpreting the Plantation Landscape. Craig Hadley, Director of Education and Research, Drayton Hall

12:30 Lunch


2:30 Square Roots: German-American Landscape Patterns, the Community Garden, and the Restoration of the Single Brother's Garden. J. Keyes Williamson, Athena, Georgia.


6:00 Social Time and Informal Buffet Supper

Old Salem Visitor Center

7:30 Panel Discussion: Landscape Restoration: Are we doing it right? What is a right?

9:00 Coffee • Dessert • Book Signings

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 Announcements

Old Salem Visitor Center

9:15 The Georgia Historic Landscape Initiative: Landscape Survey as a Tool for Restoration. Susan L. Forgione, Cultural Resources Service, Department of Natural Resources,

10:00 Break

10:30 Research Methods: Documenting Highland Plants for Historic Southern Gardens. Dr. Denise D. Adams, Horticultural Consultant and Ornamental-Plant Historian

11:15 Conference Summary: David Pond Hood, Architectural and Landscape Historian

11:30 Plant Sale: Hefflin and Native Plants of Old Salem and the Pedronzi

Horton Center

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CONFERENCE LOCATION: All conference events take place in the Visitor Center and Horton Museum Center of Old Salem Inc., and at Reynolds House, Museum of American Art in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

REGISTRATION AND FEES: The registration fee includes all conference events, materials, admission to Old Salem, and three meals.

FEES: $300 Regular registration

$275 For Members of Old Salem / MESDA and The Southern Garden History Society

$185 For students with a letter of recommendation from a faculty member

REGISTRANTS may pick up registration packets and conference information at the Old Salem Visitor Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 29th.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Full registration fee will be returned if cancellation is received no later than October 22, 2005. After September 22, one half of the registration fee will be returned.

SHARING SESSION: If you are involved in historic garden research/landscape restoration, and wish to share your work with the conference participants, please enclose a brief description and details on a separate sheet with registration.

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