

Welcome to beautiful and historic Richmond, Virginia for the 30th annual meeting of the Southern Garden History Society. Founded in 1737, and once the capital of the confederacy, Richmond will offer southern hospitality at its best. During the Revolutionary War Patrick Henry delivered his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech at St. John's Church. Near the end of the Civil War, much of Richmond was smoldering rubble but it soon emerged as an economic powerhouse and today Richmond will delight Southern Garden History Society members with its monument-lined avenues, beautiful parks, historic cemeteries and landscapes designed by renowned landscape architects.

Our home base will be the famous Jefferson Hotel located in downtown Richmond. Opened in 1895, it symbolized a dream of Lewis Ginter one of Richmond's most colorful and wealthiest citizens. Ginter wished the hotel to incorporate renaissance and other forms of architecture that he loved. In 1969 the Jefferson was listed on the National Register of Historical Places. It is considered to have the finest examples of Beaux arts style in existence.

The program will be filled with great lectures on a variety of subjects, visits to beautiful houses and gardens, and good food and drink. Once the program begins we can let our worries fly away and enjoy a fabulous time together in Richmond, Virginia.

Friday, June 1

9:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration at the Hotel Jefferson

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks
SGHS Business meeting

AFTERNOON LECTURES

*Gardening in her Footsteps and
Wishing I had her Budget*

Peggy Singlemann

Director of Horticulture, Maymont

*Capitol Projects: Garden Club of Virginia
Work in the Richmond Area*

Will Rieley

*Landscape Architect for
The Garden Club of Virginia*

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Depart the Jefferson for a tour of the Governor's Executive Mansion and the Gillette Garden

6:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Depart the Jefferson for a garden tour of Maymont a Victorian American Estate, followed by dinner at Maymont's Nature Center.



Saturday, June 2

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Morning and afternoon lectures in the Grand Ballroom, Hotel Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden

Peter Hatch

Director of Gardens and Grounds at Monticello

*Charles F. Gillette:
Father of the Virginia Garden*

Charles Longest

*Professor Emeritus
at Virginia Commonwealth University, and Author*

Gardening Under Cover

Wesley Greene

*Gardener - Historic Trades,
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation*

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch in the Empire Room, Hotel Jefferson

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON LECTURES

*Arborocideaphobia: The Challenges of
Managing Historic Landscapes and Gardens*

Calder Loth

*Senior Architectural Historian,
Virginia Department of Historic Resources*

*Hollywood's Hidden Treasures: Found Roses
in Historic Cemeteries and Gardens*

Peggy Cornett

Curator of Plants Monticello

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Tour Hollywood Cemetery

5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Depart for Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden for drinks, tours, drinks and dinner

Sunday, June 3

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (OPTIONAL TOUR)

Historic Cary Street in downtown Richmond becomes River Road as it heads out of the city to the West. All of the gardens we will be visiting on our Sunday tours will be off of the River Road corridor.

Our morning will be spent touring several beautiful gardens all within walking distance of each other. Plans of the gardens will be on display and designers will be on site to answer questions. At noon we will proceed to historic Tuckahoe for tours of the gardens, the house and lunch will be served. Tuckahoe Plantation is a National Historic Landmark and is protected in perpetuity by a preservation easement donated by the owners. It is considered by architectural



historians to be the finest existing early 18th century plantation in America and to have one of the finest existing stair cases, beautifully carved in black walnut, from Colonial America.

Built on a bluff overlooking the James River, the plantation and its collection of historic out buildings are in a setting that remains remarkably untouched by the passage of time. The mansions "H" shape plan is unique among frame buildings. Flanking the mansion is a pair of out buildings, one of which served as the plantation dairy and office, and the other as the schoolhouse where Thomas Jefferson first attended classes.

We will conclude our Sunday tour at Redesdale where we will be able to view another garden by the preeminent landscape architect Charles Gillette. He created many gardens in the upper south that specialized in the creation of grounds supporting Colonial Revival architecture, particularly in the Richmond area. He is most notably associated with creating the "Virginia Garden." The 1925 Georgian Revival home was designed by architect William Lawrence Bottomley. The New York architect left an indelible legacy in the city's affluent neighborhoods, leaving many to recognize his multi-million-dollar homes simply by saying "that's a Bottomley."

We will depart Redesdale with many great memories, arriving at the Hotel Jefferson no later than 4:00 p.m.

Registration for the 30th Annual Meeting is limited to 175 participants on a first come first serve basis. The registration fee of \$350 covers activities on Friday and Saturday, including lectures, transportation, tours, receptions and all meals as noted. **An additional \$50 fee is required for Sunday's optional tour.**

The Society does offer scholarships to assist students in attending the Society's annual meeting and are awarded to bona fide students enrolled in college and university majors relevant to the mission and goals of the Society. For more details visit the Southern Garden History Society web site and click on "About Us" scroll to Society scholarships.



ACCOMMODATION

Rooms have been set aside at the historic Jefferson Hotel located in downtown Richmond. The cost is \$185 single or double occupancy. To receive this rate you must register by May 1, 2012. After that date rooms that have been reserved from our block will be released to the general public and the rate will be at the prevailing rate. Parking is at the reduced rate of \$5 per car per day. The Jefferson has a beautiful health facility and pool. For reservations call 1-888-918-1895. The local number is 804-649-4750. When you call make sure you identify that you are with the **Southern Garden History Society**. The hotel address is 101 West Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220.

TRANSPORTATION

Richmond International Airport serves most of the major carriers. The airport is less than 11 miles from the Jefferson Hotel. Your best bet to get from the airport to the hotel is to look for James River Car Service, located in the ground transportation area. The cost is \$35 per van load whether it has one or five riders. My suggestion is to wait for other passengers.

HISTORY

THE SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society was founded in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in May 1982. The purpose of the Society is to stimulate interest in Southern garden and landscape history, in historic horticulture, and in the preservation of historic gardens and landscapes in the South.

Membership is open to anyone interested in the purpose of the Society. There are approximately 600 members including individuals, institutions, and organizations from across the United States and several foreign countries. For more information contact:

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REGISTRATION

Registration must be made in advance by completing the enclosed registration form. The meeting is only open to members of the Southern Garden History Society. If you are not a current member, you may join by including the appropriate payment as indicated on the enclosed registration form.

