

Join us in Lynchburg, Virginia
for the ANNUAL MEETING of the
SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY



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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS
OF SOUTHERN GARDEN
HISTORY

MAY 3-5, 2013

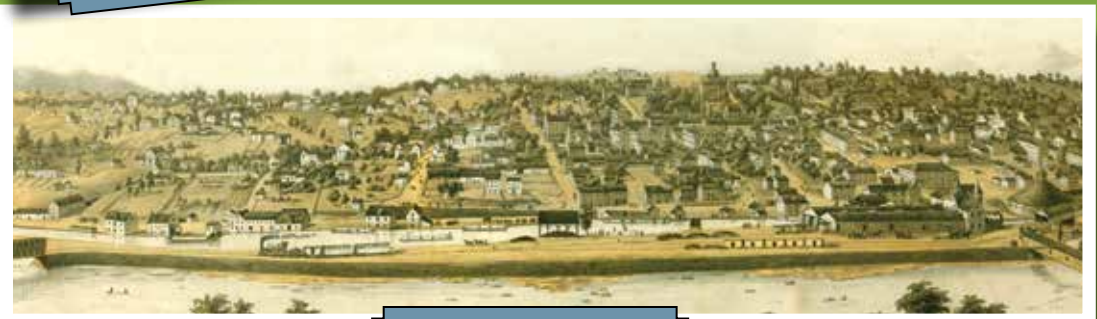
Lynchburg, founded in 1786, combines the charm of the Old South with the energy of the New.

On the eve of the Civil War, its tobacco-based economy propelled it to become one of the country's wealthiest cities. A more diversified economy was in place at the turn of the twentieth century, as elaborate Victorian-era mansions were built next to earlier Federal-style houses, with elegant gardens embellishing them all. Today Lynchburg is rediscovering its roots alongside the James River, with former factories and warehouses being converted into lofts and art studios. Come and visit the metropolis of Piedmont Virginia. We have lots to show.

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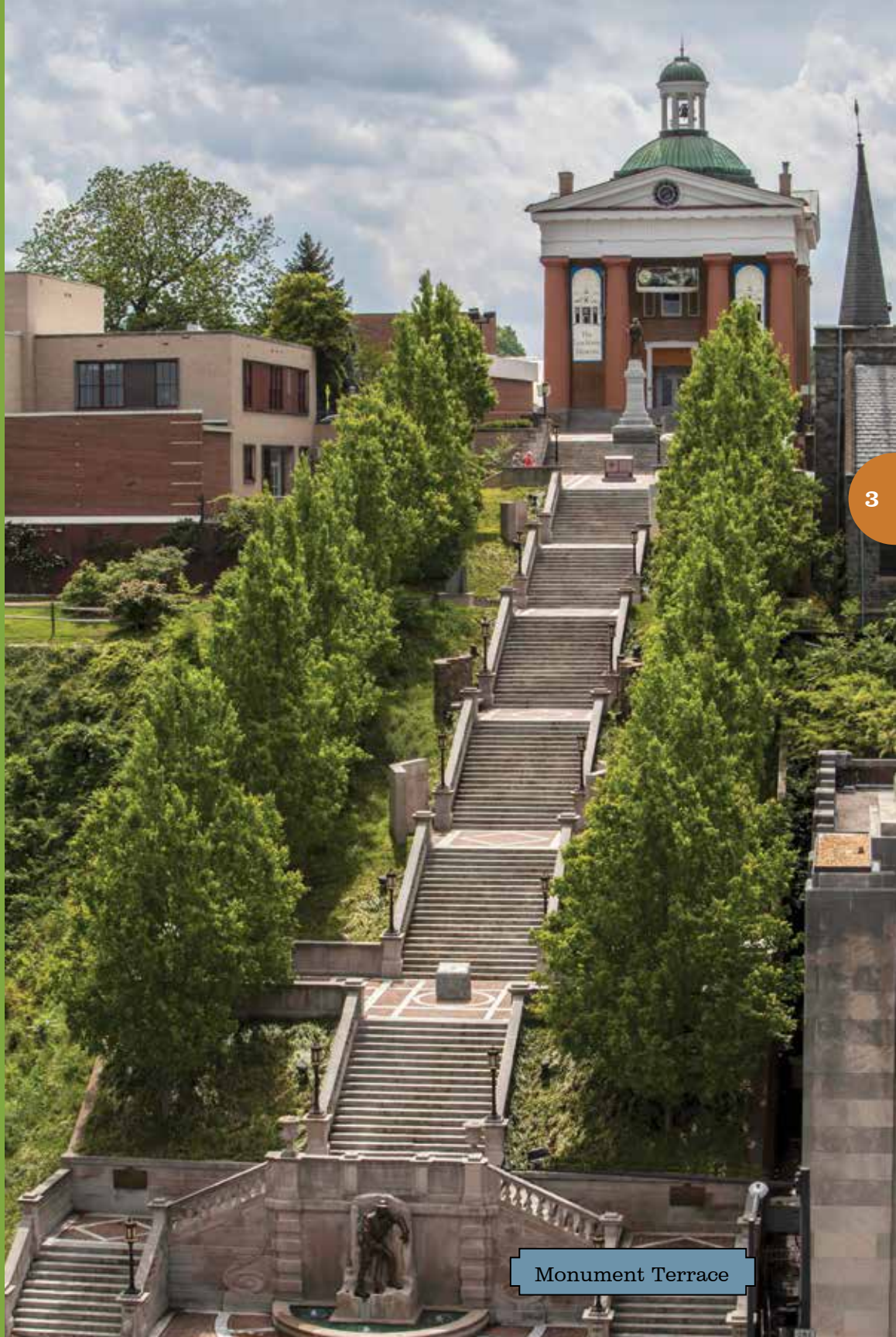


Point of Honor



Lynchburg in 1855

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Monument Terrace

Friday, May 3, 2013

Registration opens 9:00 am

Lunch on your own

Business meeting, then

Afternoon Lectures: 1:00–4:30 pm

Landscape designer **Gale Roberts** remembers her father, Stanley Abbott, the first resident landscape architect and primary designer of the Blue Ridge Parkway, a major Depression-era project that continues to thrill the millions of visitors who enjoy the unrivaled mountain vistas.

Will Rieley is the landscape architect for the Garden Club of Virginia, whose members have been restoring historic gardens in the Commonwealth since 1924. Mr. Rieley will focus on their work in Central Virginia, including Point of Honor, Sweet Briar College, and the most recent GCV restoration project, Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest.



"What have you been planting here, Mr. Jefferson?"

Thomas Jefferson, portrayed by **Bill Barker** for almost thirty years, and **Jack Gary**, director of archaeology at Poplar Forest, Jefferson's villa retreat, will join in conversation as they discuss some of the newest discoveries below ground.

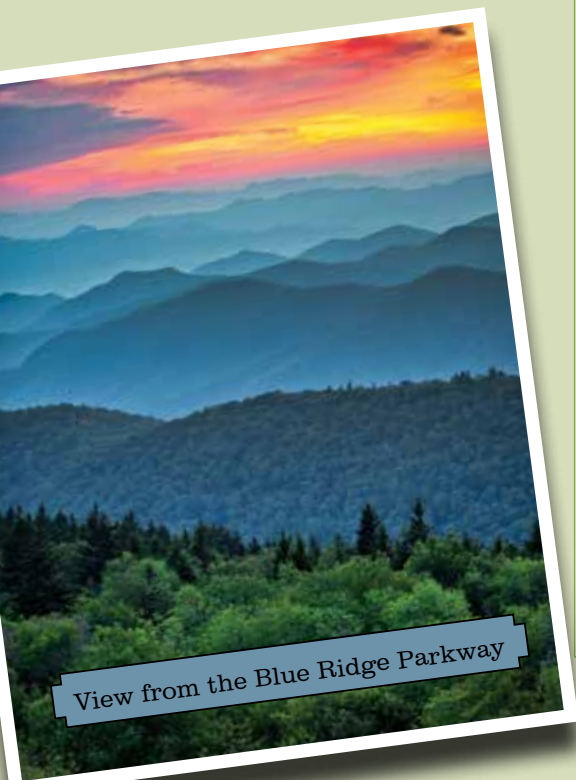


Evening Event: 5:00–9:00 pm

An Evening at Poplar Forest

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Mr. Jefferson will be your host for tours of Poplar Forest, including the house and archaeological sites. A tented reception and dinner will follow, and a string quartet will provide music throughout the evening. The process of the continuing restoration of the house and landscape is an education in itself. Select items of furniture help illustrate the life Jefferson lived there.



View from the Blue Ridge Parkway

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Morning Lectures:

8:30 am–12:00 noon

"... Heaven's Virginia when the year's at its Spring."

Anne Spencer, noted gardener and Harlem Renaissance poet, will be the subject of **Reuben Rainey's** presentation. Rainey is an author and professor of landscape architecture at the University of Virginia School of Architecture. The Anne Spencer garden is the only known restored garden of an African American in the country. Mr. Rainey will be joined by Spencer family members.

Ted Delaney, assistant director of the Old City Cemetery, will introduce you to Lynchburg's most visited historic destination and Central Virginia's most unique public garden. Mr. Delaney will explore the history of this 200 year old Virginia Historic Landmark through its many heirloom plantings, including a nationally recognized collection of antique roses.

"Come into the garden.

My roses want to meet you."

—Carl Cato.

Patriarch of one of the country's dynamic agriculture families and father of seven sons, **Paul Saunders** is "Mr. Boxwood." He will join his son **J. Bennett Saunders** to talk about the current mission of Saunders Brothers Nursery: to study and select varieties of boxwood to determine which will survive the test of time, and to make them available to the public.

May Brawley Hill presents "Ensnared with Flowers" which is inspired by Andrew Marvell's 17th-century poem, "Thoughts in a Garden." She reflects on why we are enamored of gardens, what they mean to us, and how they become part of our culture and worthy of preservation. Ms. Hill's book, *Grandmother's Garden, The Old-Fashioned American Garden 1865-1915* (1995), provides ample evidence of centuries of the art and influence of gardening.

Lunch at host hotel

Afternoon Tours:

1:00–4:00 pm

Saturday afternoon tours of Lynchburg's historic sites addressed in the morning lectures:

- Anne Spencer Garden
- Old City Cemetery
- Point of Honor



Anne Spencer Garden



Old City Cemetery



Paul and Tatum Saunders

Saturday, May 4, 2013, continued

5:00–9:00 pm

An Evening at Pharsalia

This 200-year-old Nelson County estate of the Massie family is nestled at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains with views of the Tye River valley. In addition to the imposing main house, Pharsalia contains an unrivaled collection of plantation outbuildings. Tours of the house and extensive gardens will be led by hostess Foxie Morgan, fifth generation family owner. Tom Burford, "Professor Apple," will entertain in the adjoining kitchen orchard with stories of fruit growing in Virginia's mountains. Enjoy cocktails, dinner and entertainment by the Farm Use string band under a beautiful tent at sunset.



Pharsalia

PLANNING YOUR TRIP:

"Come Early and Stay Late!"

Early May is a beautiful time in Central Virginia with many historic sites and public gardens. Downtown Lynchburg is experiencing a rebirth from one end of Main Street to the other!

For additional information, visit www.DiscoverLynchburg.com

Special Art Exhibit

Directly across the street from the entrance to the host hotel is The Academy of Fine Arts. By special arrangement for the SGHS Annual Meeting, they have assembled an art exhibit of works featuring nature and floral and garden influences. Opening May 1, the Up Front Gallery will feature multiple local and regional artists in the Poplar Forest Juried Plein Aire Exhibition. The Ann White Academy Gallery will display works by Susan Talbot-Elliott (oils and still life) and Richmond's Tenly Beazley (mixed media on paper, details of nature).

A short drive away (one hour or less):

- Amherst (Sweet Briar College)
- Lexington (W & L and V.M.I.)
- Appomattox Court House (Civil War NPS site)
- Appomattox (Museum of the Confederacy)
- Farmville (Hampden-Sydney College)
- Charlottesville (UVa, Monticello, Ash Lawn-Highland)
- Bedford (National D-Day Memorial)
- Natural Bridge
- The Blue Ridge Parkway
- Brookneal (Patrick Henry's Red Hill)

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 5, 2013

9:00 am–3:30 pm

Included in the tour will be a drive out Rivermont Avenue, a six-mile long historic district which was developed beginning in 1890 and is now lined with handsome homes, shopping areas, churches, Randolph College, Virginia Baptist Hospital, and Oakwood Country Club. Participants will disembark for walking tours of two adjacent streets, Oakwood Place and Lee Circle, with three lovely private gardens on each street. Morning refreshments will be available in another garden located between the two streets.

The buses will then depart for an extensive private garden featuring horticultural treasures, vegetables, an iris collection, garden rooms, and charming touches throughout. Later, a drive across town arrives at an innovative, award-winning urban farm located in nine historic greenhouses. Formerly a nationwide

producer of cut flowers and roses, the revitalized site now provides work for at-risk youth and disadvantaged individuals, and healthy food for the community.

Participants will have the option of returning to the hotel or enjoying a final walking tour in the Diamond Hill Historic District, which is a neighborhood of homes built before the turn of the twentieth century reflecting many different styles of architecture, handsome wrought and cast iron fencing, charming small gardens, and worn brick paved streets. These homes of Lynchburg's early manufacturing, business, and cultural leaders have experienced an exciting rebirth in recent years.



Lynchburg Grows Urban Farm



Lee Circle residence

Lodging and Transportation

HOST HOTEL

Holiday Inn Downtown, 601 Main Street, Lynchburg, Va. 24504, is the host hotel for the meeting.

A total of 100 non-smoking rooms have been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights at \$105.98 per night (includes all taxes). Most rooms have two queen beds, some have one king bed. Additional rooms have been reserved for Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday evenings, at the same special rates, for those who plan to arrive early or stay later. All parking is complimentary in the adjoining garage.

To get this special rate, use the Group Code, SGH, and contact the hotel directly at (434) 528-2500, before April 16, 2013. After this date, reservations will only be taken on a space-available basis. When making reservations, please advise whether early check-in time, before 3 pm, is needed on date of arrival.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS

located within a mile of the host hotel:

Carriage House Inn Bed & Breakfast

404 Cabell Street,
Lynchburg, Va. 24504

Located in the historic Daniel's Hill section, this 1878 Italianate mansion has been restored to its original grandeur. Four spacious bedrooms are each named for members of the Watts family who were the first owners of the home. Furnishings include antiques and other original features.

Kathy & Mike Bedsworth,
Owners/Innkeepers,
www.TheCarriageHouseInnBandB.com,
(434) 846-1388

Craddock Terry Hotel

1312 Commerce Street,
Lynchburg, Va. 24504

Shoes are celebrated daily in the services of this landmark hotel. What was once a shoe factory and tobacco warehouse is now a luxurious boutique hotel. "Business or leisure...Always the perfect fit."

www.craddockterryhotel.com,
(434) 455-1500

Federal Crest Inn Bed & Breakfast

1101 Federal Street,
Lynchburg, Va. 24504

This 1909 mansion in the historic Federal Hill district offers five luxurious rooms or suites furnished with period antiques and period amenities such as bedroom fireplaces. Seventeen years of award-winning operation by Phil & Ann Ripley, Owners/Innkeepers,
www.federalcrest.com, (434) 845-6155

TRANSPORTATION TO LYNCHBURG:

Lynchburg is located in central Virginia at the intersection of Routes 29, 460, and 501.

The **Lynchburg Regional Airport** is served by U.S. Air with flights connecting through Charlotte, N.C. The Roanoke Airport is 1 ½ hours away; the Charlottesville Airport is 1 ¾ hours away, allowing for car rental. The airport is about 15 minutes via the expressway to the host hotel downtown.

Railway service via **Amtrak** is available on both the Crescent and the Northeast Regional lines. The train station is about five minutes from the host hotel, with arrival in the evening (from the north) and early morning (from the south).

Free shuttle service is offered by the host hotel, Holiday Inn Downtown, from both the airport and the Kemper Street Train Station. They do not take bookings in advance in case the train or plane does not arrive on time, but on arrival, guests may call the hotel at (434) 528-2500 to arrange pick up.

Cab service may be arranged in advance by calling either Grey Top Cab, Inc. at (434)845-4554, or Allied Cab at (434) 845-7039. Rental cars are available at the airport and can be reserved by calling Avis at (800) 831-2847, or Budget at (800) 831-2847. National and Hertz are also at the airport. It is possible, although cumbersome, to rent a car from the train station via the airport, by calling Enterprise at (434) 237-5656

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION "Details, Details"

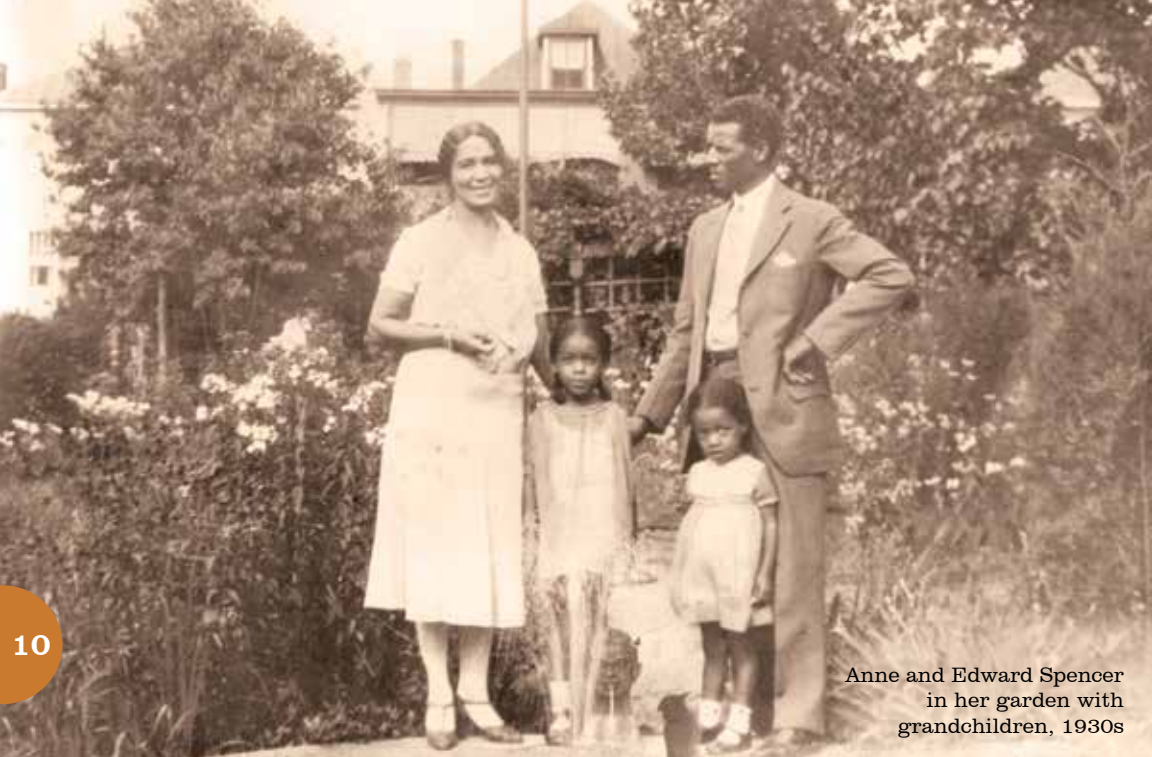
DRESS: The attire for the meeting is informal/casual both day and evening. The Poplar Forest and Pharsalia dinners will be outdoors under tents, so a sweater or light jacket may be required. All walking tours are "rain or shine," so please be prepared with walking shoes and an umbrella.

The **REGISTRATION FEE** covers all Annual Meeting transportation, tours, meals and receptions, lectures, and a generous and exciting welcome package of local information. Because of parking restrictions, no tag-along travel by private car will be allowed for the evening receptions, the tours on Saturday, or the Sunday Extension.

GIFT SHOP: Off the lobby of the host hotel, adjacent to the Ballroom meeting rooms, will be a gift shop containing items of special interest to registrants of the Annual Meeting. Books written by authors who are members of the Southern Garden History Society will be for sale. Boxwood from Saunders Brothers, rooted cuttings from the antique roses at the Old City Cemetery, potted spring-grafted heirloom apple trees, fine garden furniture from Lynchburg natives' McKinnon and Harris Inc., and many other exciting items of local and historic garden interest will be available. The Shop will be open Thursday through Sunday with hours to be announced.



Downtown garden



Anne and Edward Spencer
in her garden with
grandchildren, 1930s



Questions:

Jane B. White, Chairman
(434) 384-3132 or
Janebaberwhite@gmail.com



Southern Garden History Society MEMBERSHIP

Purpose: The purpose of the society is to stimulate interest and support educational outreach in Southern garden and landscape history, in historic horticulture, and in the preservation of historic gardens and landscapes in the South.

Membership: Membership is open to any individual, family, corporation, or organization interested in the aims and purposes of the society, and includes persons, institutions and organizations from across the United States and several foreign countries. The membership year is August 1 – July 31.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Full refunds for cancellations will be honored if received in writing to Heidi James, Treasurer for the 2013 Annual Meeting, at heidifjames@gmail.com. by April 9, 2013. No refunds will be available thereafter, although substitutions will be allowed.

2013 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Southern Garden History Society, being held May 3 – 5, 2013 in Lynchburg Virginia, is limited to members of the Society. Membership information appears below. Registration is limited to 162, and acceptance for the meeting will follow on receipt of this form and your check.

- Early Registration (received by April 9, 2013) \$350 X ____ = _____
- Registration (received after April 9, but before April 20) \$375 X ____ = _____
- Sunday Tour (must be received by April 20, 2013) \$ 50 X ____ = _____

NAME(S) – PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT _____ YES NO

NAME PREFERRED FOR BADGE _____ FIRST TIME ATTENDEE?

COMPANY NAME OR INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION, IF DESIRED _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ OFFICE/CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

If you have special dietary requirements or require vegetarian meals, please note:

The tours that have been arranged require walking several blocks, possibly on slightly irregular terrain, or may involve a few steps. Please note if you will need assistance. _____

Southern Garden History Society Membership

You may join the Society or pay your annual membership dues with this form or online at www.southerngardenhistory.org.

Annual Membership Dues

- Benefactor \$500
- Patron \$250
- Sustainer \$100
- Institution or Business \$ 75
- Joint \$ 50
- Individual \$ 30
- Student \$ 15

Each participant must be a member of The Southern Garden History Society. If you are not a member, please select a category and join by including payment with your registration fee.

The Southern Garden History Society is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. Contributions to the society are deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Return this form with your check payable to SGHS 2013 Annual Meeting to:

2013 SGHS Annual Meeting
Post Office Box 3533
Lynchburg, Virginia 24503

REMITTANCE:	
SGHS Membership (if not current)	\$ _____
Registration	\$ _____
Optional Tour	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

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