

## REGISTRATION

Registration for the 33rd Annual Meeting is limited to 175 **Southern Garden History Society** members on a first-come, first-serve basis. To join or renew your membership, visit [www.southerngardenhistory.org/join](http://www.southerngardenhistory.org/join).

The registration fee is **\$395.00**. This fee includes activities on Friday and Saturday, including lectures, transportation, tours, receptions and meals, as noted. An additional **\$85.00** fee is required for Sunday's optional tour.

Additional on-your-own activities are organized both for Thursday and Sunday for those wishing to extend their stay. For example, **Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art**, one of the finest Country Place Era gardens in the nation, is offering special garden tours for SGHS members at selected times on both days.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

The 2015 conference hotel is the Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt University, 2555 West End Ave., Nashville, TN 37203. Cost is **\$179.00** per night, single or double occupancy. To receive this rate, register by **Friday, April 17, 2015**.

For reservations, call **800-285-0190** or locally, 615-321-1300. For the discounted rate, identify that you are with the **SGHS**.

Parking is \$29.00 per 24 hour period.

To cancel a reservation contact the hotel at least 24 hours prior to your reservation.

## TRANSPORTATION

Nashville International Airport (BNA)

Hotel Shuttle - free to many downtown attractions but there is no service to airport.

Airport Shuttle - Jarmon Transportation, \$15.00 each way. (From airport, go to one level below baggage claim, desk to the left; from hotel, driver will come into the lobby every 1/2 hour for pick up). To contact Jarmon Transportation, call (615) 275-0146. [www.jarmontransportation.com](http://www.jarmontransportation.com)

## HISTORY & PURPOSE

The Southern Garden History Society was founded in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in May 1982. The society membership includes enthusiasts and professionals who foster and share scholarly research about our historic gardens, cultural landscapes, and horticultural history through educational programs and publications. We celebrate the beauty and diversity of the South's historic gardens and encourage their preservation and restoration so they may enrich the lives of others. Membership is open to individuals, families, historic sites, public gardens, or organizations interested in southern gardens and landscapes.



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# SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY

## 33rd Annual Meeting

*Middle Tennessee*

*Harmony, Hills, and History*



*Classical shaped urn framed by 'Kieffer' pear espaliers  
in the center of the garden at Carnton Plantation*

*Historic Franklin and*

*Nashville, Tennessee*

*Friday and Saturday,  
with optional Sunday tours*

*May 15 - 17, 2015*

*'Arrive a day early, stay a day late'*

## WELCOME

The 33rd Annual Meeting of the **Southern Garden History Society (SGHS)** is set in the rolling hills of Middle Tennessee from **May 15th - 17th, 2015**.

We warmly welcome you to Music City, USA, home of Country Music and the Grand Ole Opry.

## SETTING

As you'll soon experience, Middle Tennessee is much more than just music. In fact, a recent *New York Times* article called Franklin "a small-town gem near Nashville" and *Time* magazine declared Nashville is "The South's Red Hot Town."

During your visit, we will embark on a jam-packed journey to highlight the hills, harmony, and history of Middle Tennessee as we trace the development of gardens in both historic Franklin and Nashville.

## GARDEN TOUR SUMMARY

Our first garden visit will be to **The Hermitage**, President Andrew Jackson's home. Here we will tour an early nineteenth-century example of a traditional four-square garden. Next, we will tour the garden at **Carnton Plantation**, an antebellum kitchen and ornamental garden. Finally, we visit gardens from the early 1900s and beyond, from the Country Place Era style to designs with more modern sensibilities.

### FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

**8:00 am - 12:00 pm** - Registration at Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt University, 2555 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203 (Parthenon Prefunction Hallway, Level BL)

**11:00 am - 11:30 am** - Opening remarks and business meeting (Parthenon Ballroom, Level BL)



*The garden at The Hermitage*

**11:30 am - 12:15 pm** - Overview of Middle Tennessee by Dr. Carroll Van West (Parthenon Ballroom, Level BL)

**12:30 pm - 3:30 pm** - Depart for The Hermitage at 4580 Rachel's Lane, Hermitage, TN 37076. Enjoy lunch and tour home, new exhibit: "Born for a Storm," garden, and grounds.



*Andrew Jackson's home The Hermitage*

**3:30 pm - 6:00 pm** - Depart for Glen Leven at 4000 Franklin Pike, Nashville, TN 37204. Tour house and grounds.

**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm** - Depart for the home of Mrs. Margaret Ann Robinson at 540 Belle Meade Blvd., Nashville, TN 37205. Enjoy cocktails, appetizers, and dinner.

*\*For those of able body, head to the Honky Tonks.*

### SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

**8:30 am - 9:30 am** - The Garden at Carnton Plantation: 1847-1869 by Director of Gardens and Grounds, Justin Stelter (Parthenon Ballroom, Level BL)

**9:30 am - 10:30 am** - Why Franklin Still Matters by *New York Times* bestselling author Robert Hicks (Parthenon Ballroom, Level BL)

**10:30 am - 11:30 am** - Walking tour of Centennial Park.

**11:45 am - 12:45 pm** - Lunch (Crescent/View, Level BL)



*The garden at Carnton Plantation*

**1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** - Scenic Drive to Historic Franklin and Carnton Plantation, tour McGavock home, garden, and the Confederate Cemetery.

**4:00 pm - 5:45 pm** - Historic drive and cocktails at private residence.

**5:45 pm - 9:00 pm** - Visit Pontotoc Farm, home of Hank and Mary Brockman at 1407 Old Hillsboro Road, Franklin, TN 37069. Tour house and grounds, eat dinner, and enjoy presentation on Land Trust.

**9:00 pm - 10:00 pm** - Return to Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt University.

*\*For those of able body and mind, head to the Honky Tonks.*

### SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

#### **9:00 am - 4:30 pm Optional Tour Includes:**

The Tennessee Governor's Mansion, The Gambill Residence, and other private gardens.

The gardens showcased on this optional tour represent turn-of-the-century and more modern gardens. One garden includes a re-creation of a 19th-century boxwood garden while another highlights the revived farm-to-table movement.

Whether an old garden with a modern interpretation or a new garden that beckons back the old days, these gardens are sure to please.