

## THE SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY

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

The Society's quarterly news bulletin, *Magnolia*, brings member reports of activities in garden history in the South. A major emphasis is to seek out and publish, as possible, worthwhile material relating to Southern garden history. Another goal is to accumulate books, documents and photographs relating to Southern garden history. The Cherokee Garden Library, located in Atlanta History Center, Atlanta, Georgia, is serving as archives for materials obtained by the Society.

For information please contact:

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## COWTOWN MUSEUMS & CULTURE

Enjoy Fort Worth's amazing variety of museums and cultural destinations. The city delivers a unique mix of Old West history and top attractions, and is home to five of the most acclaimed museums in the Southwest: Kimbell Art Museum, Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, and the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame.

Visit [www.fortworth.com](http://www.fortworth.com) or call 800-433-5747 to find out about all that Fort Worth has to offer!

## HOTEL INFORMATION

**Stockyards Amerisuites Hotel**  
132 East Exchange Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76106

Experience Texas' exciting blend of old and new! The recently built, five-story all suite hotel is located in the heart of the Fort Worth National Historic Stockyards. Walk next door to go shopping at the Stockyards Station, home to 25 unique western shops. From your hotel window you can view the Fort Worth Herd in the only daily Longhorn Cattle Drive in the U.S. Directly adjacent to the lobby entrance is the Visitors Information Center, where walking tours are available. Other attractions on site are Billy Bob's Texas, 1896 Vintage Tarantula Steam Train Depot, Cattlepen Maze, Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, Livestock Exchange and Cowtown Coliseum. Within a five mile radius is the Cultural District/Museums, Downtown's Sundance Square and the Botanic Gardens.

The conference rate is \$94.95 + tax. Complimentary breakfast buffet is included. All of the hotel's 99 rooms are available for the SGHS Conference. SGHS Conference Registration will be in the main lobby. The Amerisuites Hotel will be the pick up and drop off for conference activities.

For more information on the hotel, driving directions, and its free shuttle service to nearby attractions, visit [www.amerisuites.com](http://www.amerisuites.com).

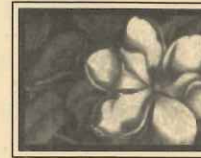
To make hotel reservations, call 1-877-774-6467 or 817-626-6000. Ask for conference rate on or before **March 6, 2006**.

### AIRPORT SHUTTLE INFORMATION

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Call 817-267-5150 or [www.yellowchecker.com](http://www.yellowchecker.com)  
*Shared Ride:* From DFW, locate courtesy phone near any baggage claim area and dial '005'.  
From Love Field, call 214-841-1900  
A \$3 discount voucher is available on [www.yellowcheckershuttle.com/amerisuitesstockyard](http://www.yellowcheckershuttle.com/amerisuitesstockyard).

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**24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 7-9, 2006**  
**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

Space is limited! - Register early!



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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian meals preferred for # \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Names to be shown on badges:

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|                            | # Attending | Subtotal |
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| Conference \$250/person    | # _____     | \$ _____ |
| Opt. Sun. Tour \$50/person | # _____     | \$ _____ |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |             | \$ _____ |

Make checks payable to: **SGHS Fort Worth**

**Return this form with your payment to:**

SGHS Registration  
Attn: Cathy Kyle  
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Fort Worth, TX 76111  
817-834-1337

Information and questions contact Susan Urshel at  
817-738-1605 or seurshel@yahoo.com.

Varsity Travel Services, Inc. is recommended for booking your air and car rentals. You may receive 5% off the lowest applicable fare from American Airlines.  
Call 1-800-333-2555 ext #209.

Membership in the SGHS is required for meeting registration.

Refunds cannot be made for cancellations after 3-20-06.

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Fort Worth, Texas is the setting for the 24th Annual SGHS Meeting. The city of Fort Worth is located at the fork of the Trinity River, among rolling hills that over time have absorbed the surrounding prairies. Originally settled in 1849 as an U.S. Army outpost, Fort Worth is steeped in history. Due to the Chisolm Trail, the railroad, and oil, Fort Worth became the largest commercial center on the prairie. As the town grew, settlers, soldiers, cattle drivers, and even outlaws brought a mix of cultural backgrounds.

Where old coincides with new, Fort Worth has come from the outlaw's "Hell's Half Acre" to the culturally rich city of today. Diverse neighborhoods, an historical downtown, a stockyard area, and a cultural district with world famous museums are all part of Fort Worth. Not too bad for a city still known as "Cowtown"!

Members will stay at the Stockyard AmeriSuites, which is located in the heart of the Historic Stockyards where you can still see cows, horses and cowboys. The meeting will expose members to the native environment as well as to several historic and private gardens have been influential in the area. We will visit the 1st Botanic Gardens in Texas, travel west to view a 1930's concept of an "English Garden", and browse through a herbarium/library. Lunch in a garden and dining under the Texas stars in an Old Stockyard courtyard will put the finishing touches on this unforgettable meeting.



*Y'all Come Early and Stay Late!*

*(space is limited to 140)*

## PLANNED EVENTS

### Thursday, April 6

3:00 - 5:00pm ..... Early Registration  
*Stockyards Amerisuites Hotel*

### Friday, April 7

8:00 - 11:30 am ..... Registration  
**LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN**

12:00 pm ..... Depart hotel for the  
Fort Worth Botanic Gardens Lecture Hall  
**SESSION ONE**

12:30 - 2:30pm ..... Welcome  
• A brief history of Ft. Worth & Overview of Conference  
• "Douglas Chandor and His Garden 'White Shadows', A History of an English Portrait Painter's 1936 English Style Garden in Texas"

– Presentation by Dr. Harold Lawrence

2:45pm ..... Depart for White Shadows

3:30 - 5:30pm ... "White Shadows" Garden  
Known today as Chandor Gardens in Weatherford, TX. Designed by the owner, Douglas Chandor, the garden includes garden rooms, pools, fountains, a bowling green, grottos and a man-made waterfall.

7:00pm .... Depart from hotel for dinner at the  
*Fort Worth YWCA, Downtown Ft. Worth*

### Saturday, April 8

8:00 am ..... Depart hotel for the  
Fort Worth Botanic Gardens Lecture Hall  
**SESSION TWO**

8:30 - 11:30 am .... Annual Business Meeting  
• Brief overview of sites to be visited.  
• "Discovering Texas' Botanical Heritage"

– Presentation by Barney Lipscomb

11:45 am ... Depart Fort Worth Botanic Gardens  
Lecture Hall for tours of homes and gardens

• **The Original Fort Worth Botanic Gardens** designed by S.H. Bare in 1933  
• **Stella Rowan Prairie**, a non-tilled native prairie within Fort Worth

1:45pm ..... BBQ Lunch  
*Dripping Springs Gardens*

• **Dripping Springs Gardens** This 1930's weekend home was designed by Mrs. Nell Whitehead. The garden includes a formal area, a working wishing well and a swinging bridge to the ruins of a Spanish Galleon replica. The new owners Randy and Sue Weston have restored much of the garden and added Weston's Retail Garden Center across the street.

• **Mrs. Stevenson's 1950 Thomas Church Garden** This private garden has a series of walkways with large open spaces and planted terraced rock outcroppings. It was designed as the focal point for the Harwell Harris designed house.

• **The Anne H. Bass House and Garden**  
A 1970 Paul Rudolph designed house with grounds by Robert Zion and garden by Russell Page. The garden connects the house to the conservatory with an oak allée, rose and herbaceous gardens, ponds and woodland area. Tea and cookies will be served.

7:00 pm ..... Buffet Dinner  
*Los Vaqueros Mexican Restaurant*  
located in the Fort Worth Stockyards

### Sunday, April 9 (Optional Tour)

9:00 am ..... Depart hotel for tour

• **The Lassiter Garden**  
A Lake-Flato Japanese inspired house with a Rosa Finley designed garden using native stone and plants.

• **The Fort Worth Japanese Garden**  
Originally the site of an old gravel pit, Kingsley Wu designed this garden for the Botanic Gardens with its KARESANSUI, teahouse, Moonbridge, waterfalls and pagoda.

12:00 pm ... Lunch at *The Gardens Restaurant* (around the corner from the Japanese Gardens)

• **Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT)** A global institute for the conservation and preservation of botanical heritage. BRIT has a herbarium and library located in a historical building in downtown Fort Worth.

3:00 pm ..... Return to Hotel

