

SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

April 22-24, 2022, Mount Vernon, Virginia

REGISTRATION FORM

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FOR VEGETARIAN MEALS, CHECK HERE ☐

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please print the name and affiliation or city you would like to appear on your name tag

NAME

AFFILIATION CITY

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.

☐ Benefactor \$500
☐ Patron \$250
☐ Sustainer \$125

☐ Institution \$100
☐ Joint \$60
☐ Individual \$40
☐ Student \$15

REMITTANCE

SGHS MEMBERSHIP (IF NOT CURRENT) \$

REGISTRATION (\$425 PER PERSON) \$

OPTIONAL TOUR (\$125 PER PERSON) \$

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO
SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$

TOTAL \$

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO :

Southern Garden History Society

MAIL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO:

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With two cancellations behind us, it is a pleasure to welcome you back to Alexandria, Virginia, for the Southern Garden History Society's 38th Annual Meeting. Alexandria, a city that has been loved and admired since 1749, was once a busy seaport. It has always been known for its distinguished heritage. George Mason and Robert E. Lee

were native sons; George Washington owned property here and selected land across the Potomac River from Alexandria to be the site of the new Federal City, Washington, D.C.

This year's event marks the fourth time that the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association has hosted the Southern Garden History Society for its annual meeting. The tradition dates back to the society's 8th annual meeting in 1990, when members decided to return to Mount Vernon for a reunion every ten years. So here we are, over thirty years later, at the fourth, and yes, final—annual meeting at Mount Vernon under the current caretakers.

Our home base will be the Sheraton Suites on North Asaph Street in Alexandria. The meeting will begin Friday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. Please take advantage of your free time on Friday morning to explore Alexandria. Your name tag will get you free admission into the Carlyle House, the beautifully restored 1752 home of John Carlyle, a prominent merchant of Old Town, and to the Apothecary Shop, the oldest operating apothecary in the country. Our Sunday tours will be within two square miles of our hotel.

There will be many firsts and lasts during the meeting. One thing for sure, members can expect great food, beautiful venues, and interesting lectures.

You can look forward to many reflections on years of professional research, preservation, and lessons learned while working in a profession that has certainly "contributed to your health and amusement."

"The manner in which you employ your time at Bell Champ in raising nurseries of fruit, (forest trees and shrubs) must not only contribute to your health and amusement, but it is certainly among the most rational avocations of life;"

George Washington To Sir Edward Newenham.
Vol. 29, GWD, April 20, 1787.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration at the Sheraton Suites Hotel

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks
SGHS Business Meeting

AFTERNOON LECTURES

**Thomas Jefferson's Gardening Legacy:
Preserving his Passion**

Peggy Cornett

Curator of Plants, Monticello

**Gardens Great & Small: A Forty-Five Year
Career of a Southern Plantsman**

Chip Callaway

Garden Designer Extraordinaire



5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Depart the Sheraton Suites for an evening of camaraderie and dining at Gunston Hall, home of George Mason.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Urban Nature: Human Nature

Peter Del Tredici

Senior Research Scientist Emeritus, Arnold Arboretum

Independent Hemp Farming: From the 18th-Century to Today

Doug Fine

Author, American Hemp Farmer, Hempbound & Farewell to My Subaru

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Hearty Breakfast

11:00 a.m.

Depart Sheraton Suites for Alexandria Wharf to board the Cherry Blossom paddle wheeler

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

A two hour excursion via the Potomac River to Mount Vernon

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Visit the Washington Farm site

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m

“Long and Assiduous Endeavours”: The Archaeological Exploration of John Custis’ Williamsburg Garden

Jack Gary

Director of Archaeology, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

Reflecting on fifty years as Washington’s head gardener at Mount Vernon Estate

J. Dean Norton

Director of Horticulture, George Washington’s Mount Vernon

5:00 p.m.

Tour of Gardens and Landscapes begins

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

East Lawn Reception

8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Dinner at Mount Vernon

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

9:00 a.m.

Depart the Sheraton Suites to begin tours of Alexandria’s gardens. Smaller groups will move from garden to garden through the town, and buses will be available to shuttle members when there are longer distances between gardens. Lunch will be at the Lee-Fendall house. We will conclude our tours no later than 3:30 p.m.

Registration

Registration must be made in advance by completing the enclosed registration form. The meeting is open only to members of the Southern Garden History Society. If you are not currently a member, you may join on the SGHS website southerngardenhistory.org or by contacting membership administrator Rebecca Hodson at membership@southerngardenhistory.org.

Registration for the 38th Annual Meeting is limited to 175 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration fee of \$425 covers activities on Friday and Saturday, including lectures, transportation, tours, receptions, and all meals, as noted. An additional \$125 fee is required for Sunday's optional tour.

Accommodations

A block of rooms for Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23 has been set aside at the Sheraton Suites in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. The cost is \$149, single or double occupancy. To receive this rate, reservations must be received by the Sheraton Suites by March 21, 2022. After that date, rooms that have not been reserved from our block will be released to the general public and the rate for the rooms will be at the prevailing rate. Overnight & day parking is \$10 per vehicle. The hotel's underground garage parking is on first-come basis. For reservations call 844.202.4190. The local number is 703.836.4700.

If you call the general number, identify the location of the hotel and make sure you identify the group block, which is, of course,

The Southern Garden History Society.

The address for the hotel is

801 North Asaph St., Alexandria, VA 22314

Transportation

Three major airports serve the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. They include, Dulles International (IAD) in Virginia, Baltimore Washington International (BWI) in Maryland, and Ronald Reagan National (DCA) in Washington, D.C. By far the most convenient of these airports is Reagan National. It handles most airlines and is located less than ten minutes from our home base. Sheraton Suites offers free shuttle service to and from Reagan National.

HISTORY

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association & George Washington's Mount Vernon

Founded in 1853, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association (MVLA) owns and maintains Mount Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington. MVLA is the oldest historic preservation organization in the country. Through robust education and outreach programs, the Association expands awareness about the life of George Washington and the world he lived in and broadens each guest's understanding of the Washingtons through research, interpretation, and public education.

Today, Mount Vernon is one of the most visited homes in America, it includes the mansion, museum, research library, stunning gardens, a working farm, gristmill, distillery, and more. Mount Vernon does not accept government funding.



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The Southern Garden History Society

Founded in May 1982, the Southern Garden History Society is a group of enthusiasts and professionals that fosters and shares 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 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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