

Directors Meet in Nashville, Tennessee

The Board of Directors of SGHS met at Cheekwood, the Tennessee Botanical Garden and Fine Arts Center at Nashville, on October 29 and 30, 1982. Our president, Duncan Callicott, was host for the most productive meeting. Florence Griffin, Atlanta, Georgia; Glenn Haltom, Natchez, Mississippi; Flora Ann Bynum, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Hugh Dargan, Camden, S.C.; and John Flowers, Durham, N.C. were the board members attending. Guests at the meeting were Jane Campbell Symmes of Madison, Georgia and William G. Randles, horticulturist at the Hermitage at Nashville. The aims and ambitions of the Society were thoroughly discussed in several sessions. It was decided that all the first year members of the Society would be Charter Members, and that we wanted only those people who had a genuine interest in garden history, and who were in accord with the principles of the Society as laid down in the membership application. One point was made with great emphasis, and that was that the Society is not seeking to become large so much as it is striving to become highly productive and contributive.

It was voted to have a new membership application and informational brochure printed, and Hugh Dargan was named chairman with Flora Ann Bynum and John Flowers as committeemen. The brochure will give some of the basic points about the Society, a brief history of the movement, and our aims and aspirations. The Spring meeting of the Society was set for April to coincide with the opening of "Land of Our Own," the major exhibit of the Atlanta Historical Society which will review the last 250 years of Georgia's garden history. The board also designated the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as the official repository of the Society's records, which will include the minutes of meetings and other documents that the Society will create. This does not necessarily include historical items, but can if the board so desires. The Southern Historical Collection was chosen because its focus is not just North Carolina, but the entire South, and it is the only major manuscript collection in the region that is so structured. Thousands of items from each state in the South are housed in the famed Southern Historical Collection. Prior to the meeting Duncan and Virginia Callicott had the board to supper, and following the meeting, the board was given tours of Belle Meade Plantation, ~~Swan House~~ Plantation and Fairvue Plantation, where we were luncheon guests of Mrs. William Hatch Wymess.

Atlanta Will Host Annual Conference

The annual meeting of SGHS will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on April 15th and 16th. The Tower Place Hotel will be headquarters for the group. Events will include cocktails and a buffet dinner at the Atlanta Historical Society, a special tour of "Land of Our Own" led by Catherine Howett, tours of Swan House and gardens, the Quarry Garden and Tullie Smith House and garden at the Atlanta Historical Society, a luncheon at the Cherokee Club and a tour of several private Atlanta gardens with a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Shakespeare Carr, III where we will be their guest for tea. The final event will be on Saturday evening when we will be guests of the Atlanta Botanical Garden for cocktails and then at the Piedmont Driving Club for dinner. The Piedmont Driving Club and the Cherokee Club are two of the most distinguished social clubs in the South, ^{our steering} steering committee composed of Florence Griffin, Louise Allen, Ann Carr, Pat Hartramph and Edith Malone ~~our thanks~~. We will be treated to the best that Atlanta has to offer, and I hope that everyone will make an effort to attend. Conference enrollment is limited so make your reservations early. Remember, Atlanta, April 15, 16, 1983!

Membership Brochure Will Be Out Soon

Hugh Dargan, Flora Ann Bynum and John Flowers met on ^{AP} February 4th at Old Salem to plan and lay-out the new membership brochure. It was completed and is now at the printers. We hope you will find it helpful in getting interested members.

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