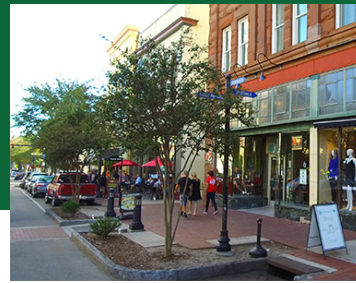


Southern Garden History Society



40TH ANNUAL MEETING

Wilmington and the Lower Cape Fear



Burgwin-Wright House and Gardens

Wilmington,
North Carolina
April 12 - 14, 2024
Friday and Saturday
With optional Sunday Picnic

southerngardenhistory.org

Welcome

In 1830 Anne Royall, author of *Mrs. Royall's Southern Tour*, wrote that the Wilmington area was "the garden spot of North Carolina, and size considered, of the United States."

Join us for a weekend in the historic port city of Wilmington, North Carolina, on the Lower Cape Fear River. Explore beautifully preserved neighborhoods, homes, gardens, mature palms and live oaks, the Riverwalk, and the Battleship North Carolina.



Bellamy Mansion

REGISTER ONLINE OR BY MAIL

Online: www.southerngardenhistorysociety.org

By mail: SGHS

P.O. Box 631

New Roads, LA 70760

Friday & Saturday conference fee \$460 per person.

Optional Sunday tour & lunch \$130 per person.

Cancellations made by Friday March 12 will be eligible for a full refund. Refunds for cancellations after March 13 will be determined by available funds after all conference expenses have been paid.

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**SOUTHERN
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Oakdale Cemetery

Friday, April 12

8:00 am till 1:00 pm

Conference Registration • Embassy Suites by Hilton
Wilmington Riverfront

9:00 am till 11:00 am • Optional Tour

Guided Walk of Oakdale Cemetery,
North Carolina's oldest rural cemetery
(Pre-registration required, \$10 per person)

Lunch on your own

12:30 pm till 4:00 pm

Embassy Suites by Hilton Wilmington Riverfront

Welcome and Introductions

Brief Business Meeting

History of Wilmington • Dr. Chris Fonvielle, Jr.

Professor Emeritus UNC-Wilmington and Author

Orton Plantation and Rice Culture

Nick Dawson

Landscape Architect and Horticulturist

Gullah Geechee Culture • Michelle Lanier

Director, N.C. Division of State Historic Sites, Folklorist,
Public Historian

5:00 pm till 6:30 pm

Cocktails in the Garden

Burgwin-Wright House & Gardens

6:30 pm

Dinner at St. Thomas Preservation Hall

208 Dock Street

Saturday, April 13

8:30 am till 11:00 am

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Venus Flytrap, Community Treasure

Henry Rehder, Horticulturist / Floriculturist and Author

The History of the Azalea Garden Tour

Elaine Henson, Educator and Historian

Airlie Gardens, Wilmington's Showplace

Janine Powell, Educator and Historian

**Evolving Southern Gardens and Building
an Unexpected Oasis**

Barbara Sullivan, Author

Wilmington's Historic Preservation Movement

Travis Gilbert, Executive Director,
Historic Wilmington Foundation

11:15 am till 1:00 pm

Lunch • Embassy Suites by Hilton Wilmington
Riverfront

1:00 pm till 4:00pm

Self-guided Walking Tour of Wilmington Historic
District and Private Residential Gardens,
Maps Provided

5:30 pm till 6:00 pm

Board water taxis to cross the river

6:00 pm till 9:00 pm

Cocktails and Dinner on the
Battleship North Carolina

Battleship North Carolina



Sunday, April 14 (Optional)

9:00 am till 3:00 pm

Buses can transport guests between gardens with
lunch provided at the last garden

Chuck and Karen Root's Private Garden

Symbiotic perfection between architecture and botanical gardening

Airlie Gardens and Mount Lebanon Chapel

The Jewel of Wilmington

Percy and Lilian Smith's Memorial Garden

The garden that feels like a park in the middle of the city



Bottle Chapel, Airlie Garden

ACCOMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

Embassy Suites

by Hilton Wilmington Riverfront

9 Estell Lee Place, Wilmington, NC 28401

Call (910) 765-1131 for Reservations &
mention Southern Garden History Society

BED-AND-BREAKFAST INNS

- C. W. Worth House B&B
- Front Street Inn
- Verandas B&B
- ARRIVE Wilmington
- Dreamers by DW

AIRLINE FLIGHTS AND RENTAL CARS

Wilmington International Airport (ILM)

1740 Airport Boulevard, Wilmington, NC 28405

Serviced by American Airlines, Avolo, Delta, Sun
Country Airlines, United