

SAR Convention 2016

“North Carolina’s Beauty” South Atlantic Region Convention March 13-15, 2016 North Raleigh Hilton Raleigh NC



Come and enjoy “North Carolina’s Beauty” at the annual SAR Convention. We hope you will enjoy learning about “North Carolina’s Beauty” given by guest speakers from the region, shopping with vendors that represent the area and meeting other people that love to garden and want to learn more about how others garden.

There will be a workshop available on Monday afternoon.

This year the meeting will be held March 13-15, 2016 at the North Raleigh Hilton/Midtown located at 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, North Carolina. Phone Number 844-582-8885.

The room rates will be \$119.00 per night for this meeting. Mark your calendar and save the date to be in Raleigh this March to enjoy “North Carolina’s Beauty”.

Raleigh is just east of the middle of our region, so we hope to have many, many attendees from all five states.

Convention Chairman: Ginny Parker, 919-832-5483, vlp1006@aol.com

Convention Vice-Chairman: Susan Hooper, 704-552-5673, susanhooper@att.net

The Registration Form is on page 13 of this issue.



Speaker: Bryce Lane, NC State Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Professor Emeritus, Lecturer Emeritus

Topic: **"Gardening in North Carolina: From the Mountains to the Coast"**

An informative and inspiring talk about gardening and gardens in North Carolina. From botanical gardens to personal gardening stories, come hear about the magic of North Carolina horticulture!

Speaker: Carl Curnutte, Director Elizabethan Gardens Topic: “Flourishing Gardens”

When the planet flourishes, nature blossoms. Attend a program that opens the doors to sustainability for your neighborhoods and homes by following practices used by The Elizabethan Gardens. Learn how choices made while maintaining a public garden have impacted the environment. Sustainability activities, conservation, and ideas for reducing, reusing, and recycling are all explored while learning the rich history of the Gardens and its' programs. Do you want to reduce your impact on the world’s resources? Conscious global citizens are committed to bring about a “flourishing” world through awareness, responsibility and sustainable action. Paul Hawken, environmental activist and author said, “The first rule of sustainability is to align with natural forces, or at least not try to defy them.” As exemplified by The Gardens, small steps can make big footprints and have an impact on history and environment. Participants will also have a chance to win prizes using their knowledge of sustainability practices.



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Speaker: Derek Smith, NCDOT Roadside Environmental Unit Topic “ North Carolina Wildflower Program”

The North Carolina Wildflower Program began in 1985 with 12 experimental acres. Celebrating 30 years of seeding wildflowers along the primary routes across NC, the program has grown to include approximately 1,500 acres today. With continued support provided by the Garden Club of North Carolina, this program and roadside aesthetics in general have promoted North Carolina to become ranked the 6th most visited state in the nation. Travelers and citizens make the NC Wildflower Program the most popular program in the Department of Transportation. The NC Wildflower Program is funded by the sale of personalized license plates.



There will be a workshop at the convention on Monday afternoon. It will be presented by Darene Honeycutt, 3rd Vice President of the Garden Club of North Carolina as well as Youth-Children Gardens/School Gardens Chair for SAR. Darene position as 3rd VP in GCNC is to oversee all the youth clubs through out North Carolina. She is working with schools, after school programs, scouts, etc. to give the youth a insight in to what it means to be a gardener. Because a lot of adult clubs are facing a decline in membership, we must look to these young people to be the future of our organization. Darene has a lot of wonderful and new ideas in how this can be accomplished. So she does not feel rushed, she will be given an hour or more to present this workshop.

NATIONALGARDENCLUB/SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION CONVENTION
MARCH 13-15, 2016
“SAR: NORTH CAROLINA BEAUTY”
THE HILTON NORTH RALEIGH/MIDTOWN
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Please complete form, make check to “2016 NGC/SAR Convention” and mail both to:
Ginny Parker, 1801 Ridley Street, Raleigh, NC 27608: email VLP1006@aol.com Phone: 919-880-3233 (Cell)

Postmark by **February 19** for on time registration.
Name _____ Phone _____
Adress _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

May we confirm your registration by your email? _____ Yes _____ No

Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Former SAR Director | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Chairman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse |

ALL ATTENDEES MUST PAY A REGISTRATION FEE

Circle Amount(s) being paid.

- NC, Out of State members and non- spouse guest -----\$200.00
Includes Registration fee, 2 dinners, 1 lunch, 1 breakfast and workshops
- Spouse package – full convention-----\$175.00
Includes Registration fee, 2 dinners, 1 lunch, 1 breakfast and workshops
- One day registration only----- \$25.00
- Additional Registration (after March 1) for all attending-----\$10.00
(Regular registration rate for everyone attending is \$50.00 – included in above on-time packages)

Individual Meals

- Sunday Evening \$45.00
- Monday Lunch \$30.00
- Monday Evening \$45.00
- Tuesday Breakfast \$30.00

(Plus the Registration Fee)

TOTAL PAID _____

Please indicate any special needs or dietary requirements: - Diabetic,
 Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free, Other (medical reasons only)
 Wheelchair Access, _____ Specify

NO REQUESTS FOR SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE TIME OF MEAL SERVICE.

We will make every effort to accommodate your medical allergies.

NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 5, 2016

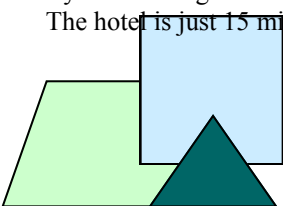
The afternoon workshops are still in the making. Please refer to the January Key Notes for all the details pertaining to these work-shops.

Hotel Reservations: Reservation deadline for group rate is **February 21, 2016** .Make reservation directly with the Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 919-872-2323 and mention NGC/SAR Convention.

Room rates are \$ 119.00 for both singles and doubles. Check in time is 3:00 and check out time is 12:00 noon. All hotel parking is free.

Travel Information

By Air: Raleigh Durham United International Airport. The hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. The hotel is just 15 miles from the airport.



Key Notes January 2016
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