

South Atlantic Region Convention Activities

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Come early on Sunday to see the former U.S. Government Relocation Facility known as The Bunker, a secret place completed in 1961 by the United States to house all of our Congress underground along with their families in the event of an attack on Washington D.C. Exposed by a *Washington Post* reporter on May 31, 1992, The Bunker is now open to the public but hours have to be arranged ahead of time since the spaces fill up fast. Make your appointment when you reserve your room.

Experience a guided tour of the famous Greenbrier kitchen. Make reservations with your registration. This is limited to the first 25 reservations. A Home Tour of the Greenbrier Lodge and several exclusive Sporting Club homes will be available from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Make reservations with registration. The spring bulbs and shrubs should be making an appearance on the grounds which are known for their vast tulip plantings. Don't forget to check out the **Spa** or **Casino** and the beautiful **shops and restaurants** that have been added to the Casino area which are only available to guests at The Greenbrier. Make time for the **hotel tea** at 4:15 pm each afternoon.

Sunday's **banquet** features our SAR Director Sarah Ann Parlor and will honor SAR Life Members. During dinner we will be treated to one of the most innovative and dynamic fiddlers of his generation, Adam DeGraff. Adam performs worldwide as a concert violinist, rock violinist and fiddle player. He was a 1st chair orchestra musician for many years and now entertains with his ground breaking fiddle playing. Later, check out the newest movie in the theater at 9:00 pm or the Greenbrier Champagne Toast and Waltz in the Casino at 10:00 pm.

Monday, March 27, 2017

The official opening of the convention will be at 9:00 am in the Theater. The Awards Luncheon will be at 12:00 pm. We will see our state presidents receive awards for their clubs. At 3:00 pm there will be a workshop entitled "Windowsill Art". Nancy Ross Hugo will create one-of-a-kind natural arrangements to celebrate the seasons. Almost everyone does it, puts a little something on the windowsill. Nancy will create arrangements through photos in a power point

demonstration, showing this simple art form can hone arranging skills, stretch creative muscles, and provide connections to the changing seasons. She shares dozens of her creations and which techniques, containers and materials best facilitate the process.

Monday's **banquet** features our National Garden Club President, Sandy Robinson, from Kentucky, as our Speaker. She and our SAR Director, Sarah Ann Parler, are looking forward to meeting you personally at the reception following the banquet.

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

The **Design Breakfast** will feature The Greenbrier's own floral arranger, John Gillespie, who will give us tips and ideas for creating the spectacular displays at this premiere resort. Following his presentation, the official SAR Convention will close, but you are invited to stay Wednesday and Thursday for the West Virginia Garden Club Convention at the same special rates given our convention.