# SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION CONVENTION

## March 18 – 19, 2024 Fifty-Ninth Annual Convention "Nothing Could Be Finer Than to Be in Carolina" Embassy Suites, Greenville. SC

Registration: Please complete form, make checks payable to "SAR 2024 Convention" and mail both to Margaret Graham, 1303 Golfview Drive, N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582, email: jpgmcg69@gmail.com, phone: 843-222-2548. Postmark by February 14, 2024 for On-time Registration.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Please check if we may email your acknowledgment to the address above. Check **ALL** that apply: () NGC Officer () SAR Director () SAR Officer () Former SAR Director () NGC Chairman () SAR Chairman () NGC Life Member () SAR Life Member () State President () Club President () Club Member () Elected Delegate () Guest () Spouse Please mark the plan you want to attend. Registration fee and meals included. Full Convention beginning Monday morning ...... \$255.00 Monday Night Banquet and Program ...... \$85.00 Tuesday Awards Luncheon and Program ...... \$65.00 Tuesday Night Banquet and Program ...... \$90.00 Additional Late Registration fee if space available......\$35.00 Reception and Tour at Kilgore Lewis House ..... NC Executive Board, Former Regional Directors, and Finance Committee Monday Luncheon ......\$40.00 Total Enclosed ......\$ Please indicate special diet restrictions\* \*These may be for medical reasons only

We will make every effort to accommodate your medical allergies but will not be able to accommodate individual dislikes. Thank you for your cooperation. No requests for substitutions will be accommodated at the time of meal service.

**Meals:** Full Convention includes one lunch and two banquets. Complimentary breakfast, coffee and tea are available in lobby for hotel guests.

## No Refunds After March 5, 2024

## Hotel Reservations – Deadline is February 16, 2024

The Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Greenville Golf Resort & Conference Center, located at 670 Verdae Boulevard, Greenville, SC 20607 (864-676-9090). We have a special room rate of \$159+ tax which includes breakfast, evening drinks, hors d'oeuvres and free parking. *This special block of rooms is limited, so please make your hotel reservations early.* 

#### The online Booking Link: Garden Club of SC Booking Link

Or for phone reservations call 1-800-EMBASSY and ask for the Garden Club of SC – South Atlantic Region Convention special room rate.

Driving Directions: Take I-85 to Greenville, SC exit 48B

#### **PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

"Nothing Could Be Finer Than to Be in Carolina"

#### Monday, March 18, 2024

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8:30 – 11:30 AM	Registration	Lobby		
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration	Lobby		
1:30 – 6:00 PM	Flower Room Open			
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Vendors	Lobby		
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Finance Committee Meeting			
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Executive Committee Meeting			
10:45 – 11:45 AM	Board of Directors Meeting	Palmetto Club		
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Luncheon – Former SAR Directors/	Congaree Room		
	Finance & Executive Committees			
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Tea Honoring the SAR Regional Director	Kilgore Lewis House		
		Garden/Arboretum & House Tour		
7:00 – 10:00 PM	Dinner and Program	Palmetto Club		
	Speaker Douglas A. Rayner, PhD, naturalist/author	Palmetto Club		
	"Tales from the Traveling Botanist"			
Tuesday, March 19, 2024				
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration Open	Lobby		
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration Open			

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6:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration Open	Lobby
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Flower Room Open	Palmetto Club
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Vendors	Lobby
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Official Opening of Convention	Palmetto Club
	Carolina Girls Welcome (Lake & Hills GC)	
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Awards Luncheon & Program	Palmetto Club
	Kelly Long (Camellia GC of Greer),	
	"Our Endangered Monarchs"	
2:00 – 2:45 PM	"Braiding" Workshop by Debbie Sizemore (Simpsonville GC)	. Congaree Room
3:00 – 3:45 PM	"Birds" by Ben Sill, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Clemson University .	Congaree Room
7:00 – 10:00 PM	Banquet & Program	Palmetto Club
	Keynote Speaker Bonnie Satterthwaite, Espoma Company,	
	"There Was No Miracle-Gro in the Garden of Eden"	