

Welcome

The 22nd Annual Southern Garden Symposium & Workshops

October 15 & 16, 2010

St. Francisville, LA

Change may be coming to the historic community of St. Francisville, Louisiana in the form of a new four-lane highway, but the 2010 Southern Garden Symposium offers a step back to a more gracious era. Known as much for its engaging social events and historic venues as for its outstanding gardening lectures and workshops, the Southern Garden Symposium has become an annual tradition for garden enthusiasts from across the south.

Our 2010 program promises to be one of the most informative and entertaining ever. Friday's highlights include a floral design demonstration by the very popular Ron Morgan from California, as well as workshops on native plants, antique roses, shade gardens, and more. Lectures will continue on Saturday with programs by noted speakers including professor and consultant David Creech, historian William Seale, and ethnobotanist Mark Plotkin. To top off each day, two of St. Francisville's loveliest private homes, The Oaks and The Cabildo, will open their doors for the Speakers' Gala and Saturday Tea respectively. Additional information on all of these events may be found in this brochure.

As in previous years, we will offer for sale the finest garden books and tools as well as an array of southern plants to satisfy every desire. In addition, Saturday's silent auction will be full of fantastic wares. Unique plants, garden art, hand-made benches, gourmet dinners, and overnight stays at historic bed and breakfasts are among some of the potential bargains available.

Over the years, proceeds from the Southern Garden Symposium have funded numerous projects including scholarships in the School of Landscape Architecture at L.S.U., a revitalization project for historic Ferdinand Street in St. Francisville, sponsorship of the kitchen garden at Audubon State Historic Site (Oakley House), funding for plantings and benches at Rosedown Plantation State Historic Site, and others. We do hope you will join us for our 22nd year and help support these worthy causes.

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