

“Enhancing the Enhancements”

In Spartanburg, South Carolina, April 20-22, 2006

Up-Dated Tentative Convention Plans July 12, 2005

The 150 men and women members of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club are moving ahead on developing plans for a great 2006 TGOA/MGCA Convention. Mark your calendars and expect more details soon.

Location is Spartanburg's new downtown hotel and convention center—The Marriott at Renaissance Park room rate is confirmed at \$85 per day, single, double or triple, including special continental breakfasts with hot items. Reservation details will be available later. For now, take a look at the Marriott's Website at

<http://www.marriott.com/property/propertypage.mi?marshaCode=SPAMC>

For the local Convention and Visitors Bureau's information on what to see and do in and around Spartanburg, go to

<http://www.visitspartanburg.com>

And you might like to review the City's Website at

<http://www.cityofspartanburg.org/>

Registration will include *all* meals and three days of great 'green enjoyment'. We expect local businesses to underwrite some of our costs to keep Registration fees as low as possible.

Get Here by auto, plane or rail. Spartanburg called the “Crossroads of the New South” is located at the intersection of I-85 and I-26. The Greenville/Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) is 30 minutes from the hotel; we expect to provide courtesy transportation from and to the airport. Amtrak rail service is available as well.

Program will include numerous seminars; lectures by nationally recognized horticulturists; a day of bus tours of gardens, arboretums and the many “enhancements” to the beauty of Spartanburg, optional walking tours of the re-vitalized downtown and local colleges; the celebrated National Photography Contest Slide Show; and, of course, business meetings to strengthen TGOA/MGCA.

Come Early and Stay Late to explore the many opportunities nearby. These include great local golf courses, plus those at the famed South Carolina beaches (3 ½ hours); South Carolina Botanical Garden at Clemson (70 min.); Cowpens National Battlefield (30 min.); Walnut Grove Plantation (30 min.); BMW Manufacturing's Zentrum (30 min.); Linda Cobb's and other local gardens (20 min.), Historic Charleston (3 ½ hours), world famous Biltmore House and Garden (70 min.); the North Carolina Arboretum (50 min.); Stowe Botanical Garden (75 min.); three near-by rose nurseries, Parks Seed Company and Wayside Gardens (90 min.); Carter & Holmes Orchids; etc, etc. Details on and the Websites of many of these special locations will be available before registration on this TGOA/MGCA Websites. Consider a "Carolinas vacation" associated with the convention in Spartanburg.

Theme of the Convention will be "*Enhancing the Enhancements*". The Spartanburg community has an extraordinary assortment of unique organizations--public and private--that have added immeasurable quality to life in Upstate South Carolina. Local Milliken & Company's CEO, Mr. Roger Milliken, has encouraged us to find a way to share these successes with other communities across America--this we plan to do for you next April.

Information will be updated on this Website Check back often.

Your Input will be important as we plan. Suggestions, comments or questions may be directed to

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Come next April for a great time of fun, fellowship and learning with gardeners from across America!!! The convention will help you "enhance *your* enhancements"

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