

THE ENDURING LANDSCAPE

Presented by:
The Institute of Classical Architecture and Art,
Louisiana Chapter
in conjunction with
the 37th Southern Garden Symposium

AFTON VILLA GARDENS

*An evening of dinner and conversation in
celebration of Southern garden traditions*

6:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 24, 2026

Saint Francisville,
Louisiana

Tickets: \$150

REGISTER & PROGRAM



Scan to purchase tickets, learn about
speakers and
find full program details.



Tickets are also available
online at Bon Temps Tix.

PURPOSE

The Southern Garden Symposium seeks to
preserve and commemorate gardening in
the Deep South through lectures,
workshops, and tours of historic gardens.

The Symposium has provided financial
support to regional gardening efforts and
a scholarship for horticulture students at
LSU, keeping with its mission to enrich
gardeners with knowledge and to provide
resources promoting the art of gardening.



HOSPITALITY

Lunch will be served at Afton Villa
Gardens on Friday and Saturday. Guests
enjoy a book sale on Friday and Saturday,
and a plant sale on Saturday at Afton Villa
Gardens.



The Speakers' Gala

6:30pm
Friday, October 23, 2026

THE 37TH ANNUAL *Southern* GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

*Offering prestigious speakers
amid gracious surroundings.*



Afton Villa Gardens

October 23-24, 2026
St. Francisville, Louisiana

REGISTRATION

The Southern Garden Symposium Steering Committee continues its rich tradition of offering the very best speakers in horticultural education and floral design!

Friday

Join other enthusiastic gardeners for a full day of workshops and garden tours! Light refreshments will be served at 8:30 a.m. with morning workshops beginning at 9:30am, lunch is served at Afton Villa at 11:30 a.m., and afternoon workshops will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The Speakers' Gala 6:30pm

Saturday Symposium: Arrive early to enjoy light refreshments and browse the raffle, book sale and plant sale. Open at 8:30 a.m. with lectures beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served following the third speaker.

TICKETS

- \$325 All Inclusive (Friday, Saturday, Gala)
- \$115 Friday Workshops
- \$115 Saturday Symposium
- \$95 Speakers' Gala
- \$150 The Enduring Landscape Dinner

To view a full schedule and register online please visit:
www.thesoutherngardensymposium.org

A full description of each workshop can be found on our website, or by request by calling 225-933-1579.

PROGRAM

Friday, October 23, 2026 Friday Morning Workshops

Floral Design Demonstration
Will Hunt Lewis, Hunt and Bloom
Afton Villa Gardens

Growing Camellias in the South
Hunter Charbonnet
Butler Greenwood Plantation

Friday Afternoon Workshops

The Common Sense Gardener
Dr. Allan Armitage, Retired Professor- UGA
Horticulturist and Author
Rosedown State Historic Site

From Soggy to Stunning: Innovative Solutions in the Garden- Building Beautiful Rain Gardens
Innovative Solutions Rooted in Plant Science
Lee Rouse, Owner, Rouses Horticulture
Butler Greenwood Plantation

Designing from the Ground Up
Jeff Allen, Landscape Architect
Oakley at Audubon State Historic Site



Saturday, October 24, 2026 Afton Villa Gardens

Barbara Adkins
Past Forward: Reviving an Old Southern Home and Gardens with Collections, Antiques, and Passion

Dr. Allan Armitage
The Making of a Garden: from Chaos to Contentment

Jeff Allen
An approach to landscape design in relationship to the architecture, design, client tastes and the land

Friends of Afton Villa
Preserving Afton Villa

Registration Form

If registering for more than one person, please complete this form for each.

Ticket Selection

- ☐ The Enduring Landscape Dinner \$150
- ☐ All Inclusive - \$325 (Fri, Sat, Gala)
- ☐ Friday Workshops - \$115
- ☐ Saturday Symposium - \$115
- ☐ Gala Only - \$95

Friday Workshop Selections Morning - Please choose one

- ☐ Floral Design at Afton Villa Gardens
- ☐ Growing Camellias at Butler Greenwood

Friday Afternoon - Please choose one

- ☐ Common Sense Gardener at Rosedown
- ☐ Soggy to Stunning at Butler Greenwood
- ☐ Landscape Design at Oakley

(Pre-registration is required)
Visit our website to register and pay online

or

Make checks payable to:
The Southern Garden Symposium
P.O. Box 2075
St. Francisville, LA 70775

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Total Included: _____
Check No. ____