

SOCIAL GATHERING

Tour: Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

Dinner: on-site

Thursday, July 9th

Bus departure time: immediately following Dr. Skinner's plenary session

Pick-up/drop-off location: Meyer's Center parking lot

(Make sure to listen for any additional announcements during the conference)

In 1989, Daniel and Alene Stowe from Belmont, North Carolina reserved 450 acres of prime rolling meadows, woodlands and lakefront property and established a foundation to develop a world-class botanical garden. A lifelong nature lover and gardening enthusiast, Today it is part nature preserve and part showcase for the best of Southern horticulture. The Garden is in the process of implementing an ambitious 50-year master plan. Currently there are over 110 acres in cultivation for guests to enjoy including:

- The 13,500 square foot Robert Lee Stowe Visitor Pavilion topped with a magnificent stained-glass dome
- Approximately 10 acres of manicured, themed gardens: The year-round Four Seasons Garden, the tropically-themed Canal Garden, four distinct Perennial Gardens (chock-full of ideas for home gardens), the nostalgic Cottage Garden, the fragrant Conifer Garden, the Encore Azalea® spring and fall blooming Garden and stately West Gardens
- 12 delightful fountains
- Woodland trail
- Orchid Conservatory