

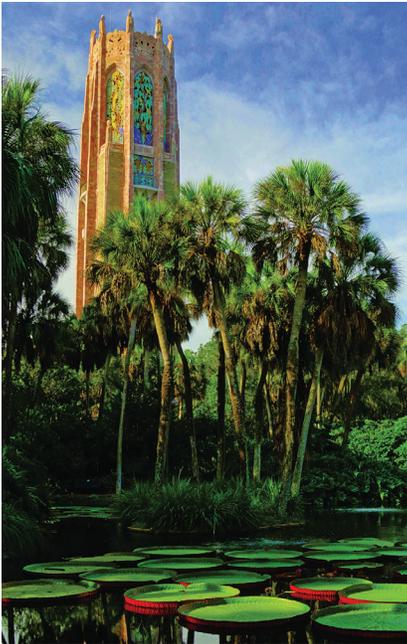


American Horticultural Society  
2018 President's Council Trip



# FLORIDA GARDENS OLD AND NEW

May 14–18, 2018



Join new AHS President, Beth Tuttle, for the 2018 President's Council (PC) trip. This journey, an exclusive benefit for AHS PC members, beckons us to central Florida and "Florida's Cultural Coast"—a lively landscape filled with bold, colorful, tropical and subtropical plants that will delight us at every turn. Our itinerary will include notable gardens in St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Tampa, Lake Wales, and Orlando. We will enjoy tours of historic private gardens, noteworthy public gardens, and the largest garden festival in the country. Our tour hosts are AHS President Emeritus Katy Moss Warner, former AHS Board and current PC member Sherran Blair, and AHS member and landscape architect Meg Whitmer. Our home base will be The Vinoy Renaissance Resort, a majestic historic hotel overlooking Tampa Bay in downtown St. Petersburg.

## *Itinerary Highlights*

### **Monday, May 14 (D)**

- Individual arrivals
- Reception and welcome dinner at The Vinoy Renaissance Resort

### **Tuesday, May 15 (B, L, D)**

- Breakfast at The Vinoy Renaissance Resort
- Begin the day in St. Petersburg with a visit to Meg Gandy O'Brien's garden, which evokes old Florida with towering oak trees and unique artwork sited throughout.
- Enjoy lunch and browse the collection of international art glass in the galleries and gardens of the Duncan McClellan Gallery.
- Leave for Sarasota and the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens to see its superb tropical plant collections and beautiful gardens, as well as its special exhibit "Warhol—Flowers in the Factory."
- Visit the private garden of Rob Branch with its many species of palms and bromeliads.
- Enjoy cocktails and dinner overlooking Tampa Bay at the dramatic contemporary home and garden of AHS Host and PC member Sherran Blair.



### **Wednesday, May 16 (B, L, D)**

- Breakfast at The Vinoy Renaissance Resort
- This morning we visit the Sandy Holloway garden in St. Petersburg, known for its peacocks and stained glass art. Then we head to Tampa to the Paula Benway garden, which features a large collection of bromeliads.

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- Leave for Tampa to enjoy lunch at Ulele Restaurant overlooking the Hillsborough River and learn about the important environmental work going on to restore natural springs in Florida.
- Tour the creative and colorful garden of mosaic artist Carol Guyton.
- Visit one of the finest collections of roses in Florida at the garden of Margot Harrod.
- Dine this evening at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City, the historic Cuban/Spanish/Italian neighborhood in Tampa where cigars were manufactured at the turn of the 20th century. Here we will be entertained with a flamenco dance show.



#### **Thursday, May 17 (B, L)**

- Breakfast at The Vinoy Renaissance Resort
- This morning we head to Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, one of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.'s greatest works. Here, we will enjoy a private tour with Bok Tower Gardens President David Price. We will explore the garden as well as the Founder's Room in the Carillon Tower.
- Visit the restored historic house and Olmsted-designed garden of the Pinewood Estate at Bok Tower Gardens, and enjoy lunch there.
- Leave for Walt Disney World in Orlando to visit the Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival, an annual horticultural extravaganza started over 20 years ago by AHS President Emeritus Katy Moss Warner. We will be treated to a special tour and cap off the day with dessert and coffee while viewing Illuminations, the grand finale fireworks/fountains/laser show on a private landing along World Showcase Lagoon.



#### **Friday, May 18 (B)**

- Breakfast at The Vinoy Renaissance Resort
- Individual departures

