

Historic House with Gardens Tour



MAGNOLIA PLANTATION & GARDENS | WED, APRIL 1, 2020

REGISTRATION: Tickets are \$85 per person. This includes round-trip shuttle service from the Embassy Suites North Charleston to the Magnolia Plantation and Gardens. With the all inclusive pass there is a lot to see and do. And, a boxed lunch is included. This historic house with gardens (about 10 miles from the hotel) is located on the Ashley River at 3550 Ashley River Road west of Ashley, Charleston County, SC. It is one of the oldest plantations in the South, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The plantation dates to 1676, when Thomas and Ann Drayton (née Anna Fox) built a house and small formal garden on the site. (The plantation remains under the control of the Drayton family after 15 generations.) Some of the enslaved people who were forced to work at the house were brought by the Draytons from Barbados in the 1670s.

COST: \$85.00 **TIME:** 8:45AM – 3:00PM

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Online: seaa.net
2. Mail this completed registration form with payment to SEAA (address below).

DEADLINE to Register: March 1, 2020



Magnolia was originally a rice plantation, with extensive earthworks of dams and dikes built in fields along the river for irrigating land for rice cultivation. African slaves from rice-growing regions created the works. As time went on, these slaves developed a creolized Gullah language and vibrant culture, strongly influenced by their West African cultures.

Magnolia became known for its gardens after the Reverend John Grimke-Drayton inherited the property in the 1840s and developed them. Through his mother, Grimke was the grandson of Thomas Drayton, who bequeathed the 1872-acre plantation to him on condition that he take the Drayton surname. Through his father, John was a nephew of sisters Sarah and Angelina Emily Grimké, who moved North and became noted abolitionists.

Grimke-Drayton, an Episcopal minister, began to have the gardens reworked in an English style; according to legend, this was done to lure his bride south from her native Philadelphia. He was among the first to use *Camellia japonica* in an outdoor setting (1820s), and is said to have introduced the first azaleas to America.

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OPTION: SHUTTLE (Free, but preregistration is required. Leaves at 9:00 AM)

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REGISTRATION FEE: # _____ x \$85 = \$ _____

Limited Availability! Register before March 1, 2020

