



Tennessee
Federation of
Garden Clubs, Inc.
2023 Convention
April 5th & 6th

Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville SE Murfreesboro

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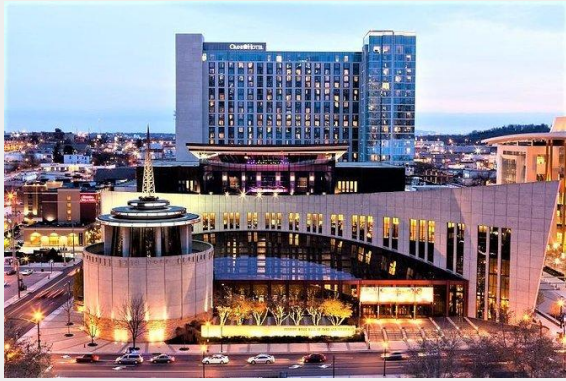
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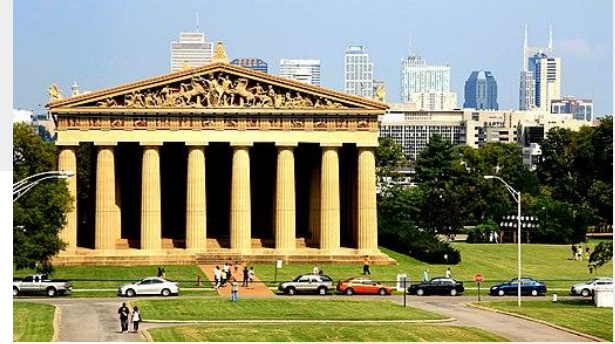
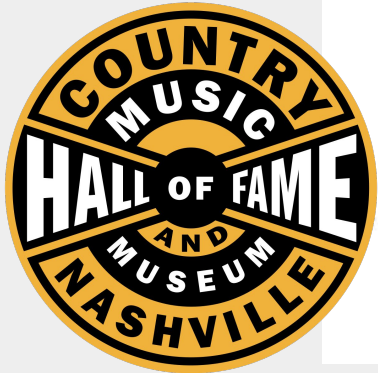


Attractions to Visit near the Convention Center

A 30 minute drive from downtown Nashville

Countless opportunities

- Country Music Hall of Fame
- Opryland Hotel
- Parthenon



Oaklands Mansion

10 minute drive from the hotel,
located at 901 North Maney
Avenue, Murfreesboro, TN
37130

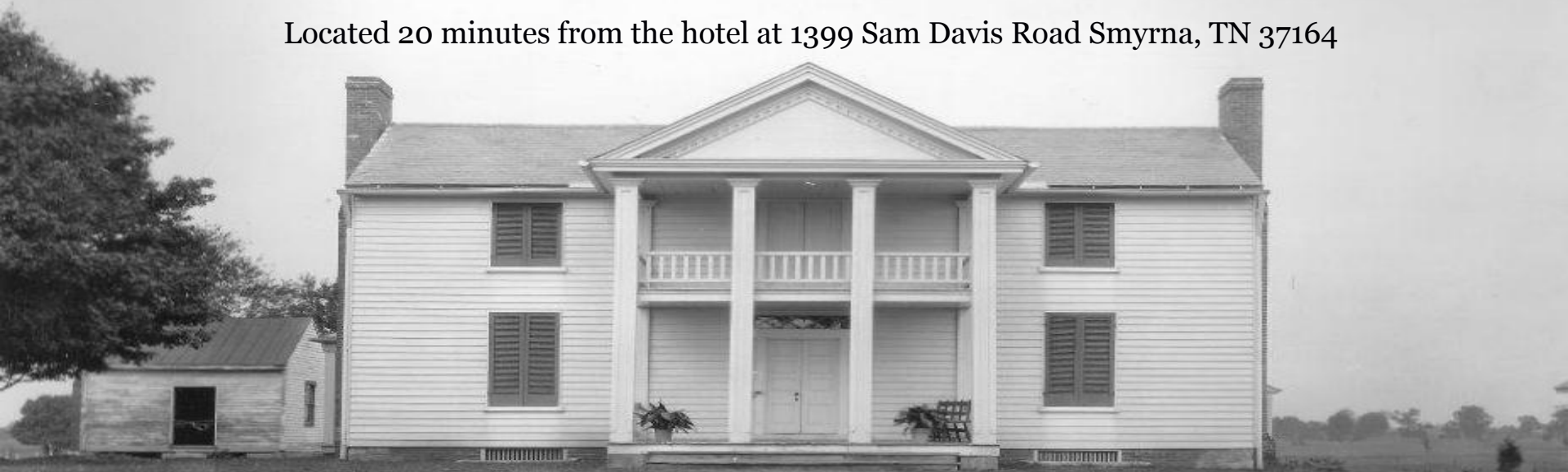
Self Guided Tours by
Reservation

Gardens & Grounds: Native Tree
Arboretum, Heritage Flower &
Vegetable Gardens, Maney
Spring & Walking Trails, 250+
Year Old History White Oak



The Historic Sam Davis Home and Plantation: A Nonprofit Organization

Located 20 minutes from the hotel at 1399 Sam Davis Road Smyrna, TN 37164



"The Sam Davis Memorial Association preserves the Sam Davis Home to keep alive the story of Sam Davis, his family, and the people who labored on this Middle Tennessee farm before, during, and after the Civil War. Through museum exhibits, the historic home, preserved farmland, and quality education programs, the SDMA imparts to its visitors the importance of learning about their past and its relevance to their present."



Stones River National Battlefield

Located 3 Miles from the Hotel at 3501 Old Nashville Highway
Murfreesboro , TN 37129

Stones River National Battlefield commemorates the Battle of Stones River, one of the largest and most important battles of the American Civil War. For three days in the winter of 1862 and 1863, 81,000 Union and Confederate forces clashed in a battle that would help determine the fate of a young United States.

Stones River National Battlefield is also serves as a green space in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Trails within the park allow visitors to get closer to nature, while the Murfreesboro Greenway system connects visitors to portions of the battlefield by foot or bike.

Historic Murfreesboro Square & Courthouse

- Less than 5 miles from the hotel and a 12 minutes drive
- Shopping
- Restaurants
- History



Dining & Shopping Oriented

The Avenue Murfreesboro

- Located right next door
- Restaurants
- Speciality Stores



Cedars of Lebanon State Park



Located 25 minutes outside of Murfreesboro, Cedars of Lebanon State Park is named for Eastern Red Cedar trees found throughout the area. Nineteen rare and endangered species of plants grow profusely at the Cedars of Lebanon and nowhere else in the world. Limestone Glades is what surrounds the natural rock gardens with thin soil and temperatures that vary so frequently that the plants have their own unique plant community.

Guest Speaker, Chris Wiesinger

Chris Wiesinger is the founder of The Southern Bulb Company, a flower bulb company that focuses on perennial garden flower bulbs for warmer climates.

Wiesinger studied Horticulture at Texas A&M University. In 2006, *New York Times* labeled him “The Bulb Hunter”, and in 2013 he released a book *The Bulb Hunter* focusing on Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Service Series while endearing stories from his personal life.



Guest Speaker, Lucas Holman

Lucas Holman is the Director of the University of Tennessee Agriculture Extension office in Wilson County. Holman replaced Ruth Correll in 2021, after working closely along her side for three years. Holman studied Agriculture/Horticulture at Tennessee Technological University as well as Curriculum and Instruction. After growing up in the greenhouse industry, he has grown to be a daylily hybridizer, perennial specialist with a focus on hydrangeas for convention attendees. Lucas grows mums commercially and is a successful sheep farmer in Middle Tennessee.





American Heritage Trees

Historic Trees from a Historic Farm

The American Heritage Trees is a national organization that promotes educational and environmental development by providing saplings of trees from important places throughout the United States that can be purchased by individuals, schools, or organizations. Each tree has a story describing its historical significance. As the centerpiece of its successes, AHT supports partnerships involving other nonprofit organizations, industry, and academia. In 1800, the Rice family purchased 214 acres from our “future” 7th President Andrew Jackson, today AHT is located on this farm. Phyllis and Tom Hunter owners.

Wilson County Beekeepers Association

The Wilson County Beekeepers Association is a group of dedicated individuals who are passionate about bees and the important role they play in our ecosystem. The association was founded to provide education, resources, and support for beekeepers in the Wilson County area. One of the main goals of the Wilson County Beekeepers Association is to promote the importance of bees and their role in pollinating plants and crops. Bees are essential for the health of our environment and the production of food. One of the key ways that Wilson County Beekeepers Association supports its members is by providing a network of experienced beekeepers who are available to offer guidance and assistance. This program is presented by Fred Dawson, Master Beekeeper.



Upcoming Opportunities in 2023

State Flower Show

Wednesday April 5, 2023

- Exhibiting Credits
- Judging Credits

Membership Meetings

Workshops

Tri Refresher

- Contact Jeri Melton
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Flower Designer

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