



Welcome to Chic Chicago - Art, Science and All That Jazz! Register Now!

Yes, it's time to sign up and select your workshops, tours and lectures at the 2012 ASBA Chicago Conference hosted by the Reed-Turner Artists' Circle.

This year, in an action-packed week, ASBA is the beneficiary of a collaboration with the Chicago Botanic Garden (CBG) in presenting most of the conference activities. ASBA will be using the facilities and grounds of one of America's most distinguished and beautiful botanic gardens. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to be at the axis of art connecting science to people!

The Conference officially kicks-off on Wednesday evening October 17th with a gracious welcome reception in the Greenery atop the comfortable and friendly Renaissance Hotel, only a stone's throw from the Gardens.

Come early for pre-conference workshops with Karen Kluglein or Alexander Viazmensky and Dr. Gregory M. Mueller, or stay after the conference for a three-day workshop with Australia's Beverly Allen. If you teach botanical art, stay for the Sunday Educator's Forum lead by Sarah Roche.

Each day you'll be whisked away by a shuttle bus to the CBG. There, an incredible array of classes, workshop, lectures and presentations await you. For those who wish to get out and about, a variety of tours are scheduled. Visit the Morton Arboretum to see their highly distinguished collection of original botanical art.

If the Arts and Crafts movement fascinates you, choose the tour of Ragdale and Crab Tree Farm. And if you are a devotee of the

"prairie style," you won't want to miss Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio in Oak Park. See his famed architecture and some of Wright's original pencil drawings of midwestern wildflowers. All this, and you can still take a tour of a precious original prairie preserve at Somme Prairie Grove, just minutes away from CBG.

Remember, many activities are included in your registration/hotel fees. Breakfast and box lunches are provided each day of the conference and the hotel has given us free in-room internet access. Thursday's lovely lakeside General Membership Meeting and Luncheon, Saturday's Silent Auction and Grand Finale Awards Banquet and two receptions, the Small Works Exhibition will be displayed at the CBG October 10-19th and will be celebrated Thursday night with a reception and awards ceremony.



Wow! Now, for the best likelihood of getting into your first choice selections, go to www.asba-conf.org and register for Chic Chicago - Art, Science and All That Jazz! Make your selections and register ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Register **online** at www.asba-conf.org. You'll know right away if you are in the class you desperately want! If it's full, put yourself on the waiting list. That instant gratification

of knowing you got into the workshop is a great benefit to online registration. Make it work for you!

Register by **mail**: be sure to make a first and second selection for each time slot, i.e.: if your first choice on Friday is a full day workshop, check that in the first choice column. If your second choice on Friday is two half-day workshops - a morning and an afternoon offering - check both of them as your second choice. Do the same for all days. See the box below for all the details!