

NEWSCAPE



From the Editor:

Welcome to our new readers! You have been a busy group: so many schools, refreshers and events. *Please be sure to forward Newscape to your Consultants.*

I look forward to hearing from you by February 1, 2015 for inclusion in our Spring 2015 issue. We would all love to hear about your projects, meetings and schools..

All submissions must be original material and may include photographs. Articles should be in Word format and sent as e-mail attachments to:

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-Victoria Bergesen

This allée or avenue of live oaks reminds us that landscapes may be more lasting than most things we leave behind. Planting trees, in general, is a good thing. Planting trees thoughtfully is more difficult, but generates benefits for generations to come. Views such as these are not only beautiful perspectives for people, but create habitats for wildlife and many types of plant life, bacteria and fungi. Tomatley Plantation, South Carolina. Photo: Victoria Bergesen

OBJECTIVES OF THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY PROGRAM

- ☼ Develop a greater sense of appreciation, pride, and knowledge about our private and public gardens.

- ☼ Become better educated to make changes in our surroundings so that they will be more beautiful, useful, convenient, ecologically sound, and easily maintained.

- ☼ Stimulate interest in all phases of landscape design, including community planning that will affect all of our lives.

- ☼ Develop a contingent of qualified Landscape Design Consultants to serve in such decision-making areas of public life as providing leadership, educational programs, scholarships, awards, and promoting better landscape design.



NEWS FROM YOUR NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

FROM OUR NATIONAL NGC SCHOOLS CHAIRMAN:

My sincere thank you to all of the Landscape Design Chairmen who offer their time and talent to provide the courses for their garden club members, and often, for non-members including the Master Gardeners. Your enthusiasm and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Katie Roth, the Schools Secretary at Headquarters in St. Louis, is another dedicated participant in the process of holding the Schools offered through National Garden Clubs. One of her responsibilities is maintenance at Headquarters of all the records of students and Consultants in the Schools. In July, in appreciation of her outstanding support of the NGC Schools, at a meeting at Headquarters of the NGC President and Vice-Presidents, Katie was presented with a NGC Life Membership certificate and a Life Member Pin. These were given to her by all of the Committee members of the NGC Educational Schools: the Environmental Studies Schools, the Gardening Study Schools, and the Landscape Design Schools.

Jane Bersch, Chairman

Greetings fellow Landscape Design Consultants and participants in our Landscape Design Schools,

I belong to the California Consultants Council, a tri-council. Just a year old, it was formed from the predecessor Landscape Design and Gardening Consultants Councils to eliminate “staffing” redundancies and to allow more focus on the inter-connection of our NGC Schools programs. The Council just sponsored its first Tri-Refresher, *Together Our Choices Matter*, in conjunction with the California Garden Clubs annual convention. Three classroom lectures and two tours, featuring additional lectures, were content-rich and proved to be thought-provoking, particularly by use of written exercises on both tours, where participants were asked to identify positive and negative environmental, horticultural/gardening and landscape design choices made by each of the tour venues.

The tours and the exercises illustrated extensive crossover of the choices. Negative landscape choices tended to incorporate negative gardening choices, resulting in negative choices for the environment. Positive gardening and environmental choices tended to manifest in positive choices for the landscape design. We



Katie Roth, NGC Schools Secretary (left) and .NGC President Linda Nelson (right) at NGC Headquarters,

also saw that in many cases negative choices were made long ago at 100+ year-old Forest Lawn Cemetery (Glendale, California) and at Descanso Gardens (La Cañada-Flintridge, California), which began as a private residence in the 1930s and evolved into a public garden in the 1950s. Many of those negative choices were based on lack of information and/or failure to consider long-term impact of specific choices. For example, Descanso Gardens incorporates the remainder of a forest of Coast Live Oaks, some centuries old, but camellias were introduced by the residential owner in the 1930s. The Gardens are now home to North America’s largest camellia collection. Unfortunately the camellias

were planted under the oaks and the two species have very different water and soil needs which has led to oak root fungus.

On the one hand, we see that over the years we have learned much about choices, especially about "right plant, right place," but we also see that the consequences of negative choices are long-lived and still presenting challenges today. As NGC President Linda Nelson often tells us, "education is the key." If we know better, we can do better. NGC Schools can play a major role in our efforts to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth. Providing schools and refresher events, promoting them and attending them will help us *Make a World of Difference* as stewards of the land.

Our most helpful and supportive NGC Schools Secretary, Katie Roth, was honored in July at a luncheon attended by the president, vice presidents and NGC staff. Linda Nelson presented Katie with an NGC Life Membership and Life Member pin that was purchased by all of the members of the Educational Schools, Environmental Studies Schools, Gardening Study Schools and Landscape Design Schools Committees, along with a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing, and thanking Katie for her outstanding and gra-

cious service in support of NGC Schools.

Greg Pokorski, Educational Schools Coordinator

NGC MULTIPLE REFRESHERS

2013 Summary

Six multiple refreshers were held in 2013 with 177 earning refresher credit (ESS-43, GSS-51, **LDS-83**). Events were held in Monterrey Mexico, Seattle WA, Gainesville FL, Milton FL, Augusta GA and San Jose Costa Rica.

2014 Multiple Refreshers

A tri refresher was held in West Palm Beach Florida January 29-30 2014. Sixteen people took it for credit, 7-ESS, 4-GSS and 5-LDS. A tri-refresher featuring a Panama tour was held by our International Affiliates March 17-23, 2014. Eleven people took it for credit, 7-ESS and 4-LDS. A tri-refresher took place in Michigan April 26. 9-ESS, 13-GSS, 14-LDS. Bi-Refresher: Philadelphia May 28-29, 14-GS, 28-LDS. Tri-Refreshers: Ireland June 17-26, 7-ES, 11-GS, 11-LDS. Gainesville FL June 16-18, 2-ESS, 3-GS, 11-LDS. Glendale CA June 6 & 9, 4-ES, 23-GS. 11-LDS and Milton FL August 14-15 (no data yet).

Upcoming NGC multiple refresher events include a tri-refresher in New York September 8-9, 2014 and Louisville KY May

12-18, 2015. Thanks to everyone for emphasizing education.

All multiple refresher forms have been updated and are interactive on the NGC website, thanks to Poss Tarpley and her team of proofreaders. For more information on planning these events or attending one, see the NGC website.

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FALL PLANTING

Most of us know spring-planting fever all too well. We put the garden to bed in late autumn and enjoy the winter holidays, perhaps enjoying dried plant material in our decorations or preserves from our gardens. As deep winter sets in we dream over seed and garden catalogs. Come spring, nurseries and even supermarkets offer tempting plants. The fall is possibly a more important season for planting trees and shrubs, the bones of our landscaping. Trees and woody shrubs can benefit from a couple of cooler months to establish themselves before dormancy. Yet there is less advertising and less enthusiasm for fall planting. We may be exhausted by months of intensive gardening and harvesting. Fall could be considered the season of missed opportunities for many gardeners.

How to overcome this malaise so that you will have a better garden come spring? First, include fall plantings in the plans you make during the winter months. Winter is a good time to evaluate your landscape. Whether you live in Maine or Alabama, deciduous trees and shrubs will have altered your garden. Leafless trees are still beautiful. Look for interesting bark and strong architecture. Fruit persisting after leaf fall may bring birds for a winter visit. Ornamental grasses left standing until spring add interesting texture. Of course, evergreens are always an encouraging sight in deep winter.

There is nothing that shouts "spring" like tulips, daffodils, and other spring bulbs. The best should be ordered in summer for fall planting, but the busy gardener may put aside the catalogues and forget about them. You may order hundreds of bulbs and then forget about *them*. You just may not have time to plant. Many of us are very busy with garden club activities in the fall. My solution is to keep the catalogues from the previous year. Then as you are looking at all the spring planting catalogues in winter, look at these as well. Make room for fall-planted bulbs in your garden plans. Make your lists in January and ordering next summer will be a cinch. You will already have designated spots for the bulbs,

making fall planting much more efficient. Then pick a day or two in September or October as bulb-planting day, write it into your calendar and stick to it!

Victoria Bergesen
NGC Landscape Design
Councils Chairman



*River Birch (Betula nigra).
 Lebanon, Ohio. Photo by Victoria Bergesen.*

STATE NEWS



This corner landscaping at a gas station was a winner in the Florida Landscape Design Contest. Photo by Barbara Hadsell.

FLORIDA

In March, District XII hosted Course II with 28 students attending and three refreshing. Course III will be held again in Miramar on November 18 and 19. For more information email chairman and District Director **Marylou Ruiz**, hazeleyes58@comcast.net.

Unsolicited Awards for Planting in the Public Sector

The Florida Landscape Consultants Council is sponsoring this contest as a way to give our consultants an important role in recognizing well-designed and maintained landscapes. Other states are encouraged to use this process.

Unsolicited Awards for Planting in the Public Sector was planned to involve all members of the Landscape Consultants Council for the purpose of recognizing and encouraging well-designed and maintained plantings in the public sector, which may be viewed from the street and have been completed for at least one year. The awards are "unsolicited" in that they are not requested by the places nominated. Members of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. may make a nomination in their districts. Nomination forms are sent to the District Chairman of Unsolicited Awards an NGC Landscape

Design Consultant appointed by the District Director.

Categories eligible for nominations are:

1. Small business (i.e.; gas stations, fast food, etc.)
2. Public Facility (i.e.; library, park, police station, etc.)
3. Private Facility (i.e.; church, hospital, etc.)

The District Chairmen select panels of judges made up of members of the Landscape Design Consultants Council in their districts to evaluate the nominated landscapes. These are point-scored according to the Standards for Evaluating Landscape Design found on the NGC Landscape Design School web site. There can be one winner in each category in each district each year. Nominees are only notified if they have won and will be honored with a certificate at the Spring District Meetings. Certificates are available from the President of the FFGC Landscape Consultants Council.

Karen Gott, FFGC Landscape Consultant Council President; Barbara Hadsell, Deep South Region Landscape Design School Chairman
ILLINOIS



Rockbridge, Ohio. Photo by Victoria Bergesen

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS/REFRESHERS

CALIFORNIA

April 23-24, 2015. Santa Rosa. Course II. Chairman: Alexis Slafer (323)292-2257. aslafer@ca.rr.com

CONNECTICUT

March 24-26, 2015. Chairman Susan Laursen (203) 415-2077 sklaursen@aol.com

FLORIDA

November 18-19, 2014. Miramar. Course III. Chairman: Jayne Hemstreet (813) 977-5156. jehems@gte.net

GEORGIA

December 1-2, 2014. Marietta. Course I. Chairman: Jane Whiteman (404) 252-4473. jamawhit@bellsouth.net

KENTUCKY

May 12-18, 2015. Louisville. Tri-refresher. Event Chairman: Jo Jean Scott (270) 781-2089. Jojogarden-34@gmail.com

MICHIGAN

May 7-8, 2015. Ann Arbor. Course IV. State Chairman Terry Harding (231)947-0568 cell:(231)735-4315 wsharding@chartermi.com

MISSOURI

March 25-27, 2015. Fulton. Course III. Chairman Linda Houston (573)642-9419. Unity_4_every1@yahoo.com

NEW JERSEY

April 14-17, 2015. East Brunswick. Course III. Chairman Peggy Koehler (908)526-1309 koehlerpeggy@yahoo.com

NEW YORK

April 15-17, 2015. Chappaqua. Course II. State Chairman: Antoinette Babb (845) 246-4445 aplantlady1011@hotmail.com

PENNSYLVANIA

November 16-18, 2014. Lancaster. Course III, State Chairman: Vivian Abel (717) 872-0991. vivianbob@pheasantrunfarmb.com

April 19-21, 2015 Erie. Tri-refresher. Chairman Judy Morley (814)734-1701 jhmorley@yahoo.com

WEST VIRGINIA

May 20-22, 2015. Morgantown. Course 1. Chairman Donna Davis (304)684-3136 deodavis@forntiernet.net

MEXICO

January 19-20, 2015. Garza Garcia, NL,. Tri-Refersher. Chairman Margarita Beldon Elizondo margaritabeldon@hotmail.com

PLEASE consult our website for the latest information on schools and refreshers.

Autumn Color Is Not All in New England!



Notice how the tree planting echoes the pylons connected by chains., creating a strong rhythm in this landscape. Waterfront Park, Charleston, South Carolina. Photo: Victoria Bergesen



Residence included in the Ohio Landscape Design Consultants Council Point-scoring Workshop,, Lebanon, Ohio, Photo by Victoria Bergesen.



Harry C. Chambers Waterfront Park, Beaufort, South Carolina. Similar elements are used as above, but the swings are a people-friendly addition. They are often occupied by locals and tourists. The harshness of the concrete has been softened by Fittonia on the swing pillars. Harry C. Chambers was the Beaufort Mayor who masterminded the renovation of the waterfront. I was told that he was also a concrete contractor! Photo: Victoria Bergesen