

NEWSCAPE



The Sunken Garden created from a worked-out limestone quarry is a masterpiece of landscape design. Even with newly planted annuals only hinting at their future glory, the rich tapestry of foliage creates a feast for the eyes as the visitor descends and then follows the paths below. The garden is over a century old and is designated a National Historic Site of Canada. Butchart Garden, Victoria, Canada. May 21, 2013. Photo by Victoria Bergesen. Unless otherwise stated all photos in the issue were taken while attending the Tri-refresher at the 2013 NGC Convention.

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, 2014 for inclusion in our Spring 2014 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 attachments to e-mails to: victoriabergesen@gmail.com

-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 CHAIRMAN:

Congratulations, newly installed **State Presidents!** I hope you plan to hold a Landscape Design School or Refresher during your administration. These Courses will provide your members with a greater appreciation of our environment and an understanding of the importance of environmentally friendly landscape design. This awareness will help to promote the theme of NGC President, Linda Nelson, "Making a World of Difference—Choices Matter". Not only will members learn to make wise choices in their home landscapes, but they can influence choices made in their communities.

Attention **Landscape Design Schools Chairmen:** If you have not purchased the 2012 *NGC Landscape Design School Operations Guide*, you should do so as soon as possible. Even those states 'grandfathered' to finish a current series with the 2007 curriculum must use the 2012 forms. The forms are also available on our website www.gardenclub.org, under Landscape Design Schools/Forms, and most are interactive. Be sure you send copies to everyone listed on each form. These chairmen will play an important part in the success of your Course.

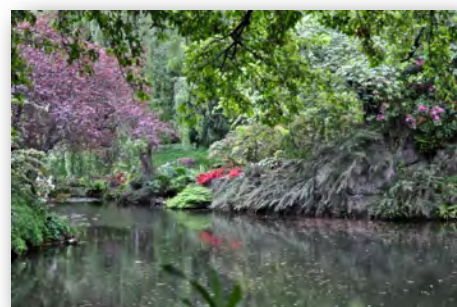
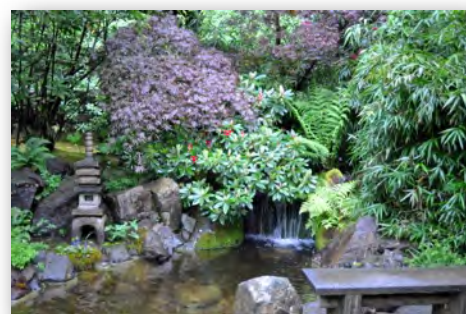
Just a reminder, Janet Kinney, jh.jbkinney@verizon.net, is the LDS Instructors' Chairman. Her contact information and that for other LDS Chairmen is on the NGC web site. As soon as the \$5 Registration Fee is received at NGC Headquarters with the Form LDS 1, Event Registration, The National Gardener and NGC website staff will be notified of your Course. This publicity may attract students from nearby states. Chairmen should download checklists Form LDS 18 when planning a Course, and Form LDS 19, a Refresher.

You may need a LD Refresher Consultants must refresh within 5 years of receiving their status as Consultant or last Refresher. Providing all students and Consultants with Form LDS 16 will remind them of this and of their responsibilities.

I hope you find the activities of our members in this issue of *Newscape* inspiring.

Happy gardening,

Jane Bersch, Chairman



Page 1 bottom: Sturgeon Fountain; page 2 from top: Restaurant, Rose Garden, Japanese Garden, Quarry Lake; left Pulsatilla vulgaris; page 3 Himalayan Blue Poppy (Meconopsis betonicifolia) Butchart Gardens, Victoria, Canada. Photos by Victoria Bergesen.



ATTENTION!!

All State Landscape Design Chairmen are advised that at the Seattle Convention May 2013, a motion was passed by the Board of Directors that affective January 1, 2014, the requirement to collect *The National Gardener* labels from Students and Refreshing Consultants is eliminated. The requirement to subscribe to and read *The National Gardener* still exists as all updates and changes in the Landscape Design Schools programs will appear in TNG as well as the Required Reading Landscape Design article for all students taking the Courses for Credit.

Until January 1, 2014, all students completing 4 Courses and applying for Landscape Design Consultant status and all Consultants taking a Refresher for credit must provide proof of subscription to TNG using either a NGC Life Member number or a TNG label.

Jane Bersch

NGC Landscape Design Schools Chairman

NGC SCHOOLS

Thanks to your NGC Landscape Design Schools Committee and all of the state and regional Landscape Design chairmen who are constantly working to bring you quality educational programs – schools and Refreshers. Thanks to all of the volunteers from Washington state who brought us the Tri-refresher at the convention in Seattle in May where 45 Landscape Design Consultants refreshed their certificates.

Stewards of the Land, our Landscape Design School textbook, says: “Another quality of many contemporary landscape designs is that they are ‘self-sustaining.’ That is, the landscapes are able ‘to take care of themselves’ with a minimum input from people. This design approach attempts to address the interrelated issues of maintenance, energy conservation, and respect for natural processes...There are a number of considerations in creating a self-sustaining landscape...” This aligns with our NGC Conservation Pledge (I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of planet earth) and NGC President Linda Nelson’s theme for this new term: **MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE - Choices Matter**. Education is the key. When we know better, we will do better. All are invited to participate in Landscape Design Schools – and all NGC schools –

and Refreshers and your Consultants Councils so that we may be better informed and educate our communities to make beneficial choices that make us caretakers of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife. Our NGC educational programs have been and can continue to be an influence for good in our communities, where we can make a world of difference.

Greg Pokorski, Educational Schools Coordinator

STATE NEWS

CALIFORNIA

California Garden Clubs, Inc. has over 125 Landscape Design Consultants (including Master Consultants) representing 20 districts. We aim to have the consultants from all 28 districts. Luther Burbank District in northern California is currently planning the next LD School -- Series 26, with Course I scheduled for October 23-24, 2014, Course II for April 23-24, 2015, and Course III for October 22-23, 2016, and Course IV for April 28-29, 2017. We are discussing 27 to be held in southern California.

The Eureka Sequoia Garden Club of Humboldt District (30 members) recently concluded the first phase of their “*Front Yard Landscape Design Contest*”. The club’s two Landscape Design Consultants (Mary Lou

Goodwin and Anne Van Zandt) trained garden club members to evaluate and describe built landscapes. These garden club judges reviewed over 1700 homes and businesses presenting 76 awards during 8 months. The consultants acted as the co-chairmen, wrote the scoring sheet, trained the garden club members, participated in the judging, wrote the captions and created the certificates.

Homes receiving a score of at least 90 points were declared winners. Each month a different committee traveled the 39 blocks, un-announced, to judge the properties, most homes dating from 1910-1950. The owners were invited to a garden club meeting to receive a certificate and were honored at the club's luncheon.

The thirty members of the garden club provided newspaper articles about the contest. The "Garden Jewels on One Street", have been featured each month on the front page of the Home and Garden section of the Times Standard Newspaper, with photos and captions describing the landscape provided by Landscape Design Consultants, with input from the club members.

As the contest continues, more modern homes will be judged in the coming year. With Eureka's population of 29,000, there are many more oppor-

tunities to recognize outstanding landscape design and encourage good land use.

Alexis Slafer, CGCI LDS Chairman



*From the top: Children's Garden, Rock Garden, Entrance all at Gardens on Spring Street, Fort Collins, Colorado
Photos by Rose Persichetti*

COLORADO

Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs sponsored a LDS Refresher in Fort Collins on June 7, 2013. The 36 members attending *Exploring Sustainable Public Spaces* visited the City

Park Arboretum for a tree tour led by City Forester Tim Buchanan, the Gardens on Spring Creek with an educational program by Director Michelle Provaznik, Lincoln Center Performing Arts Center and Garden led by Ellen Martin, Director of Fort Collins Art in Public Places, Treasure Island Demonstration Garden, Colorado State University Environmental Learning Center (with Raptor Center) and New Belgium Brewing Company known for environmental stewardship being mostly wind-powered and supporting recycling.

**Audrey Coyle
Landscape Design Schools Chairman**

Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs

MARYLAND

This spring the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland Landscape Design Council members met at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland. Brookside is a 50-acre display garden with two conservatories offering horticultural programs for adults and children. The council enjoyed a private tour, followed by a box lunch and meeting in the visitors' center.

On September 26, 2013, the Council will hold a one-day Refresher at the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland's headquarters at the Vollmer Center. The center is located on the

grounds of the Cylburn Arboretum in Baltimore. The program will feature five highly qualified speakers and a tour of Cylburn Arboretum grounds.

Ann Christ
Landscape Design Council
Chairman
 Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland



Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland Headquarters Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore, Maryland. Photo by GWWO Inc./Architect

OHIO

We completed Series XIII with Course 4 April 11-12 in Mason, Ohio with 28 people in attendance. Fourteen took the exam and all passed resulting in 11 new consultants and two who refreshed. Series XIV, Course 1 was held at Broadview Heights, Ohio September 11-12. Course II will be held in the spring.

We judged Westerflora Garden tour in Westerville, Ohio July 20. Several were excellent overall landscapes. Instead of giving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd we gave

one blue rosette to the best overall, then gave blue ribbons to each of the other participants for “Best of_____” e.g. Best Garden for the Birds, Best Creative Containers, etc. All of the homeowners felt special and no one felt they had lost. Everyone was happy and we eliminated the resistance to judging.

Barbara Shepard,
Landscape Design Schools
Chairman
 Garden Club of Ohio



Above: Bellevue Botanical Garden, Bellevue, WA. Photos by Victoria Bergesen

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS/ REFRESHERS

ALABAMA
 October 2-3, 2013. Auburn. Course II. Chairman K. T. Owens (251) 743-3846

FLORIDA
 November 12-13, 2013 Mirama Course I. Chairman Jayne Hemstreet (813)977-5156 jehems@gte.net

January 29-30, 2014 West Pal Beach Tri-refresher. Chairman Barbara Hadsell (561)439-4607

GEORGIA
 October 4-5, 2013 Augusta. Tri-refresher. Chairman Judith Kirkland (706)556-3417

ILLINOIS
 October 22-23, 2013 South Barrington. Course III. Chairman Dolores Lederer (847)381-5828

IRELAND
 June 17-26, 2013 NGC Tri-refresher. Chairman: Bonni Dinneen (978)455-0875 bonni.dinneen@gmail.com

KENTUCKY
 November 6-8, 2013 Bowling Green Course III. Chairman Martha Morgan (270)781-5695 marthamorgan@insightbb.com

LOUISIANA

November 19-20, 2013 Baton Rouge Course III. Chairman Clara Earl (225)924-6429 clarae2003@yahoo.com

March 26-29, 2014 Charleston Refresher. Chairman Jo Sellers (for National Capital Area) (703)451-7037 josellers@cox.net

MASSACHUSETTS

October 31-November 2, 2013. Wellesley. Course IV. Chairman Jane O'Sullivan (781)659-4423 jeosullivan@comcast.net

TENNESSEE

October 9-11, 2013 Penns Landing State Park Refresher. Chairman Jeri Metton (615)792-3417

MICHIGAN

October 1-2, 2013. Ann Arbor Course I. Chairman Terry Harding (231)947-0568. wsharding@chartermi.com

WEST VIRGINIA

May 14-16, 2013. Morgantown. Course IV. Chairman Donna Davis dadodavis@frontiernet.net

MISSISSIPPI

November 5-7, 2013 Louisville Course I. Chairman Melanie Gousset (662)226-9666 mgousset@cableone.net

MISSOURI

October 29-31, 2013 Columbia. Course I. Chairman Linda Houston (573)642-9419

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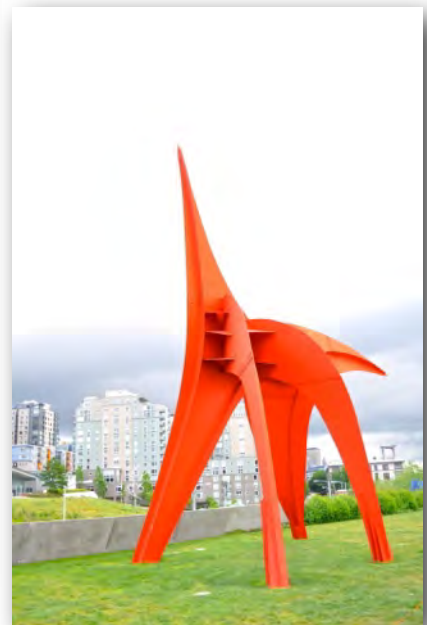
October 18-19, 2013 Kearney Course III. Chairman Alice Hemsath (308)224-3771 dhemsath@charter.net

PENNSYLVANIA

November 17-19, 2013 Lancaster Course I. Chairman Vivian Abel (717)872-0991

SOUTH CAROLINA

November 12-13, 2013 Charleston Course III. Chairman Susan Epstein (843)556-5343



Left: Right middle, bottom: Firefighter's Memorial, Seattle Above Perre's Ventaglio III (1967) by Beverly Pepper; Stabile by Alexander Calder both at Seattle Art Museum's Sculpture Park. Photos by Victoria Bergesen.